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

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> April 2023 online via Zoom.

PRESENT: Chairman, Carl Atkin-House (CAH); Vice-Chairman, Richard Price (RP); Treasurer, Tom Brunt (TB) & Director, Victoria Bywater (VB) and 38 members of the Institute.

AGENDA NUMBER		ACTION
	The Chairman welcomed all attendees. The Chairman confirmed a hyperlink to all papers relating to the AGM had been circulated to members on the 27 <sup>th</sup> March 2023 via email and published on the Institute website.	
1	<b>To receive apologies for absence</b> MR confirmed apologies for absence from 35 members of the Institute	
2	<b>To receive the minutes of the AGM held on 28<sup>th</sup> April 2023</b> The Chairman confirmed that a copy of the minutes for the AGM held on 28 <sup>th</sup> April 2023 had been circulated via hyperlink to all members on the 27 <sup>th</sup> March 2023 and published on the Institute website. Proposed by Simon Ward and seconded by Mark Yearsley, the meeting agreed that the minutes were a true reflection of the AGM held on the 28 <sup>th</sup> April 2023.	
3	<b>To receive the Annual report for 2022/ 2023</b> The Chairman confirmed that the Annual report was included within the accounts for the year 2022/ 2023 had been circulated via hyperlink to all members on the 27 <sup>th</sup> March 2023 and published on the Institute website.  No questions were raised.	
4	<b>To receive Chairman's report for 2022/ 2023</b>  The Chairman thanked the President Lord Taylor who had served as President of the Institute for the last year and has been a tremendous supporter of our events and for facilitating our networking and engagement in Westminster.  The Chairman confirmed that the year end accounts show a surplus which is the result of a number of factors which will allow for further investment in the Institute following an extraordinary couple of years:  a) Increase in membership numbers b) Income from the very successful 60 minute CPD sessions c) Surplus on the 2022 National Farm Management Conference d) Tight controls on expenditure	

	<p>Events/ Training</p> <p>The Chairman updated the meeting on the following events and training:</p> <p>a) Fellows &amp; Professionals Lunch 2022 The Chairman noted that sadly the event at Bowhill Estate, Buccleuch was postponed due to the passing of the Queen but has been rescheduled for this year. We also have the 2023 event planned for Sandringham this autumn.</p> <p>b) The National Farm Walk 2022 was kindly hosted by Bradford Estates and we look forward to our 2023 event in a few weeks time at Wellbeck.</p> <p>c) National Farm Management Conference – QEII Centre – thank you to the Conference Committee for an excellent event – plans are well in hand for 2023.</p> <p>d) Farmplanner did not run in 2022 but we are looking at revamping our student engagement and more details of this will be announced in the coming months.</p> <p>e) 60 minute CPD sessions – thank you to all our speakers and chairmen for an excellent series of CPD sessions. We look to continue these CPD sessions annually throughout autumn and winter.</p> <p>f) Farm Management Skills Programme ran very successfully at Harper Adams in November and December 2022 and plans are in-hand for a repeat in 2023.</p> <p>g) IAgM Leadership Course – we recruited an extremely strong cohort of applicants in the autumn of 2022 for the course which is currently running</p> <p>h) Thank you to those who contributed to the 2022 Lecturers’ Conference held online. Plans are well underway for this event this year which will be held again online on the 7th September. Details will be available shortly.</p> <p>Membership</p> <p>The Chairman confirmed the numbers of overall members has increased since the last Annual General Meeting held in October 2022 from 1200 to circa 1300.</p> <p>The Chairman further confirmed that after previous feedback from members, we launched the Member Directory where you can search for members by name, company or by location. This Member Directory is held in the Members’ Only section of the website.</p> <p>The Chairman updated the meeting that a survey will shortly be circulated to help us better understand about our existing membership and to plan for future development of the Institute. The Chairman urged members to please take a few minutes to complete the survey and give us your thoughts on the future direction of the Institute.</p> <p>Working with TIAH</p> <p>The Chairman confirmed that representation at TIAH meetings had continued during the year.</p> <p>Finally, the Chairman thanked the Trustees, the Director and the office team.</p>	
5	<p><b><i>To consider the adoption of the Accounts for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2021</i></b></p> <p>The Treasurer, confirmed that a copy of the annual accounts for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022 had been circulated via hyperlink to all members on the 27<sup>st</sup> March 2023 and had been published on the Institute website.</p> <p>The Treasurer confirmed the items covered by the Chairman at agenda item 4.</p>	

	<p>Following a detailed run through the accounts, the Treasurer confirmed a strong cash position and a good opportunity for investment.</p> <p>No questions were raised.</p> <p>Andrew Dyke proposed the adoption of the annual accounts as published, seconded by James Miles-Hobbs, all agreed.</p>	
6	<p><b><i>To consider and appoint James Cowper Kreston as Independent Examiners</i></b></p> <p>Simon Ward proposed to appoint James Cowper Kreston as Independent Examiners, seconded by Andrew Dyke, all agreed.</p>	
7	<p><b><i>To elect the President</i></b></p> <p>The Chairman updated the meeting Council's nomination for President as Lord Taylor of Holbeach. The Chairman reconfirmed Lord Taylor of Holbeach as President of the Institute, all agreed.</p>	
8/9	<p><b><i>To elect members of Council</i></b></p> <p>The Chairman confirmed that Robert Taylor stand down from Council due to work commitments. The Chairman thanked Robert Taylor for his contribution.</p> <p>The Chairman thanked Tom Brunt and Mark Suthern for their positive contribution as co-opted members of Council over the last year. Kate Russell proposed Tom Brunt and Mark Suthern be elected as a full Council members, seconded by Henry Matthews, all agreed.</p> <p>The Chairman confirmed a nomination for Council had been received from Tim Cotterill. Richard Price proposed the election of Tim Cotterill, seconded by Graham Redman, all agreed.</p> <p>The Chairman confirmed that Matt Lobley offers to stand for co-option to Council for a one-year term, proposed by Mark Suthern and seconded by the Kate Russell, all agreed.</p>	
10	<p><b><i>To approve the subscription levels from 1st January 2024</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> January 2024.</p>	
11	<p><b><i>To record a vote of thanks</i></b></p> <p>The Chairman recorded a vote of thanks to Members, Trustees and all branches.</p> <p>Mark Suthern recorded a vote of thanks to Carl Atkin-House for his work at Chairman over the last year.</p>	
12	<p><b><i>AOB</i></b></p> <p>No comments.</p>	

With no further business, the meeting closed at 11.22am.