

YET AGM Minutes 7th June 2012

Present: Mike Blakey, Chris Blessington, Antonia Cook, Mike Cross, Graham Derrick, Adrian Ferraro, Ted Grey, Dick Griffiths, Peter Harvey, Jane Howison, Roger Miller, Bob Schroter, Georgia Yurkwich-Spink, Shane Winser,

Apologies for Absence: Felicity Aston, Alasdair Kennedy, David Williams, Julian Penney.

1. Minutes of AGM 2011

The minutes of the 2011 AGM were tabled and following the proposal by GD, and second by MC they were agreed unanimously as a true record of that meeting.

2. Chairman's Report 2011-2012

This is the Chairman's sixth and final report to the YET members. Once again it has been a busy year for the trust with a much more active trustee body being involved in steering through a number of personal changes. The fruits of this work are borne out by the elections later today. The Chairman gave his thanks to fellow trustees for their time and effort in supporting the work of YET most notably in lobbying, evaluations and granting.

In addition the forums continue to be the cornerstone of sharing leading practice within members and the wider sector.

The Chairman pointed out that these activities come down to the support of a number of people in the trust who had provided significant time and energy and without whose input the Trust would not be able to deliver the services it does. As he looked ahead to stepping down, the Chairman thanked a number of people for their support and positive critical comments and observations.

In conclusion the Chairman highlighted the challenges ahead for YET, a small but national charity staffed by volunteers but also underlined how the Trust had travelled forward in the last 6 years and that he looked forward to watching the Trust grow and evolve.

3. Annual accounts & treasurers report

It was noted that there were outstanding issues around handover of accounts, specifically membership subscriptions, therefore no annual set of accounts were presented for discussion. The Chairman stated that this would be resolved in the next 4 weeks and supplied to the Trustees and to members on request.

4. Questions from members

SW requested a reminder of the Objectives of YET (useful to reflect on this at AGM), what membership stands at currently and if possible the division of this into corporate and individual memberships.

PH confirmed the Trust's objectives and added that there are 202 members.

DG responded by adding that the Trust's evaluation process has influenced approx 13,500 young people in one year.

SW further commented that the measure of success when reported to outside world should reflect objectives of YET and encouraged it to report successes. She also commented on the fact that it was a shame there are only a few 'self led' expeditions and that teachers and schools would really benefit from coming to YET for support and advice/guidance.

PH replied that 'DIY' expeditions have been a focus of work by the Trust and this continues to be a challenging demand.

SW stated that there is a danger of the Trust favouring corporate providers which could hinder attention given to self-led trips and made a request to remember young people and the quality of experience for them.

GD replied that the number of young people previously reached was significantly smaller and that there has been a downturn in people running their own expeditions. He felt that the emergence of Academy schools means there is a potential for change and increase in the number of such expeditions.

SW further added that the RGS has a Geography Ambassador programme and that perhaps YET could look to do something similar to that to celebrate the success of young people involved in expeditions.

5. Resolutions

i. Election of chairman

After a second term of 3 years, Peter Harvey's tenure as Chairman comes to an end at the close of this AGM. Having stood down as an elected trustee earlier in the year he also ceases to be a co-opted trustee.

There is one candidate to succeed Peter as Chairman: Graham Derrick. He was proposed by Bob Schroter and seconded by Chris Blessington. There being no other nominee GD was elected. As a consequence GD stands down as an elected trustee and assumes his new role at the close of the AGM and the position of Vice Chairman becomes vacant.

ii. Election of Vice Chairman

There is one candidate to succeed GD as Vice Chairman: Julian Penny. He was proposed by Bob Schroter and seconded by Chris Blessington. There being no other nominee, JP was elected.

iii. Election of Trustees

There are three vacancies in a body of elected trustees at present limited to five, Bob Schroter and Chris Blessington continue as trustees. There are two candidates: Mike Blakey and Richard Mayon-White. Mike Blakey was proposed by Bob Schroter and seconded by Chris Blessington. Richard Mayon-White was proposed by Graham Derrick and seconded by Bob Schroter. There being fewer candidates than vacancies, both are elected. As a consequence Mike Blakey stands down as an elected Member of Council.

Due to work commitments Mike Blakey's position as Trustee is on hold until a mutually agreed time between Mike and the Trustees.

iv. Election of Council Members

Clause 54 of the Articles requires members of Council to stand down after serving two three year terms. Felicity Aston, Alasdair Kennedy, Liz Gray and Dave Watkinson retire this year for this reason.

There are eleven vacancies for places as Members of Council. One is filled by the election of Julian Penny as Vice Chair. There are four other candidates: Mike Cross (for a second term), Adrian Ferraro, Tony Land and Julian van Loxton. There being fewer candidates than vacancies, all were elected. Peter Drake continues as a Member.

All present gave unanimous agreement.

v. Approval of Officers

Trustees appoint officers, including Company Secretary and Treasurer and report their appointments to the AGM for approval. The chairman informed the meeting of Officers for the next year:

Name	Officer Role
Jane Howison	Treasurer
Georgia Yurkwich-Spink	Meeting Secretary
Roger Miller	Company Secretary
Antonia Cook (Temp)	Membership Officer
Ted Grey	Grants and Awards Officer
Dick Griffiths	Evaluation Officer
Dave Watkinson	Training Officer

vi. Proposal to increase Trustee numbers from 5-7

It is proposed to amend clause 33 of the Articles of Association of the Trust. This currently reads "Subject as hereinafter provided the Trustees shall consist of not fewer than three and not more than **five** persons (excluding the elected Chairman of the Trust who is to serve as an ex officio Trustee)".

The new wording proposed states "Subject as hereinafter provided the Trustees shall consist of not fewer than three and not more than **seven** persons (excluding the elected Chairman of the Trust who is to serve as an ex officio Trustee)".

Proposed: Bob Schroter

Seconded: Graham Derrick

This is an ordinary resolution pursuant to Article 34.

This proposal gives more depth within the Trustee body

All present gave unanimous agreement to the proposal.

SW: Commented that it's important to put governance structure on website so it's publicly available for member transparency

vii. Appointment of Auditors

It is proposed that Rodney Hedley be asked to examine the Trust accounts for a further year

Proposed: Peter Harvey

Seconded: Graham Derrick

Noted and agreed

6. AOB

None

The Chairman thanked those in attendance at the meeting and the RGS for hosting it.