



Present

Trevor Clarke (TC) (Chair)
Stella Gorrod (SG) (Vice Chair)
Members
Friends (as observers)

Apologies

Jane Moyes (JM) Proxy given to Bernadette Taylor (BT)
Sue Batley
David and Libby Brice (Proxy given to Stella Gorrod)
Michael Edwards (Proxy given to Polly Edwards)
Janet Matthews
Polly and Jeremy Clark
Diana Sneezum
Chris Orton

The Meeting was Quorate

13:05hrs – Meeting Commenced.

1. Welcome and Apologies

The Chair welcomed attendees to GAF and accepted apologies those listed above.

The Chair clarified the difference between Members and Friends for the benefit of those present and the purpose of voting.

- Members - GAF is a company limited by guarantee. The guarantee is limited to £10. The Chair likened membership to shareholders in that they can direct the company. Only members can vote in the AGM.
- Friends – Friends pay an annual subscription but are not part of the legal entity. Friends who are not members are invited as observers to the AGM but cannot vote.

The Chair stated that a notice was distributed 21days prior to the AGM as required and that, in order to be quorate, there must be 10% of the Membership present, which equates to 4 Members. More than half of the membership were present; therefore, the meeting was quorate.

2. Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting

The Members approved the minutes of the 2023 AGM as an accurate record of what was discussed and agreed.

3. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

4. Rotation, Resignations and Appointment of New Trustees

The Chair explained that 3 Trustees are required to resign annually. This year there were 3 resignations, Polly Clark, David Brice, Kate Sutton . Trevor Clark resigned but indicated he was willing to be re-elected. Hilary Bax (HB) proposed TC be reappointed as trustee, seconded by Sue Osmond (SO) Motion passed unanimously.

During the year since the last AGM, Mike Edwards and Chris Orton joined the Board of Trustees and Members were asked to ratify these two appointments. TC proposed Mike Edwards and Chris Orton, seconded by Paul Shepherd (PS) and Martin Bridger (MB) respectively. Both votes were carried unanimously.

TC then proposed John Burke as a third new trustee, seconded by John Munford – also carried unanimously.

5. Executive Officers

Trevor Clarke indicated that he would not be standing for the position of Chair.

SG proposed that Peter Taylor replace TC as Chair, seconded by Tony Osmond. Carried unanimously. Vice Chair – SG agreed to remain in post; PT proposed TC as a second Vice Chair, seconded by MB Both votes carried unanimously.

6. Adoption of Accounts

The Chair presented and interpreted the accounts to those present. He explained that in comparison with last year GAF had a better year financially.

The Chair confirmed that GAF is in a stable financial position with £13,647 in the bank and £30,237 in the reserves. However the work which was anticipated last year wasn't undertaken until August and is therefore not included in these figures.

The Chair proposed members adopt the Accounts as produced by Fiander Tovell . Carried unanimously.

7. Appointment of Accountant

TC proposed that the Trustees review the service provided by Fiander Tovell and compare with other accountants and that members give the board the authority to re-appoint FT or other accountants as it saw fit.

8. Date of 2025 AGM

The date of the next AGM is to be confirmed.

SG read a message from Libby and David Brice thanking Trevor for his stalwart work on behalf of GAF – since it was set up in 2005 – including 2 terms as Chair. A message which was endorsed by all present.

Hilary Bax also took the opportunity to publicly thank Trevor for his leadership of the Trustees.

13:25 – Meeting Closed

Signed: _____ Date: _____
(Chair)