



AUKSPT AGM Held on the 27th Feb 2021

Via the Zoom Meeting Platform

Present:

President: Ms Sonal Shah

Treasurer: Mr Tim Lee

Secretary: Mr Charles Jeffery-Hudson

E/C Members: Mr John Oakley

Mr Andy Bigby

Mr Glen Mayes

Mr Bob Lloyd

Mr Lawrence McKenna

Mr Andy Bovingdon

Members: Miss Verity Bartlett

Mr Oscar Brown

Mr Paul Mitchell

Mr Christian Caroe

Mr Phillip Shorthouse

Apologies:

Mr Graham Hunt

Mr Bob Gilbert

Presidents Welcome: The president welcomed all the members and thanked them for attending in such difficult times. She also thanked the E/C for their work and support during the last year.

Minutes: The minutes of the AGM held on the 29th Feb 2020 were read and after two corrections were made they were passed as true and correct. The alterations being that Miss V Bartlett and Mr Oscar Brown had attended the 2020 AGM.

Treasurers Report: Treasurer's Report: The treasurer stated that at present the Association had 22 paid up members. Some members still had to pay their subs and he was actively in contact with these members. He further stated that he thought subs should stay the same for the next year (2022). This was proposed by John Oakley and seconded by Bob Lloyd and put to the vote and carried unanimously. He further stated that should the industry be back to normal in 2022 the AGM would be held at Gerrard's Cross. He finally suggested that although at present we were in a financially sound position we should not let our finances drop below £4,000. See attached financial report.

Secretaries Report: The Hon. Secretary reported that it had once again been a quiet year although there was light at the end of the tunnel due to the Government's latest slackening of the Covid restrictions. Which should see the wedding industry and functions back in action.

Almoner's Report: See Attached. DP further stated that the following members should be contacted Mr John Reid, Mr Phillip Shorthouse and Mr Mark Shaw- Brookman, which he said he would do at the earliest opportunity.

School Report: Glen Mayes reported that this April's course was unlikely to go ahead but had hopes that the courses later in the year could if we were able to attract enough candidates. He further stated that the update of the Association Manual was still a work in progress, a further report would be given at the next E/C Meeting.

Election of Officers: All the current E/C officers after a vote of attending members were elected back on to the E/C in to their present positions. The E/C was one member short and Mr Paul Mitchell was proposed By **J-H** and seconded by **TL** and duly voted on to the E/C.

AOB: **AR** said he had news of Mr John Reid and that he was reasonably well **J-H** enquired about the Association magazine now that it had the official name of The Reds, **DP** volunteered to be the editor and asked that all contributions be sent to him. If enough material could be gathered he hoped that we may be able to put out two or three copies a year. **BL** Asked if the treasurer would send out an up to date list of all members so that he and Mrs Carol Bigby could complete a draft of the new web site **action for TL.**

JO asked about the competition for the bottle of champagne it was agreed that it would be made the subject of AOB at the next E/M **action by J-H,** he further stated that a gentleman named Mr Ian Hodge had been reported as wearing striped trousers together with a Toastmaster's Red jacket, although we could do little about it we should all be aware that this was unacceptable in our code of dress.

L Mc. Asked for some advice on how work was to be obtained when the present restrictions were lifted. Various members suggested that other than the usual wedding fairs, advertising and calling on local wedding venues and corporate function companies the AUKPT had a system that passed on work through the Hon Sec who would e-mail jobs out to members as they came into him.

Next meeting:

The next AGM would be on the 26th Feb 2022, and all being well would be held at the Bull Hotel Gerrards Cross.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 15.15 hrs.

Signature:

Date: