

Scottish Heart & Arterial disease Risk Prevention

MINUTES

MINUTES OF THE THIRTY SECOND ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Date: 2nd December 2020

Place: Zoom Meeting, Meeting ID: 847 0750 0013 Password: 294291

Time: 09:30

1. Welcome and Apologies

Chairperson Prof Adrian Brady welcomed those present to the meeting. Apologies had been received from Prof Nick Mills, Prof Jacob George, Dr Jonathan Malo, Dr Michelle Collister-Bartlett and Ms Emma Gellatly.

2. Minutes of Previous Meeting of the 31st AGM held on 22nd November 2019

It was agreed that the Minutes of the 31st AGM held on 22nd November 2019 were a true record of the meeting.

3. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising from the meeting held on 22nd November 2019.

4. Adoption of Minutes

The minutes of the thirty-first AGM held on 22nd November 2019 were adopted.

5. Chairman's Report

Prof Adrian Brady thanked everyone for attending the 2020 meeting and felt that this year there was a good variety of topics and a very high standard of speakers. Dr Rebecca Wheeler in turn thanked everyone for attending the 2019 meeting. She felt that last year there was also a good variety and mixture of topics yet maintaining a high standard of speakers. There were new faces at the meeting as well as those who attend regularly each year.

6. Honorary Treasurer's Report

Dr Alan Begg as Honorary Treasurer, pointed out that the financial situation for SHARP is quite sound. It was noted that more income was generated in 2020 than in 2019. The expenditure in 2019 was down due to lower conference costs. The current pandemic and with this year's meeting being held virtually has had an impact on the financial situation. Crieff Hydro Hotel has been booked prior to the pandemic for 2021. We may need to look at possibly holding a hybrid meeting in the future and the financial implications of this. The legacy donation did not appear in the 2019-20 accounts. It was noted that these funds would be spent in due course once the Trustees have reached agreement on spending priorities. Dr Begg stated that the Clydesdale bank term deposit account was extended after its two year maturity.

7. Appointment of Co-Chairman

Prof Jacob George was nominated to serve as co-chairman – his period of office being two years. Prof Adrian Brady proposed this with several Trustees seconding this decision.

8. Appointment and Ratification of Trustees

It was noted that Ms Emma Gellatly has resigned from being a SHARP Trustee due to work commitments.

There are at least two available vacancies for Trustees. Prof Jill Belch suggested looking at previous years attendances of meetings to select a suitable candidate who had regularly attended the SHARP Annual Scientific Meetings. This would identify a member who is enthusiastic and trustees were in agreement with this suggestion. Prof Adrian Brady and Dr Wheeler suggested asking Prof Christian Delles who has been a speaker at SHARP in previous years. Trustees were in agreement with this also. Dennis Sandeman suggested Paul Forsyth as a potential candidate as well as Mary Galbraith who has attended SHARP meetings in the past and is also very interested. Dr Begg informed the trustee tenure is four years and is renewable at the end of this tenure.

9. Annual Scientific Meeting 2020

Prof Adrian Brady felt that the SHARP Virtual Annual Scientific Meeting 2020 was a great success and that the standard of speakers was very high. This year there was several international speakers with a good variety of talks. It was noted that due to this being the first virtual meeting there were some slight issues with the questions and this did not flow as well as it should have. It is a learning curve for the coming years. For future meetings the option of having a hybrid meeting should be considered as this could attract delegates to attend virtually from across the world in comparison to previous years. Trustees were in agreement of this. It was noted that due to the current pandemic it would have to be decided how many people would be allowed to attend in person and how to live stream the meeting from Crieff. Prof Packard mentioned that the platform for this year's meeting was visually well done but he had attended other virtual meetings which have been better. This is something SHARP should consider going forward. Prof Adrian Brady indicated that we were ready for the challenge of organising a hybrid meeting and thinks this would be good for SHARP's Profile.

10. Scientific Meetings 2021

Prof John Webster explained that the Balfour Symposium which was originally scheduled for May 2020 was postponed due to the pandemic and rescheduled for next May 2021. He advised that he was not sure if a full programme could be sustained or whether it would progress as a half day meeting which could potentially also be a hybrid meeting with a virtual component. The programme would have to be adjusted accordingly and that he would update the Trustees in the New Year. There were different suggestions for themes for the 2021 Annual Scientific Meeting from the Trustees and it was agreed that this would be decided at the Trustees Meeting in January 2021. Prof Adrian Brady advised that he would gauge participation interest from international speakers he had contact with, which would help raise the profile of SHARP.

11. Any Other Business

The next Trustees' meeting was arranged for 09.30 on Wednesday 27th January 2021. There was no other business.