



35th Annual General Meeting
Wed 22nd Nov 2023
Salisbury Rugby Club

MINUTES

Attendance:

Trustees and Patrons

David Reddin (DGR)	Chair of Trustees
Sue Borrett (SB)	Trustee & Financial Adviser
Professor Emeritus Mike Craggs (MC)	Life Patron
Mr Chris Prentice (CP)	Trustee
Dr Jonathan Rudge (JR)	Trustee
Ms Joanne Suddaby-Smith (JS-S)	Trustee
Professor Ian Swain (IDS)	Life Patron
Rob Tylor (RT)	Trustee
Matthew Pearce (MP)	Researcher
David Temple (DT)	Trustee
Badg Champion (BC)	Supporter
Professor Emeritus Peter Ellaway (PE)	Trustee
Wendy Alden (WA)	Supporter
Jean Croft (JC)	Supporter
Stephen Croft (Chair and Sec, SC)	Director

Apologies:

Mrs Mary Mullin	Trustee
Nessie Owen	Patron

ITEM 1: CHAIR'S OPENING REMARKS

- 1.1 The meeting began at 18:05, rather than waiting for those who were late due to traffic problems. Sec promised to make a greater effort to get more members and supporters to attend the AGM and would welcome the Trustees' support in this.

ITEM 2: MINUTES from AGM 2022

- 2.1 **Minutes – approval & signature.** No comments or concerns were raised and the minutes were:

Proposed:	SB
Second:	JS-S
Signed:	Chair of Trustees, David Reddin MBE LLB

ITEM 3: REPORT BY DIRECTOR

3.1 Aim of AGM. Sec opened by saying the aim of the AGM was not to repeat the Trustees' meeting, but to inform the wider membership particularly through the minutes, of the charity's current issues and progress. When invited, no items were submitted for this meeting.

3.2 Overview. Sec reviewed the year in his 4 'P's':

Projects
Purse
People
Profile

PROJECTS

3.3 See attached Report from the Director, highlighting how it is easier to raise money for a 'relatable' project like BIONIC BLADDER, than for one like REHAB RHYTHM.

3.4 Sec made the point that we all suffer at some stage from incontinence problems as we age, whereas REHAB RHYTHM is looking into a condition that affects a small % of SCI individuals. Therefore, 'selling' REHAB RHYTHM to Grant Making Trusts (GMT) is trickier, so funds are harder to come by. This is why he is approaching wealthy Indian individuals born in the UK and Indian GMTs, but so far without success.

PURSE

3.5 Audit. The audit report was in the public domain and a copy was available at the meeting. Sec handed out an extract from the Income and Expenditure (I & E) sheet (attached), provided by our auditors and highlighted the headline figures:

FY	Income	Expenditure
2020/21	£214,904	£220,166
2021/22	£234,122	£231,686
2022/23	£268,423	£162,322

Notes:

1. To date, unaudited income for this FY 2022/23 is approximately £86,000, while expenditure is running at around £162,000.

3.6 Current balance and Affordability. As at date of this meeting, the balances were:

Balance on account	£424,724
Amount owed to the NRP	- £569,269

PEOPLE

3.7 Sec highlighted the following changes:

3.7.1 New INSPIRE Patron in the House of Lords (HofL). Baroness Cox of Queensbury agreed in June to take over from the late Baroness Masham DL as INSPIRE's Patron in the HofL. She also agreed to host an INSPIRE event at the HofL.

3.7.2 PE pointed out that the event at the HofL should brief GMTs on what has been successful in the projects they have generously funded, IDS added that PIs should brief on their individual projects.

3.7.3 Other new Patrons. GB Paralympian Issy Bailey has agreed to be a Patron, along with former rugby player Max Levene. Max has offered to climb Mt Kilimanjaro to raise funds for INSPIRE.

3.7.4 Chair of Trustees proposed to accept Max Levene's nomination as a Patron of INSPIRE.

Proposed: DGR

Seconded: SB

3.7.5 News of other Patrons and Trustees. See attached Director's Report.

PROFILE : 'LOCAL, NATIONAL, INTERNATIONAL'

3.8 Sec explained the strategy for INSPIRE is one which concentrates in the three areas: Local (developing links with local businesses and people), National (doing the same on a UK-wide basis, especially nationally known companies and bodies), International (linking up with international research bodies who are looking into SCI, seeking funding from worldwide Trust Funds and charities).

ITEM 4: ELECTION OF AUDITORS

4.1 INSPIRE is mandated to re-elect auditors each year. Sec said Fletcher & Partners provide an excellent service and remain one of the only firms in the Salisbury area prepared to undertake charity audits. The meeting was asked to endorse the re-election of Fletchers as auditors:

Proposed: SC

Seconded: DGR

Vote: Unanimous

ITEM 5: AOB

5.1 CONTRACTS. RT and CP had been looking into updating and improving Contracts signed by PIs in the future, particularly incorporating GANNT charts so that there are measurable targets and goals for each Project.

5.2 DGR pointed out the pre-Contract detail was significant and this referred to both targets and goals. Each PI had to complete a pre-Contract form, so they knew what was expected of them in terms of deliverables. He recognised, however, that some PIs did not deliver what they had signed up to.

5.3 It was agreed more work is to be done on this aspect of Contracts, led by CP and RT.

ACTION ON: CP, RT

ITEM 6: AGM 2024

6.1 Date tbc, depending on venue. Sec to advise all when date and venue have been agreed by the Trustees.

ITEM 7: CLOSURE

7.1 There being no further business, the meeting closed at 19:00



Stephen Croft
Director

27 Nov 2022

TO BE SIGNED

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David Reddin MBE LLB (Hons)
Chairman of Trustees

Date: 27 Nov 2023