

**2023 Annual General Meeting Minutes**

14.00hrs Saturday 10th June 2023 BMI (re-convened from 13<sup>th</sup> May 2023 not being Quorate)

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| <b>Officers Present:</b>   | Phil LAMB-Chairman<br>Mike SHARPE<br>Peter MIDDLETON<br>Dave KERR<br>Gareth PEMBERTON   | Kim WALKER<br>Linda BEILBY<br>Members recorded in the signing -in book |  |
| <b>Apologies Received:</b> | Chris and Ann LEIGH<br>Phil MORRIS<br>Penny SMITH   | Jackie COTTERILL<br>Adrain De REDMAN<br>Robert SAVAGE                  | Marion HALL Chris SYKES<br>Corrine HASTILOW<br>Hilary CHALMERS |
|                            | <b>Item</b>   |  |  |
|                            | <p>In accordance with the Constitution, there was a delay of 15 minutes to achieve a Quorum. As the meeting did not, it proceeded in accordance with Clause 10 h) of the Constitution.</p>  |  |  |
| 1.                         | Apologies received as above.  |  |  |
| 2.                         | <p><b><u>Minutes of 2022 AGM:</u></b><br/>Chairman asked if all had seen the minutes of the previous meeting (4th May 2022) and invited a Proposer and Seconder as to their accuracy.<br/>Proposer John LETHBRIDGE<br/>Seconder Peter MIDDLETON<br/>All were in favour.</p> <p>Chairman asked if there were any matters arising. There were none.</p>   |  |  |
| 3.                         | <p><b><u>Secretary's Annual Report:</u></b><br/>Outgoing General Secretary' Jackie COTTERILL report read out by Kim WALKER. See attached. -No comments from members.</p>  |  |  |
| 4.                         | <p><b><u>Financial Accounts:</u></b><br/><b>Treasurers report</b> -read out by Chairman. See attached.<br/>Kemp Legacy:<br/>An explanation given that Miss Phoebe KEMP had been a member who sadly passed away and had left in her will a legacy to the Society. Trustees decided that some of the funds should be distributed amongst organisations in our three counties that share the society's aims and objectives.</p> <p>A sub-committee to had been formed to deal with any grant applications.</p> <p>The Kemp Legacy had been drip fed to the Society, but as the Society had been overpaid by the solicitor dealing with her legacy, approximately £20k was required to be returned.</p> |  |  |

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|    | <p>Grant applications were received from:<br/>         Warwick Records Office- for records from Warwick Castle<br/>         Worcester Archives- The Hive-Cleaning of the Bromsgrove Overseers Book<br/>         Friends of Stafford and Stoke<br/>         Balsall Heath Local History Society<br/>         £21,000 donated to other charitable organisations</p> <p>Midland Ancestors had received £7, 500 in other donations.</p> <p>Subscriptions, sales, and Gift aid were down in comparison to previous year.<br/>         The meeting was informed of the success of the Midland Ancestors September 2022 event at the Mac Centre- Cannon Hill Park.</p> <p>2021-2022 £25,000 in revenues down.</p> <p>Journal publication had increased 1300.<br/>         £2,000 recovery fund had been given to the satellite groups following the epidemic.<br/>         Online shop<br/>         2022- £13,800 trading deficit of £18,000<br/>         Subscriptions were static since 2005.</p> <p>No questions from stakeholders.<br/>         Chairman invited a Proposer and Seconder that the report be adopted.</p> <p><b>Proposer -John LETHBRIDGE</b><br/> <b>Seconderd- Clive BEARDSMORE</b></p> |  |
| 5. | <p><b><u>Election of Officers Retiring and offering themselves for a further 1-year term-</u></b><br/>         (There were no time expired Trustees who have a 3- year rotation)<br/>         Phil LAMB-Chairman<br/>         Penny SMITH Vice Chair Genealogy<br/>         Adrian de Redman Vice Chair- Heraldry</p> <p>Chairman invited a Proposer and Seconder</p> <p><b>Proposed- John TITTERTON</b><br/> <b>Seconderd -Bernie McLEAN</b><br/>         All were in favour.</p>  |  |
| 6. | <p><b>Satellite Groups-</b> See attached.</p>   |  |
| 7. | <p><b>AOB:</b><br/> <b>New Subscription Rates:</b><br/>         Chairman explained the need to introduce new levels of subscription. In a nutshell it was that the rates for those who choose a postal copy of the journal which costs the society more, is not equitable with those who choose to receive a digital version.</p>   |  |

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|           | <p>It had been noted that other Family History Societies were in similar positions and taking the same actions.<br/>         New Subscription Fees to be published will be:</p> <p>Single Member Email Journal £14.50<br/>         Single Member Postal Journal: £19.50<br/>         Joint Member Email Journal £20.00<br/>         Joint Member Postal Journal £25.00<br/>         Air Mail £10.00- to be reviewed annually.</p> <p>Chairman invited a Proposer and Seconder that the new rates be adopted.</p> <p>Clive Beardsmore suggested that the Federation of Family History Society and Society of Genealogists be contacted for advice.<br/>         Carol MORDEN suggested that contact be made with external providers such as libraries for their costs.<br/> <b>Proposer: Garth PEMBERTON</b><br/> <b>Seconded: Carol MORDEN</b><br/>         All were in favour.</p> <p>Chairman invited any other comments from the members gathered.</p> <p>With the meeting having to be adjourned and re-scheduled, Anne BROWN suggested that the current Corum size of 50 should be discussed and proposed that it be reduced to 30.<br/>         After discussion Chairman invited to revise the figure:<br/> <b>Proposer-Ann BROWN</b><br/> <b>Seconded by John LETHBRIDGE</b></p> <p>John TITTERTON disagreed and wanted the AGM venue moved to elsewhere in the area covered by Midland Ancestors to encourage more members to attend. A show of hands was given and everyone except John TITTERTON lived in or in the surrounding area to Birmingham. All had used public transport except John who had driven in.</p> <p><b>Proposer: Carol MORDEN</b><br/> <b>Seconded: Clive HALL</b><br/>         Unanimously voted for. No abstentions.</p> |  |
| <b>8.</b> | <p>Date for next AGM: Late Spring 2024<br/>         Chairman thanked everyone for attending. Meeting closed.</p>  |  |