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Minutes D1
Annual General Meeting of the BSHM held online

Saturday, 6th Dec 2025

The AGM took place during the BSHM's Christmas Meeting.

1. **Apologies:** Deborah Kent, Clare Moriarty, David Wilkinson; **there was a minute's silence for deceased members:** John Denniss, Roland Hoskins**.**

2. **Minutes of the AGM, 7th Dec 2024**
   Approval of the minutes: Proposed - Fenny Smith, 2nd - Robin Wilson
   Matters arising: None.

3. **Minutes of the EGM, 4th April 2025**
   Approval of the minutes: Proposed - Brigitte Stenhouse, 2nd - Dorothy Leddy
   Matters arising: None.

4. **BSHM Reports for y/e 2025, statements by**
   President - The President listed the meetings that had been organised or sponsored by the society during 2025 and thanked the Meetings Coordinator, Brigitte Stenhouse, for all of her work on these. Some future meetings were advertised, and the prizes awarded by the society were also noted. The President concluded by thanking the many volunteers, not least the members of council, whose work keeps the society running.
   Treasurer - **(a)** Patrick read a report from David Wilkinson "*During 2025 we updated our Articles of Association, mostly adopting the Charities Commission's template. Our accounts for calendar year 2024 were independently examined, and then lodged with Companies House shortly before the statutory deadline of 30 September 2025. Our annual report to the Charity Commission was lodged with them shortly before the statutory deadline of 30 October 2025.*" **(b)** Patrick confirmed finance projections in line with prior two years. I.e. for 2025. And bank balance ~110k at y/e 2025 **(c)** Patrick mentioned BSHM committee will produce a 5 year plan and controls re financial spend, and policies related to prudent use of reserves going forward.
   Membership Secretary: Tony reported 315 members.

5. **Election of Council for 2025/6**
   President: Christopher Hollings
   Vice President: Deborah Kent
   Treasurer: David Wilkinson
   Secretary: Patrick J. Burchell
   Communications Officer: Dorothy Leddy
   Meeting Secretary: Brigitte Stenhouse
   Membership Secretary: Tony Mann
   Web Administrator: Meg Briers
   Education Officer: Ciarán Mac an Bhaird
   Elected (ordinary) council member: Raffaele Pisano
   Elected (ordinary) council member: Clare Moriarty

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Elected (ordinary) council member: Thomas Briggs

Voted yes: 90%, 10% abstained

6. **Approval of Accounts for y/e 2024:** Proposed - Sarah Hart, 2nd Isobel Falconer

7. **Any other business, please email the secretary or president before 25th Nov**

   Paul Thornley: Asked if it is okay for BSHM to make a profit according to the Charity Commission? Patrick answered by observing that BSHM is a Charitable Company, and that that is distinct from a CIO. The norm for any company (the default) is to make a profit. Equally, it is okay for a Charitable Company to make a loss in a year as long as it meets charitable objectives.

   Meg Briers: Cautioned membership that there might be some outages - as new website installed, and may be down for 7-10 days.

   Robin Wilson: Mentioned his project for the history of math (short films) through Oxford University, and as part of his activities as a HiMEd lecturer.