

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of
The English Folk Dance and Song Society
held at Cecil Sharp House on 11 November 2023

1. The Chair welcomed those present both in the room and on-line and welcomed Fee Lock representing the Morris Federation.
2. Apologies were received from Fi Fraser and Laura Jones. 33 members had appointed proxies
3. The minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 12 November 2022 were accepted overwhelmingly on a show of hands.
4. The minutes of the Extraordinary General Meeting held on 14 January 2023 were accepted overwhelmingly on a show of hands.
5. There were no matters arising from the minutes of either General Meeting.
6. The Chair, Hon Treasurer and Chief Executive spoke to their respective parts of the Annual Report and Accounts
7. The Chair said that the year had been difficult because of the removal of Arts Council Funding. She paid tribute Mike Wilson-Jones, who had died in the past year, for his many years of work as Hon Treasurer and on the National Council as well as in many other roles at EFDSS. Coming to the end of her last year on the Board (thirteen years since she joined), she thanked all trustees and other staff and volunteers for their work in keeping EFDSS successful particularly thanking her predecessor as Chair, Mike Norris, for the good job that he did. She gave her good wishes the continuing trustees and the new Chair.
8. The Chief Executive described the activities of the Society during the year 2022-3 and in the period up to the AGM.
9. The Hon Treasurer summarized the accounts. He said that the final result for the year 2022-3, showing a deficit of £57 000 was better than had been budgeted. This was due to being able to reduce expenditure and grants from various sources being available. The Society has roughly £400 000 in free reserves.
10. There were no questions raised on the Annual Return and Accounts which were accepted overwhelmingly on a show of hands.
11. The Secretary announced the results of the Board elections. At this AGM four members of the Board reach the end of their six year terms and are not eligible for re-election. They are Lorna Aizlewood, Alan Davies, Fi Fraser and Andy Wooles. In addition three Board members are standing down for personal reasons. They are Nicola Kearey, Martin Parker and Arti Prashar.
12. One new member has been nominated for election. She is Fiona Butcher. As there are more vacancies than candidates, she is automatically elected.
13. Ordinary Resolution 1 (to set the subscriptions for 2024) was passed overwhelmingly on a show of hands.

14. Ordinary Resolution 2 (to appoint the auditors until the next AGM) was passed overwhelmingly on a show of hands.
15. There was no other business.
16. Fee Lock on behalf of the Morris Federation thanked EFDSS for their past and continuing support for Morris Dancing.
17. The meeting thanked Lorna Aizlewood by acclaim for her work as Chair.

Note:

On the proxy votes cast, Resolution 1 was carried 32-1 and Resolution 2 was carried by 33-0.