



## Annual General Meeting - Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> October 2020

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Amateur Entomologists' Society, held via Zoom technology, commencing at 16:10 hrs.

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*Fourteen members were in attendance, and four Proxy forms had been received.*

AES President Dr Erica McAlister welcomed everyone to the meeting.

### **Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received from David Budworth, Ched George and Dr M.J. Bennett.

### **1. Minutes of the Previous Annual General Meeting (AGM)**

The minutes of the previous AGM were accepted as an accurate record.

*Proposed: Dr Malcolm Aldridge; seconded: Chris Hamilton; carried nem con.*

### **2. Matters arising from the Minutes.**

There were no matters arising from the Minutes.

### **3. Reports of the Society for 2019**

The Annual Reports to Members and to the Charity Commission, which incorporated the Annual Accounts and which had been made available beforehand, were accepted by the meeting.

*Proposed: Dr Andy Chick; seconded Colin Hart; carried nem con.*

### **4. Election of President for the coming year**

Dr Erica McAlister was elected as President of the society for a third term of office. This part of the proceedings was chaired by Colin Hart (a past-president of the society)

*Proposed: Peter Hodge; seconded: Dr David Lonsdale; carried nem con.*

### **5. Election of Council Members and Officers**

The following members were re-elected, *en bloc*, for the coming three-year period: Peter Hodge; Dafydd Lewis; Dr David Lonsdale; Dr Kieren Pitts.

*Proposed: Ralph Hobbs; seconded Peter Brown; carried nem con.*

The following Officers of the Society were elected, *en bloc*, for the coming year:

<i>Hon Secretary</i>	<i>Dafydd Lewis</i>
<i>Hon Treasurer</i>	<i>Peter Brown</i>
<i>Registrar</i>	<i>Victoria Burton</i>
<i>Conservation Secretary</i>	<i>Dr David Lonsdale</i>
<i>Editor, AES Bulletin</i>	<i>Colin Hart</i>
<i>Editor, Invert. Conservation. News</i>	<i>Dr David Lonsdale</i>
<i>Habitat Conservation Officer</i>	<i>Stephen Lings</i>
<i>Newsletter Editor</i>	<i>Dafydd Lewis</i>
<i>AES General Editor</i>	<i>Jacqueline Ruffle</i>

*Advertising Secretary*  
*Exhibition Secretary*  
*Webmaster*

*Peter Hodge*  
*Wayne Jarvis*  
*Dr Kieren Pitts*

*Proposed: Dr Malcolm Aldridge; seconded: Dr Andy Chick; carried nem con.*

#### **6. Independent Examiner of Accounts**

It was accepted by the meeting that Rachel Cooper, of Welbeck Accountancy Services, Southampton, would be appointed Independent Examiner of Accounts for the current year.

*Proposed: Peter Brown; seconded: Victoria Burton; carried nem con.*

#### **8. Other Business**

The Hon. Secretary mentioned that a comment had been received regarding the design and timelines of the Proxy form, which had been noted. Dr M J Bennett had also used the Proxy form to extend his gratitude to the honorary officers of the society for 'keeping the Society running so successfully during the present pandemic situation'.

Colin Hart pointed out that the list of members who had been notified to us since the 2019 AGM as having been deceased included some who had died in the current year (2020) and suggested that such notifications received after the year under review should be covered at the AGM but reported in the following year's report, depending on the date of notification and/or date of death, if known. During discussion it was suggested that it may be easier to retain the current practice of reporting any deaths notified to us since the previous year's AGM in the report on the year under review and reflected upon in the AGM at which that report was considered.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 16:50 hrs.

The AGM was followed by a talk by our President, Dr Erica McAlister, on the significance of some anatomical aspects of the Diptera, ranging from special features of their eyes, mouthparts and antennae, and how some of these properties have been utilised in human inventions.