

THE INLAND WATERWAYS ASSOCIATION AGM SEPTEMBER 2017 MINUTES

Island House, Moor Road, Chesham, HP5 1WA

Minutes of the 58th Annual General Meeting of The Inland Waterways Association (IWA), held at 11.30am on Saturday 30th September 2017 at Aldercar High School, Daltons Close, Langley Mill, Nottingham, NG16 4HL.

PRESENT

Approximately 110 members were present, along with 6 members of staff.

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Les Etheridge, National Chairman, welcomed those present to the meeting.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS GENERAL MEETING

The minutes of the 57th Annual General Meeting held on 24th September 2016 were approved as a true record of that meeting.

ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Les Etheridge introduced the Annual Report and Financial Statements for 2016 and the Auditors report thereon. Jonathan Smith, National Treasurer, gave a short presentation that highlighted key outcomes from the financial statements. There were a number of questions covering the financial result for Essex Waterways Ltd, analysis of various income types, the cost of re-branding, membership recruitment costs and means of recruitment different types of members, which were answered by officers present.

The Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31st December 2016 and the Report of the Auditors thereon were approved with no votes cast against.

AUDITORS

The meeting approved a resolution to reappoint Saffery Champness as auditors to the Association and trustees were authorised to fix their remuneration.

ELECTION OF TRUSTEES

Three nationally elected trustees: Ray Carter, John Butler, and Gordon Harrower were due to retire on completion of their three-year terms of office. Thus there were three vacancies for nationally elected trustees. Three candidates had put themselves forward: Ray Carter, Paul Rodgers, and Mike Palmer. No ballot was required and they were appointed as trustees each to serve a three-year term of office. Les Etheridge expressed his appreciation for John Butler's and Gordon Harrower's work as trustees.

ELECTION OF REGION CHAIRMEN

Nominations had been sought for the posts of region chairman for London, Eastern & South East Region (each for three year terms),

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- (a) Eastern Region, being for Chris Howes,
- (b) South East Region being for Verna Smith,

(c) London Region, being for Paul Strudwick,

so therefore no ballot was required and they were each appointed as trustees to serve a three year term. Les Etheridge expressed his appreciation for Gareth Jones and John Pomfret's work as trustees.

There were now no vacancies on the Trustee Board.

NATIONAL CHAIRMAN'S ADDRESS

Les Etheridge gave a slide presentation covering his fifth year as national chairman and addressed various topical issues and answered questions.

The meeting closed at approximately 12.25 p.m.