

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of Farnham Humanists

Held on February 27th 2023 in the Daniel Hall, Long Garden Walk, Farnham

16 Attendees

1. Approval of minutes of the last AGM

The minutes were approved nem. con.

2. Chair's Report

The Chair presented her report on the previous year's activities (see Powerpoint on website). She mentioned that FH planned in the near future to undertake a survey of members' views and suggestions for the group's activities.

3. Treasurer's Report and Approval of accounts

The Treasurer presented a report on the previous year's finances (see Powerpoint). Copies of the accounts had been provided to attendees at the meeting. The accounts had been agreed by an independent examiner. The accounts were approved nem. con.

4. Set subscription rate for the year

It was proposed to keep the subscription rate at £12.50 per person per year, as in previous years. After some discussion, this was agreed, with the proviso that the committee should review the rate part-way through the year.

5. Election of officers and committee

The Chair, Belinda Schwehr, had been elected for a 3-year term. Seven other officers and committee members had offered to remain in post. This left vacancies for a membership secretary and press officer. Mike Steed kindly agreed to join the committee and was asked to take on the membership secretary role. Proposed: Belinda, seconded: Alan Montgomery. The Chair offered to take on the role of Press officer with the help of other members of the committee. The Chair asked for any other nominations and Oksana Grushkovskaya offered to join the committee. She was duly elected, without portfolio for the moment.

6. Appointment of a member to review the accounts

John Cregan was thanked for acting as independent examiner this year, and agreed to serve again. This was accepted nem. con.

7. Approval of subs to Humanists UK, NSS and SCEHN.

It was agreed nem. con. that the group would continue to pay for affiliation to all these organisations. In 2022 this had cost £34 for NSS and £25 for SCEHN. Humanists UK had waived fees for 2022, but were expected to ask for fees from April 2023. It was assumed that this would be in the region of £75 as had been the case previously. Alan, as SCEHN rep and treasurer, said that SCEHN fees may be only £12.50 for 2023.

8. AOB

The Chair outlined plans for future meetings, including the revival of a monthly pub gathering.