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THE HERALDRY SOCIETY

Minutes of the 59th Annual General Meeting held at the Society of Antiquaries, Piccadilly, London, on 17th February 2016 at 6:30 p.m.

Present:

Steven Ashley (Chairman of the meeting), John J. Tunesi of Liongam (Hon. Secretary), Patrick Cracroft-Brennan (Hon. Treasurer), Mr Clive Alexander, Mrs Arline Fisher, Mrs Jenny Baker, Dr Richard Baker, Dr Andrew Gray, and the members who signed the attendance sheet attached to these minutes.

Apologies were received from 25 Members.

1. A quorum was present, accordingly the meeting proceeded.
2. The Chairman read the notice of meeting and proposed that the Minutes of the last AGM be approved. Accepted by Keith Lovell, Seconded by Dr Malcolm Golin
3. The Chairman read his Report to those present.
4. The Chairman proposed:

“That the report of the directors and the unaudited accounts for the financial year ended 31 March 2015 now submitted to this meeting are received.”

The Hon. Treasurer outlined his Report previously circulated. The Chairman stated that no questions or queries had been received by the Hon Treasurer by the required date.

From the Floor: Angela Main Thompson and Alan Fennely asked for clarification regarding the Bad Debts accounted – Treasurer advised that these were members who had not renewed their subscriptions. Graham Bartram and Michael Fowle also asked about online payment of subscriptions – Treasurer replied that this is possible and would be investigated and promulgated more vigorously.

Accepted by Steven Ashley and seconded by Angela Main Thompson.

5. The Chairman proposed:

To appoint the following members of Council under Article 46:

William Hunt, Windsor Herald	seconded by Angela Main Thompson
Alan Fennely	seconded by Martin Davies
Wendy Ingle	seconded by Graham Bartram

6. The Chairman proposed:

“This Annual General Meeting appoint Williamson Morton Thornton LLP as the Society’s Auditors, to hold office until the conclusion of the next general meeting at which accounts are laid, and to authorise the Council of the Society to fix remuneration.”

Hon. Treasurer seconded the resolution, which was put to the meeting and declared carried with the addition of proxy votes received by the Hon. Secretary.

6. Prior to the end of the Meeting there was a question and answer session by Council to the members present.

Angela Main Thompson asked who is the Membership Secretary? - confirmed as Jane Tunesi of Liongam who will closely liaise with the Treasurer.

Robert Harrison asked if the Lecture Card could go in with the June *Gazette* – this will be actioned.

Stephen Slater requested that it be minuted appreciation for all the work that John and Jane Tunesi of Liongam do regarding the Congress and the Society in general. Seconded by all present.

The Society has 700+ members.

Jenny Baker advised those present of the work she has been doing to tighten up the Society Examinations and standardise marking of same. Ken Porter stated that the exams had always been rigorously marked. The Examinations will be ratified through the IHGS, apart for the Advanced Exam leading to the Diploma.

John Tunesi of Liongam updated the members present of the imminent removal of the Society’s Library housed at Chetham’s Library in Manchester to another location by June / July 2016 at the latest.

Michael Fowle asked if his appointment as Treasurer was by Council or at the AGM. This is an Appointment by Council, as is that of Membership Secretary.

Arline Fisher reminded the members present of the Saturday Afternoon lecture on 12th March at Senate House.

6. There being no other business questions received by the due date, the meeting was declared closed.

Steven Ashley
Chairman of Council