BRITISH AND IRISH ORTHOPTIC SOCIETY MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON 17 SEPTEMBER 2020 VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS, COMMENCING AT 13:30

66 members attended

Panel:	Veronica Greenwood	Chair BIOS and BOS TU
	Julie Dowdney	Vice-Chair BIOS and BIOS TU
	Samantha Aitkenhead	BOS TU Advisor
	Andy Burman	BDA CEO
	Steve Doughty	Crossley Accountants

- **Welcome and Apologies for absence**

Veronica Greenwood welcomed everybody to the meeting and introduced the panel. She noted that the AGM concerned the calendar year 2019.

Apologies for absence were received from Catherine Gray, Margaret Hancock and Helen Fowlers.

- **Minutes of the 2019 AGM**

Victoria Smerdon proposed that the Minutes be accepted as a correct record, and Sonia MacDiarmid seconded. The Minutes were approved unanimously and signed by the Chair. There were no matters arising.

- **Chair's Report**

Veronica Greenwood reflected on the unusual circumstances but focused on the positive progress made in 2019. She highlighted some of the highlights from the 2019 Trustees report, which is available online. She finished by noting recent developments and ongoing work, particularly in the context of COVID-19.

There were no questions on the Chair's report.

- **Financial Statements**

Steve Doughty presented the Accounts, and provided an overview of income expenditure and reserves trends. It was noted that there was a healthy surplus reported for 2019. The full accounts are available on the BIOS website.

Declan McClements proposed and Aimee Brown seconded acceptance of the Accounts, and these were unanimously accepted.

- **Trustees**

Julie Dowdney presented the list of Trustees.

- Chair: Veronica Greenwood
- Vice-Chair: Julie Dowdney
- Midlands and East: Haseeb Ali (effective from AGM)
- Northern: Deborah Podmore (effective from AGM)
- Southern: Kelly MacKenzie
- Northern Ireland: Declan McClements
- Scotland: Angela Carlin
- Wales: Vacant
- Republic of Ireland: Jaina Byrne
- Chair of LOOP: Sonia MacDiarmid

Veronica Greenwood thanked the members of the Board of Trustees and Council, including those that had left, volunteers, TU reps and the staff at the BDA. She also thanked her department, and those of the other secondees, for their support.

Julie Dowdney thanked Veronica Greenwood for her work over the year.

There was no other business, and the meeting ended at 14:02.