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Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the BSHM held virtually on the Zoom platform on Saturday 11th December 2021

The meeting opened at 12.25 pm with June Barrow-Green in the Chair as the President was unable to be with us. There were 30 members of the Society present.

1. <u>Apologies for absence</u>

The following apologies were received: Sarah Hart (President); Richard Hunt.

Before proceeding, the Chair had the poignant task of announcing the names of those members who had sadly died in the last year. Members stood in respect for:

Peter Neumann, A.E.L. Davis, Grahame Hoare (of Chalfont St Peter).

2. <u>Minutes of the AGM held on Saturday 5th December 2020</u>

a) Approval of Minutes

The minutes were approved.

b) Matters arising

There were no matters arising.

3. Officers' Reports and Accounts

These refer to the timeframe Jan 1st to Dec 31st 2020 and are collated under the BSHM Annual Report and Accounts 2020, filed with Companies House.

a) The Officers outlined their reports as in the above document, as well as giving reports for 2021. There were no questions on the report, which was approved unanimously. The Officers' reports for 2021 are collated in the BSHM Annual Report and Accounts 2021, circulated with this document, but here is a brief summary.

i. Membership numbers for 2021 had shown a buoyant response to the Covid-19 pandemic which resulted in most of our meetings being online rather than inperson. We had 329 members compared to 295 in 2020. The growth had been especially noticeable for the "under 25 years" category, where we had 14 members

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compared to 4 members in 2020. We had 162 members who paid by direct debit, which is the method most helpful to BSHM in terms of administrative time. Other methods of payment (mainly online), are spread over the year, and take much more time per transaction to administer.

- ii. We were in good financial health. The Treasurer went over the balance sheet for 2020, and reported that in 2021, with most meetings continuing to be online, our expenses had reduced, so we were still ticking over.
- iii. The President had compiled an excellent overview (included in the annual Report for 2021, as stated above) of past and planned events and awards, showing that the Society was in a healthy state having completed its 50th year, and had maintained a good range of events despite the pandemic. The standing Chair gave a summary at the meeting.

4. <u>Election of Council for 2022</u>

The names of the nominated Council for 2022 together with their biographies had been circulated to all members. No BSHM member had subsequently asked for anyone else to be nominated. They were as follows:

President	Sarah Hart
Treasurer	Simon Gardiner
Secretary	Fenny Smith
Membership Secretary	Ken Lord
New Members' Secretary	Dorothy Leddy
Communications Officer	Dorothy Leddy
Meetings Coordinator	Isobel Falconer
Education Officer	Snezana Lawrence
Publicity and Webmaster	Troy Astarte
Elected (ordinary) member of Council	Ciarán Mac an Bhaird
Elected (ordinary) member of Council	Brigitte Stenhouse
Co-opted JMC Representative	June Barrow-Green
Journal Editor	Benjamin Wardhaugh

Note 1) Benjamin Wardhaugh was appointed as Journal Editor but not a permanent member of Council.

The motion that the nominated Council be adopted was passed unanimously.

5. <u>Appointment of Andrew Thurburn & Co., 38 Tamworth Road, Croydon, as the</u> <u>Society's accountants and independent examiner</u>

The motion that **Andrew Thurburn & Co be re-appointed as the Society's accountants and independent examiner** was passed unanimously.

6. The voting was managed by Zoom polls (many thanks to Troy Astarte).

7. <u>Any other business</u>

There was none, except to thank Klaas Sjbrandij for his very efficient service on Council, and to welcome Simon Gardiner as his successor. David Orenstein of the Canadian Society for the History and Philosophy of Mathematics alerted the membership to upcoming CSHPM activities.

8. The meeting closed at 13.10 pm.

Fenny Smith, Hon. Secretary 22/10/2022