



MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

**WEMBLEY SUITE, WEMBLEY STADIUM, LONDON
SUNDAY 17TH JULY 2016 3:55PM**

Present: A quorum of members and the Supporters Direct Board

Chair: Brian Burgess

Officer in Attendance: Hilary Clifford - Interim Chief Executive and Graham Sweet - Temporary Acting Secretary.

With there being a quorum present the Chair declared the meeting open.

The Chair informed the meeting that apologies had been received from Board Members: Tim Hartley, Elaine Dean, Kris Stewart, Liz Hindley and Fraser MacDonald and co-opted member Matt Howes.

The Chair introduced to the meeting all the Board members who were present.

The Chair thanked Elaine Dean, Liz Hindley, Fraser MacDonald and Kris Stewart who had completed their terms of office, but had decided not to re-stand; for their contributions to SD. The Chair also thanked Ian Todd for his 12 years plus contribution to SD as co-opted representative of the FSF.

The Chair finally thanked all of the staff team and volunteers who support the work of the organisation for their efforts throughout the year.

One The minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 17th July 2015 were submitted. It was resolved unanimously that these be agreed as a correct record of the proceedings.

Two It was noted the Annual Report and Accounts had been circulated to members ahead of the meeting.

The Chair highlighted that details of the organisation's achievements and progress could be found within the Business Review section of the Annual Report and Accounts.

In financial terms, the Chair reported that whilst the organisation had made a loss of approximately £130,000 in 2014, due to the loss of funding from Co-operative Group and the Co-operative Enterprise Hub, these losses had been substantially reduced to approximately £25,000 in 2015, whilst it was anticipated that the organisation might break even in 2016. The Chair thanked

Hilary Clifford for her role in achieving this improvement as Interim Chief Executive.

It was resolved unanimously that the Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31st December 2015 together with the Auditor's report therein be received and adopted.

Three It was resolved unanimously that PFK Littlejohn LLP be re-appointed auditor of the Society to hold office from the conclusion of the meeting to the conclusion of the next general meeting at which the Financial Statements are laid before the Society and the auditor's remuneration to be fixed by the Directors.

Four The meeting was asked to note the election of the following individuals as Directors of Supporters Direct.

Peter Lloyd – England and Wales seat – 3 year term

Paul Thexton – Rugby League seat – 3 year term

Oliver Holtaway – General seat – 3 year term

David Little – General seat – 3 year term

The Chair thanked unsuccessful candidate Andy Higgins for standing and encouraged him to stand again in the future.

Five It was noted that NO member trusts had applied for, or were granted, an exemption in relation to membership fees in the financial year ended 31st December 2015.

Six The members considered proposed motion 5 that:

The SD Board reviews its decision to set the turnover threshold above which member trusts are required to have an audit at £500,000 and raises the threshold to the statutory level of £6.5m.

On a vote (5 in favour, 8 against and 5 abstained) the motion was lost.

Seven It was resolved unanimously that:

The proposal to set up a pan-European body, which would be a network of national organisations representing supporters trusts and similar supporter organisations that share common values, is supported. The Board shall determine the arrangements under which Supporters Direct may become a member of this new organisation and the conditions under which all European football activity currently delivered within Supporters Direct Europe is assigned to a new organisation and to do so and when the Board determines.

Eight Peter Lloyd made a verbal presentation regarding the changes, if any, that could be made to the way in which Supporters Direct relates to its members through its governance structure for members in England, Wales and Scotland and then invited the views of the meeting.

Nine Hilary Clifford made a presentation regarding the changes, if any, that could be made to Supporters Directs' membership fee structure and then invited the views of the meeting.

There being no further business the Chair declared the Meeting closed.

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