



Annual General Meeting Minutes 2021

MINUTES OF THE FOURTEENTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF HORIZONS (PLYMOUTH) COMPANY NO. 4592593 AND CHARITY NO.1096256

Held on Zoom on 25 March 2021 at 18:30.

Attendees:

Trustees: Rory Anderson, Peter Bone, Jo Byrne, Andrew Eccleston, James Hill, Michael Malric-Smith, Iain Oag, Jennie Richardson, Tara Vassallo

Members: Derek Blackmore, Peter Carpenter, Will Clancy, Ray Clarke, Charlie Greaves, Emma Hicks, Sam Hicks, Jon Keeping, Joe Mann, Philip Sambles, Simon Searl, Jean Taylor, Jenny Tsang, Andy Wills, Jon Worster.

In Attendance: Simon Mace (Staff), Annette Molloy (Staff), Lois Noyce (Staff). Sheila Eccleston (Minute taker)

Apologies: David Brady, Jim Brown, Rod Gonzalez, David Oatway, David Sanderson

The meeting was chaired by Iain Oag, who welcomed everyone and made some introductory remarks. It was a very difficult year due to Covid, but Horizons has survived. Everything is in good order financially; the staff are still with us and were furloughed last year. Our boats are in good shape and we hope to resume activities soon. Andrew Eccleston has announced his retirement as Chair and Trustee. We express huge thanks to him for everything he has done. He is presented with a brass winch, engraved and mounted, from Horizons. Andrew is staying connected with Horizons as a volunteer and will continue to sail in a Hawk as well as other activities. As we are between an outgoing chair and an incoming chair (James Hill), Iain Oag has agreed to chair today's meeting.

1. Apologies for absence:

Apologies were given from the 5 members of Horizons listed above.

2. Minutes of the 2018-2019 AGM held on 04/04/2019:

The minutes were approved. Proposed: Rory Anderson. Seconded: Jo Byrne. Agreed unanimously. They were signed by Andrew Eccleston.

3. Chairman's Report: (available on Horizons website)

Andrew Eccleston gave his report, as retiring chair. It has been a difficult year but Horizons has stayed intact ready to return to normal activities, and is in a sound state financially. He thanked Phil Sambles for providing regular input for cadets via zoom in 2020. The Chairman's report was accepted.

As incoming chair, James Hill spoke to thank Andrew Eccleston for his hard work and leadership over the last few years. He hoped Andrew would stay in touch so that we can continue to tap his wealth of knowledge. James thanked the staff for showing patience and fortitude during the pandemic, which has been a frustrating time as they are all "doers" and active by nature. As the 30th anniversary approaches, Horizons is entering a new era and it should be an evolving and exciting time. Simon Mace is being made CEO and will take on admin and responsibilities previously done by the trustees. James looks forward to chairing the trustees from now on.



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4. Treasurer's Report: (available on Horizons website)

Rory Anderson expressed his thanks to everyone for their support and to our benefactors – organizations and individuals. The accounts for 2019-2020 (year end June) are signed off and on the website. There was a Covid impact for the last part of that financial year. Staff were furloughed (not at 100%) and we received relief from the government. We broke even and did not dip into our reserves. This financial year (since July 2020) we have been able to do very little. Furlough continued so we have stayed in the black.

Phil Sambles asked a question on the financial statement, which seemed to show a 14% increase in staff costs. Rory Anderson agreed to investigate this and provide an explanation. Andrew Eccleston commented that we have changed accountants, so the figures may be analysed differently. Iain Oag said we will find the answer and put it on the website.

The Treasurer's report was accepted.

5. Appointment of Trustees:

Existing Trustees	Date of appointment	
Andrew Eccleston	Confirmed 27 August 2014	Retiring today
James Hill	Confirmed 22 June 2018	Ex-officio as Chairman
Rory Anderson	Confirmed 24 March 2016	Ex-officio as Treasurer
Peter Bone	Confirmed 27 April 2018	
Jo Byrne	Confirmed 12 July 2019	

New trustees have been co-opted since the AGM on 4/4/2019:

Iain Oag	Confirmed 13 March 2020
Michael Malric-Smith	Confirmed 13 March 2020
Jennie Richardson	Confirmed 16 March 2021
Tara Vassallo	Confirmed 16 March 2021

The new trustees introduced themselves.

James Hill was unanimously accepted and welcomed as the new chair.

All the above Trustees were accepted unanimously.

6. Any Other Business:

There was none.

The meeting was closed at 19:00.