



Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held 7th February 2015

M Shed, Princes Wharf, Wapping Road, Bristol BS1 4RN

Present:

Amy Rose Taylor, Andy Foyle, Andy Hole, Anthea Makepeace, Charlie Beaton, Cheryl Morgan, Chris Leigh, Davina Lundy, Deborah Cummings, Donald Branch, Janet Fitzgerald, Kim Renfrew, Mary Milton and Sarah-Louise Minter

Apologies for absence were received from Eugene Byrne, Gemma Tiley, Kim Moody, Lesley Welsh, Mike O'Callaghan, Paula Davies, Robert Howes and Rosie Buckland.

Welcome

The meeting opened at two-thirty when Kim Renfrew welcomed attendees and explained the afternoon's proceedings.

Talk

Kim Renfrew introduced the speaker, Cheryl Morgan, Co-Chair Outstories Bristol who gave an illustrated talk entitled, "A Potted History of Gender Variance". The talk was followed by a question and answer session and expression of appreciation for the informative content and delivery.

Appointment of chair and note-taker for the meeting

Cheryl Morgan was appointment as chair and Charlie Beaton as note-taker for the meeting.

Approval of the minutes of the AGM held 16th November 2013

The minutes of the previous annual general meeting were approved as a correct record. There had been a previous gathering for this AGM on 18th October 2014, which was inquorate.

Matters arising from the minutes

It was a decision of the previous AGM that OutStories Bristol should become a Charitable Incorporated Organisation and a new constitution was adopted anticipating acceptance. In the event, the Charity Commission rejected our application with advice on changes to the draft constitution relation to the aims of the association. The trustees will proceed with a fresh application and submit the proposed CIO constitution to a General Meeting as required by the existing constitution.

There were no other matters arising from the notes of the previous AGM.

Annual Report

Charlie Beaton presented the Annual Report to the meeting. Updated figures for association membership were 56 registered members, 256 people on the e-mailing list, 252 people on the facebook group and 282 followers on twitter.

Following a brief discussion of the contents, the report was adopted.

Financial Report

Donald Branch presented the Financial Report for the period 1st July 2013 to 30th June 2014 to the meeting and, following a discussion, it was adopted.

Election of the board of trustees

The following members were nominated to the board

Co-chairs: Andy Foyle and Cheryl Morgan

Secretary: Charlie Beaton

Treasurer: Sarah-Louise Minter

Web Administrator: Chris Leigh

Ordinary trustees: Andy Hole, Anthea Makepeace and Kim Renfrew

As there was a sole nominee for each officer post, the nominees listed above were approved as the board of trustees by a single vote.

As required by the bank upon the change of treasurer, it was also resolved that:

- a) The amendments to the Mandate for the operation of the bank account(s), payment instructions and banking services be approved and be provided to the Bank by persons authorised to do so in accordance with the Bank's procedures and the Mandate;
- b) The Bank is entitled to rely upon the amended Mandate until it receives a later Mandate amending it, and the Bank is entitled to reply on instructions given by any person named as a signatory and may disclose any information relating to the account to any such person;
- c) The bank is under no duty to make enquiries before acting on the instruction of any person named as a signatory.
- d) The Bank will be notified in writing of any changes to the organisation as per the terms and conditions of the account.

Any other business

Chris Leigh presented the trustees' proposal for work in the coming period, "Opening a New Chapter", with a focus on "place" and LGBT associations in collaboration with Bristol City Council and the University of Bristol, launching at Hamilton House on 28th February 2015.

Other business was announcements of events in the LGBT History Month programme.

Future dates – Trustees' meeting - Tuesday, 17th March 2015.

Attached:

A) Annual Report 2014

B) Financial Report – 1st July 2013 to 30th June 2014