

**MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE INSITUTE OF AGRICULTURAL MANAGEMENT**

**Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> October 2020, 11am via video link due to COVID-19 restrictions**

PRESENT: Chairman, Mark Robins (MR); Director, Victoria Bywater (VB) and 26 members of the Institute.

AGENDA NUMBER		ACTION
	<p>The Chairman welcomed all attendees and reminded them that due to the unprecedented times due to COVID-19 the event would be recorded.</p> <p>The Chairman confirmed a hyperlink to all papers relating to the AGM had been circulated to members on the 7<sup>th</sup> September 2020 via email and published on the Institute website.</p>	
1.	<p><b><i>To receive apologies for absence</i></b> MR confirmed apologies for absence from 26 members of the Institute</p>	
2.	<p><b><i>To receive the minutes of the AGM held on 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2019 at 10.45am</i></b> The Chairman confirmed that a copy of the minutes for the AGM held on 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2019 had been on the Institute website. The meeting agreed that the minutes were a true reflection of the AGM held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2019 with minor amendment.</p>	
3.	<p><b><i>To receive the Annual report for 2019/2020</i></b> The Chairman confirmed that the Annual report was included within the accounts for the year 2019/ 2020 published on the Institute website. The Chairman reported that reference had been made to the COVID-19 pandemic on the guidance of the auditors.</p> <p>No comment</p>	
4.	<p><b><i>To receive Chairman's report for 2019/2020</i></b></p> <p>I offer my first report as Chairman of the Institute to this AGM.</p> <p>I am very pleased to report that membership has risen by 35% with a total of 900 members. It is exciting to report a significant increase in student membership, now numbering 280, which offers the Institute a challenge to maintain them as members as they finish their studies &amp; move into the world of work; we have to make sure we can offer a wide range of benefits to earn &amp; keep their membership.</p> <p>The Farm Planner Competition was held at Exton Estate, Oakham, Rutland by kind permission of Harry Campden &amp; was won by Harper Adam University.</p> <p>In November the inaugural Farm Management Skills Programme was launched: 7 courses with an average of 15 attending each course with a range of topics covered. Also, in November Our Question Time Event held for the first time at The Kennel Club bought 45 together to debate in very smart surroundings.</p> <p>Clearly the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic has had an impact on the Institute just as it</p>	

	<p>has touched every part of our lives. Adapting what we can offer our members we moved on-line with “60-minute sessions” with 7 events being held online attracting a total audience of nearly 600 attendees. This year the National Farm Walk will be hosted online later this morning &amp; on 10th November the National Farm Management Conference has a very exciting line up of speakers &amp; will be again hosted online.</p> <p>There will be a 2020 autumn/winter season of “60-minute sessions” to look forward to. This programme has contributed to our CPD scheme that underpins our Professional membership.</p> <p>A new logo was agreed by Council at the start of the year.</p> <p>We continue to work with as a stakeholder with the group that is seeking to bring forward a new body to be known as The Institute for Agriculture &amp; Horticulture. Initially sponsored by Lord Curry the working group supported by the AHDB continues its work. It is important that we are seen to be part of the discussions working with &amp; not against this initiative that my predecessor reported on in his report when known as the Agri-Food Industry Workforce Skills &amp; Development Strategy.</p> <p>Your Council has agreed that the 2020 volume of The Journal will be the last publication. Our Editor Professor Matt Lobley is planning our farewell edition. The way we seek &amp; gain our information has changed massively since the launch of our Journal. We are exploring ways in which previous editions can be made available via our website &amp; have ideas for publication of work from our Members in the future.</p> <p>Investment has been made into the website to reflect the required professionalism and online requirements of our members.</p> <p>We are at our heart a membership organisation which constantly strives to be relevant &amp; offer value for money for our Members.</p> <p>I have been honoured to chair a full Council, each member gives freely of their time, experience &amp; expertise at our regular meetings; I am ever grateful for all their support. A special thank you to Vice Chair Carl Atkin &amp; Treasurer Tom Brunt.</p> <p>Finally, I would like to thank Victoria Bywater for her continued enthusiasm &amp; passion for her work as our Director.</p> <p>The meeting adopted the <del>Chairmans</del><u>Chairman’s</u> report on the proposal of Martin Wilkinson and seconded by Andrew Dyke.</p>	
5.	<p><b><i>To consider the adoption of the Accounts for the year ended 30th June 2020</i></b></p> <p>Tom Brunt, Treasurer, confirmed that a copy of the annual accounts for the year ended 30<sup>th</sup> June 2019 had been published on the Institute website.</p> <p>Tom Brunt, commented that whilst noted within the annual accounts for 2019/ 2020 year, the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic had not been felt yet in financial terms due to the timing of the year end and the cost associated with the postponed Fellows’ Lunch had been moved forward into the 2020/ 2021 accounts. Tom Brunt warned that the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic would be felt in the 2020/ 2021 accounts.</p> <p>Tom Brunt updated the meeting that a Reserves figure of £50,000 as detailed in points 4 and 5 of the accounts had been adopted.</p> <p>Tom Brunt reported a loss of £6,770 for the financial year which was due to an increase in</p>	1.

	<p>administration due to an increase in members and costs associated with the journal.</p> <p>Tom Brunt concluded by noting the agreed increase in membership subscriptions at the previous AGM were actioned at renewal on the 1<sup>st</sup> July 2020 and that <del>overall</del><u>overall</u>, he had no cause for concern regarding the finances of the Institute.</p> <p>The Chairman thanked Tom Brunt for his ongoing support and hard work in the preparation of the financial statements for Council meetings and quarterly Finance meetings.</p> <p>The Chairman proposed the adoption of the annual accounts as published, seconded by Tom Brunt, all agreed.</p>	
6.	<p><b><i>To consider and appoint James Cowper Kreston as Independent Examiners</i></b></p> <p>The Chairman proposed to appoint James Cowper Kreston as Independent Examiners, seconded by Richard Price, all agreed.</p>	
7.	<p><b><i>To elect the President</i></b></p> <p>The Chairman thanked Lord Iveagh for his ongoing support of the Institute, his attendance at events and his wise words of wisdom.</p> <p>The Chairman proposed the re-election of Lord Iveagh as President of the Institute, seconded by John Wibberley, all agreed.</p>	
8.	<p><b><i>To elect members of Council</i></b></p> <p>The Chairman confirmed that on rotation Tom Brunt is due to stand down from Council but to enable the ongoing work of the role of the Treasurer he proposed he stand as a co-opted member of Council for the coming year, all agreed.</p> <p>The Chairman thanked Mark Yearsley for his positive contribution as a co-opted member of Council over the last year and proposed he is elected as a full Council member, seconded by Mark Suthern, all agreed.</p>	
9.	<p><b><i>To elect co-opted members of Council</i></b></p> <p>The Chairman confirmed that Dave Roberts offers to stand for co-option to Council for a one-year term, proposed by Caroline Drummond and seconded by John Wibberley, all agreed.</p> <p>The Chairman confirmed that Mike Clementson offers to stand for co-option to Council for a one-year term, proposed by Richard Price and seconded by the Chairman, all agreed.</p>	
10.	<p><b><i>To approve the subscription levels from 1st July 2021</i></b></p> <p>The Chairman informed the meeting that Council did not recommend any increase the current subscription levels from 1<sup>st</sup> July 2021.</p>	
11.	<p><b><i>To record a vote of thanks</i></b></p> <p>The Chairman recorded a vote of thanks for Lord Iveagh as outlined at agenda item 7 above.</p>	

	<p>The Chairman recorded a vote of thanks to Mr Simon Ward, FIAGR in recognition of his initial idea regarding the 60-minute CPD sessions which had been and continue to be very popular and useful to members.</p> <p>The Chairman recorded a vote of thanks to Victoria Bywater for <u>all</u> the work undertaken during the year.</p>	
13.	<p><b>AOB</b></p> <p>No comments.</p>	

With no further business, the meeting closed at 10.23am

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