

Folk Camps Society Limited
Minutes of the Annual General Meeting
held at Toddington Village Hall on 25th November 2023

The AGM was declared open at 14.30 by Patrick Self in the chair.

Present: 42 Governing Members including 8 Council Members and 5 Contractors (27 in person, 15 online)

Agenda

1. Apologies
2. Minutes from AGM of November 2022
3. Matters Arising
4. Adoption of Annual Report and Accounts to year ending 31 August 2023
5. Re-appointment of Accountants
6. Resolutions to amend Memorandum and Articles of Association
7. Council Appointments (No need for an election)
8. Chair report on 2023, and looking forward to 2024
9. Any Other Business

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from 14 Governing Members

2. Minutes from AGM of November 2022

Jenny Hopper proposed that the minutes be accepted. Seconded by Anne Kenyon. Carried unanimously.

3. Matters Arising

There were none.

4. Adoption of Annual Report and Accounts to year ending 31 August 2023

There were 350 summer camp bookings and the weekend campers number increased from 2022. Net loss was £4,000. Folk Camps did buy a new fridge, generator and track mats in 2023. For this resolution, both the online votes (made in advance) and the show of hands in the room showed unanimous approval.

5. Appointment of Accountants

For this resolution, both the online votes (made in advance) and the show of hands in the room showed unanimous approval.

6. Resolutions to amend Memorandum and Articles of Association

Resolution: To change current wording in the Memorandum & Articles of Association, Paragraph 14 to the following:

14. The Society shall hold a General Meeting in every *company financial* year as its Annual General Meeting at such time and place or by method of electronic communication as may be determined by the Council, and shall specify the meeting as such in the notices calling it. ***The timing of the AGM shall be determined by the Trustees, to allow the annual accounts to be approved and submitted to Companies House within 9 months of the end of the financial year.*** The notice must specify the place, date and time of the meeting, and the general nature of all items of the business to be transacted; and must, in the case of an AGM, specify the meeting as an AGM. The text of all special, extraordinary and elective resolutions to be proposed must be set out in the notice. All business at a General Meeting attended in person or by means of virtual attendance using electronic communication shall be deemed as valid as if all persons participating were in the same room. In the event of a technology breakdown or other impediment to participation by electronic communication it is at the discretion of the chair whether or not to postpone the meeting but no business may be conducted unless a quorum is present and able to access the meeting.

The current wording is as follows:

14. The Society shall hold a General Meeting in every calendar year as its Annual General Meeting at such time and place or by method of electronic communication as may be determined by the Council, and shall specify the meeting as such in the notices calling it, provided that every Annual General Meeting except the first shall be held not more than fifteen months after the holding of the last preceding Annual General Meeting, and that so long as the Society holds its first Annual General Meeting within eighteen months after its incorporation it need not hold it in the year of its incorporation or in the following year. The notice must specify the place, date and time of the meeting, and the general nature of all items of the business to be transacted; and must, in the case of an AGM, specify the meeting as an AGM. The text of all special, extraordinary and elective resolutions to be proposed must be set out in the notice. All business at a General Meeting attended in person or by means of virtual attendance using electronic communication shall be deemed as valid as if all persons participating were in the same room. In the event of a technology breakdown or other impediment to participation by electronic communication it is at the discretion of the chair whether or not to postpone the meeting but no business may be conducted unless a quorum is present and able to access the meeting.

For this resolution, both the online votes (made in advance) and the show of hands in the room showed unanimous approval.

7. Council Appointments

Anthony Keen has completed 6 years on Council. Amanda Coleman resigned. Claire Mycock stood again and was re-appointed. Bradley Stokes was appointed.

Patrick Self thanked Anthony Keen for his 6 years service on Council, and reminded the meeting that Folk Camps need people to be on Council as they are the board of directors for the organisation.

8. Chair report on 2023, and looking forward to 2024

Patrick Self showed a presentation with various tables and graphs. Basically, we need more Folk Campers! Next year we will return to Rolvenden, with the weekend camps remaining in the same venues. It was asked if we could return to previous sites we have visited, but Patrick Self said most of the recent sites are not now available.

Sarah Malleson and Sue Malleson have put a great deal of effort into covert social media marketing. We now have 2,800 followers on Facebook and 570 on Instagram. We have a total of 2,635 email addresses we can market to which is an increase of 262 this year.

There will be a new 'members section' on the Folk Camps website, where governing members will be able to promote and link various folk activities and events.

Andy Glass announced that the Folk Camps Party Band have been booked in 2024 for a prestigious event at Towersey, and really need a flyer to hand out. Oscar Roberts said that the Marketing and Communications Group have been developing a flyer which contains a QR code, and this should be available soon.

Patrick Self thanked all the volunteer camp staff, contractors, council, social media helpers and anyone and everyone who contributes something for Folk Camps.

Liz Cooper thanked Patrick, without whom there may well have been no toilets or possibly no summer camp at all in 2023.

Liz Cooper also spoke about the difficulty of catering for different dietary requirements. Jenny Hopper explained the difficulties and impracticability of people opting in and out of a meat / vegetarian diet whilst on camp. There were now lots of new regulations that we have to comply with. We now have better fridges, but it will no longer be possible for campers to put their personal items in the camp fridges.

Folk Camps are going to advertise for a Logistics Manager and do away with the Provisions Manager. Patrick Self and the people attending expressed their thanks to Jenny Hopper who was now retiring as Provisioner.

9. Any Other Business

2023 is likely to be the last AGM in person. In future, the AGM will be online, and Q&A sessions will be held during a August Bank Holiday Camp with a Council member in attendance.

Jacqueline Beattie expressed thanks on behalf of all the members for the work done for Folk Camps from Council and contractors.

Meeting closed at 15.30.

Chair November 2024