



## **Annual General Meeting**

### **EPSOM RDA GROUP Sunday 27 September 2020 4.30 Virtual Meeting by Zoom**

Ray Lee Chairman opened the meeting and explained that because of the current restrictions on meetings due to Covid 19 the AGM was taking place virtually by Zoom. He noted that the meeting was quorate.

Jo Lee explained how the Zoom meeting would be managed, participants were able to ask questions via Chat and vote by Poll.

1 **Apologies**

Fiona Clifton, Dominique Russell, Darren Russell, Jill Merser.

2 **Approval of Minutes of Annual General Meeting held on 17 November 2019**

The minutes were approved.

3 **Matters arising**

There were no matters arising.

4 **To receive and approve the Accounts of the Group for the financial year ended 31 March 2020.**

Angela Wilson presented the accounts. She noted it had been a good year with donations of £45K. Total operating expenses totalled £109K. There had been a number of investments in the estate including new shelters, mud flaps in the field, new paths and new muck heaps. The charity was grateful for all donations of equipment. At the end of the year the bank balance totalled £251,921 so the charity was in a good financial position.

Income was down post March 2020, the charity was grateful for continued rider donations despite the closure of the yard due to the Covid lockdown and for other donations. Expenditure was down reflecting reduced activity. The good financial position meant that plans for the new internal school would be progressed in the following year.

Angela Wilson proposed the accounts be approved. Seconded by Elaine Briggs and unanimously approved by the meeting.

5 **To receive a report from the Trustee Chairman on the Group's activities since the previous AGM.**

Ray Lee encouraged everyone to read the report which was on the website. He summarised that it had been a strange year that started well with the successful 50<sup>th</sup> birthday party, a new trustee group elected, new charitable status, the Harold Newton event and improvement in the estate such as new

front gates and shelters. Later in the year the wet winter saw the fields flooded and then in March the yard was closed because of the pandemic lockdown. He thanked all who had kept the yard going during this difficult time and subsequently for planning and introducing the Covid security measures which were enabling the yard to restart some sessions.

6 **To note Trustee members who are required to retire at the AGM in accordance with clause 6.4 of the Standard Group Constitution  
Trustee retiring by rotation and not standing for re-election: Ewen MacKay**

**Trustees retiring by rotation and standing for re-election: Gill McPherson, Jo Lee, Jane Sanders, Angela Wilson.**

Ray Lee thanked Ewen Mackay for his long service as a trustee. Over the years Ewen had raised the reputation (and income) of Epsom RDA through his many talks and presentations. He performed the role of Treasurer for many years. One of his various valued roles was that of Father Christmas at the riders' Christmas parties. It was unfortunately that the current circumstances made it impossible to present Ewen with a gift personally, but one was being sent to him.

7 **To elect Gill McPherson, Jo Lee, Jane Sanders, Angela Wilson as Trustee members.**

The re-election of Gill McPherson, Jo Lee, Jane Sanders, Angela Wilson as trustees was proposed by Stuart Macfarlane, seconded by Laura Hales and unanimously approved by the meeting.

8 **To elect Ray Lee as Trustee Chairman for the forthcoming year.**

At this point Tessa Kelly took over as Chair of the meeting. She thanked Ray Lee for his outstanding work over the past difficult year and proposed his re-election as Chairman, seconded by Stuart Macfarlane and unanimously approved by the meeting.

9 **To appoint Harmer Slater as independent examiner for the forthcoming year.**

Ray Lee resumed as Chair of the meeting.

Angela White proposed the appointment of Harmer Slater, seconded by Gill McPherson and unanimously approved by the meeting.

10 **Any Other Business**

In response to questions from participants Ray Lee confirmed that work on the new indoor school had been delayed because of the withdrawal of promised funding from a number of bodies reflecting their own loss of income. There was, however, sufficient funding to progress with work on the new car park. An update would be sent out before the end of the year.

Elaine Briggs asked whether the trustee vacancy created by the resignation of Ewen Mackay would be filled. Ray Lee confirmed it would be once details of the role had been finalised. It was likely the role would be to encourage and develop more volunteers. A job description and advertisement would be published for the role.

Emma Swan thanked the trustees for their work over the past year.