

Minutes of the 2021 Annual General Meeting

Date/Time: 4pm, Saturday 20th March 2021

Venue: Online via Zoom

Minutes recorded by: Nigel Dallard

In attendance

HBA Trustees:

Grant McNaughton (Chairman), Nigel Dallard, Darran Huish, Graham Medhurst, Mike Sarre, Sam Smette

HBA Volunteers:

June Snowden (President), Julie Cox, Sean Dunderdale, Geoff Fairbairn, Wayne Fysh, Liam Heffernan, Martin O'Czaja, Liam O'Toole, Neil Ogden, Ian Pinnell

Full Members:

<u>Member:</u>	<u>Represented by:</u>	<u>Member:</u>	<u>Represented by:</u>
Anker Radio	Chairman of Meeting	Radio Chelsea & Westminster	Chairman of Meeting
Antrim HR	Patrick Cullen		
Bath HR	Darran Huish	Radio Cherwell	Martin Green
BHBN (Birmingham)	Chairman of Meeting	Radio Clatterbridge	Chairman of Meeting
BHBS (Bristol)	Chairman of Meeting	Radio Frimley Park	Ed Mayne
Chichester HR	Chairman of Meeting	Radio General	Keith Inman
Devizes H&CR	Emma Sysum	Radio Grapevine	Grant McNaughton
Epsom HR	Heather Kane	Radio Harrow	Charles Biggie
Grampian HR	John Graham	Radio Hillingdon	Stephen Hickman
Harrogate HR	Nicola Pollard	Radio Horton	Sam Smette
Hereford HR	Chris Hughes	Radio Redhill	Nigel Gray
HBS (Glasgow)	Niall Anderson	Radio Sunderland for Hospitals	Chairman of Meeting
HR Barnet	Gary Lakin		
HR Basingstoke	Neil Ogden	Radio Tyneside	Chairman of Meeting
HR Chelmsford	Paul Morrish	Radio Wey	Andy Brown
HR Exeter	Malcolm Mardon	Royal Free Radio	Andy Higgins
HR Lynn	Wayne Fysh	Royal Hospital Chelsea	Chairman of Meeting
HR Norwich	Chairman of Meeting		
HR Plymouth	Chairman of Meeting	Scunthorpe HR	Sean Dunderdale
HR Reading	Gerard Rocks	Southampton HR	Chairman of Meeting
HR Swindon	Chairman of Meeting	Southend HR	Pete Sipple
Leeds HR	Chairman of Meeting	Torbay HR	Chairman of Meeting
New Forest HR	Chairman of Meeting	Whipps Cross HR	Chairman of Meeting
Radio Broadgreen	Chairman of Meeting	Winchester Radio	Nigel Dallard
Radio Brockley	Chairman of Meeting	York HR	June Snowden
Radio Cavell	Kent Wells		

Individual Associate Members:

Don Bannister, Stuart Mabbutt, Mike Skinner

Also present:

Robert Fisher, Graham Lester, Brenda Massie, Helen Minors, Paul Sysum, Martin Rosen (all members of member stations), Julian Lomas (consultant to the Trustees)

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Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from those member stations appointing the meeting chairman as their proxy.

There being 48 of 165 Full Members of the Association present, by authorised representative or proxy, the meeting was quorate and declared open at 4:13pm by HBA's Chairman of Trustees, Grant McNaughton, who acted as chairman.

Minutes of the 2020 AGM

It was proposed by HR Barnet, seconded by HR Chelmsford, and agreed *nem con* that the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 28th March 2020 be adopted as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

Minutes of the EGM held on 21st November 2020

It was proposed by HR Chelmsford, seconded by Radio Horton, and agreed *nem con* that the minutes of the Extraordinary General Meeting held on 21st November 2020 be adopted as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

Trustees' Annual Report and Accounts

The Chairman introduced the Trustees' Annual Report and Accounts for the year 1st September 2019 to 31st August 2020, which had been circulated ahead of the meeting, and asked for any questions on the document to be raised.

There being no questions raised, it was proposed by Radio General, seconded by Devizes H&CR, and agreed *nem con* that the Trustees' Annual Report and Accounts for the year end 31st August 2020 be received.

Election of Trustees

As the number of nominations matched the number of vacant positions, the Chairman asked if there were any objections to the nominees being appointed/re-appointed without a formal ballot.

There being no objections, he declared that Steve Bellamy and Martin Green were, therefore, elected as Trustees, and that he was re-elected for a further term of office. He thanked Graham Medhurst who was standing down as a Trustee at the end of the meeting.

There being no further business, the Chairman thanked those present for attending, wished them well in the coming months, and declared the meeting closed at 4:19pm. There then followed an informal discussion amongst those present, during which the following topics were discussed:

- the outcome of a post-implementation review of the restructuring of the HBA undertaken approximately 5 years ago, and the resultant focus of the HBA on the future of the hospital, health & wellbeing broadcasting sector, what the HBA needed to do to support the sector, and the intent to take on a paid employee to provide HBA with the necessary human resources to undertake the necessary work to support and represent its members;
- opening negotiations with PPL and PRS regarding updating music copyright licensing for hospital radio;
- the opportunities that Small-Scale DAB allowed for stations wishing to promote public health to the general population, as well as/instead of entertaining those in hospital;
- the Ofcom trial of a new frequency-planning regime for Low Power FM RSLs, announced the previous day;
- continuing online events to support HBA's members, and the format and focus of these events; and
- showcasing talent from within hospital radio.

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