



IRRV EAST ANGLIA ASSOCIATION AGM

Date:	3 July 2020 11am		
Venue:	Via Zoom		
Present: :	Adrian Mills	Sean Knight	Paul Corney
	Jo Stanton	Simon Quilter	Stuart Brabben
	Julie Gowling	Kevin Jay	Tanya Bandekar
	Sue Gray		

Item		Action
1	<p>Apologies:</p> <p>Apologies were received from: Sonia Foster and Laura Leicester, and from Tanya Bandekar for part of the meeting</p>	
2	<p>Minutes of the previous AGM:</p> <p>The minutes of the AGM held on 29 June 2019 were agreed.</p>	
3	<p>Chairman's Address: Adrian Mills</p> <p>Adrian gave the following address as Chairman:</p> <p>'Hello everyone.</p> <p>Well – this all feels surreal, who thought we'd be having this AGM virtually when we expected to be at the races conducting our AGM, hosting a buffet then enjoying the horse racing!</p> <p>So thank you all for taking the time to dial into our first virtual AGM.</p> <p>Whilst we've all got used to video meetings, I think we'll still want to hold actual AGMs if we can, especially given we combine it with a buffet and event to make it an attractive occasion.</p> <p>So looking back over the 12 months, a pre COVID time seems some time ago now.</p> <p>Despite that, the Association has continued to have another successful year – and that is all down to you the Executive and your contributions.</p> <p>We've hosted excellent seminar's and training events, held effective Executive meetings and a memorable quiz evening – thanks to all involved in making all those events happen and in doing so raise the profile of the Association and generate income.</p> <p>Special thanks to Jo for all the work she does behind the scenes as our Secretary and webmaster, not just around organising the Executive but in liaising with national IRRV– the glue that holds everything together; Paul for dealing with the accounts and all the work going into invoicing and payments and Sean for organising last year's successful quiz.</p>	

Looking ahead we can all be confident our Association is in a strong position – as we all become more familiar with virtual meetings and training delivery there are interesting times ahead.

Thanks everyone’.

4 **Election of Officers:**

The Executive agreed to roll forward all Officer roles for a further 12 months due to the Covid-19 pandemic. Two changes were agreed – Paul Corney becomes Assistant Treasurer and Julie Dean becomes Treasurer.

The following nominations were made and seconded in bulk:

Name	Role
Adrian Mills	Chairman
Stuart Brabben	Vice Chair
Sean Knight	Immediate Past Chair
Julie Dean	Treasurer
Paul Corney	Assistant Treasurer
Jo Stanton	Secretary and Webmaster
Sonia Foster	Education Liaison
Simon Quilter	Auditor
Jo Peacock	Exec member
Laura Leicester	Exec Member
Lesley Walker	Exec Member
Tanya Bandekar	Exec Member
Julie Gowling	Exec Member
Sue Gray	Exec Member
Kevin Jay	Exec Member

5 **Secretary’s Report: Jo Stanton**

Jo gave the following address as Secretary:

‘Thank you to everyone for attending this virtual meeting. It is strange to think that this time last year we were in a wonderful sunny rose garden and enjoying the buffet, and that we should now be at the horse racing. Hopefully normality will return next year.

It has been a quiet end to the year as Secretary as our seminars have now been suspended. We ran two seminars before lockdown both of which were well attended. There was the overpaid Housing Benefit and Sundry Debt recovery seminar on 20 September 2019 which attracted 12 people, and the usual Christmas NNDR update in December which 23 people attended. No seminars are planned yet for the remainder of the year.

Membership details have been kept up to date during the year, although they fluctuate as HQ add and remove people, and they seem to be having a spring clean on membership! We have 125 members in the area, an increase of 5 from this time last year. There is also a list of 27 non-members who have asked to receive emails regarding the association.

	<p>Our website is kept up to date with all our news, education and training events and meetings, and the Officer list will be updated after the meeting. If you would like your photograph included please send it over to me.</p> <p>Finally I would like to thank the Executive for their support and for responding to emails and for supporting me in my role’.</p>	
6	<p>Education and Training Report: Sonia Foster</p> <p>The Education report was unavailable for the meeting</p>	
7	<p>Treasurer’s Report: Paul Corney</p> <p>Paul noted that it has been a reasonable year for the Association and we have made a small surplus again. The Net assets are now £7,848.49, up from £7,227.20 last year. The Accounts were approved by the Executive.</p> <p>Paul thanked the sponsors for the last AGM (Rossendales and AnalyseLocal) and also thanked Simon for being auditor.</p> <p>The Executive agreed that Julie Gowling will be added as a third signatory for the bank to allow time for this to be set up before Paul steps down.</p>	
8	<p>Annual Quiz</p> <p>The Executive agreed to postpone the Annual Quiz for the time being. A virtual quiz was discussed but it was felt this was not viable at present.</p>	
9	<p>AOB</p> <p>Simon acknowledged the sad loss of Colin Thrower. Colin was a big fan of horseracing and would have enjoyed an AGM at Great Yarmouth. Colin is sadly missed.</p> <p>Jo is attending an online meeting with IRRV HQ about annual conference and will share what it discussed.</p>	JS
11	<p>Meeting Close</p> <p>The meeting closed at 11:50am</p>	