

MINUTES OF THE 41st ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE LONDON WILDLIFE TRUST

Held at Camley Street Natural Park, 12 Camley St, London N1C 4PW

Saturday 1st October 2022 from 3:30 – 6:30pm

Attendance:

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| Members (excl. Trustees) | 40 |
| Trustees | 9 |
| Staff members | 10 |
| Total | 59 |

Proxy votes:

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| Invalid | 0 |
| To the Chair | 50 |
| To another | 0 |
| Total | 50 |

Welcome, introductions and apologies:

Welcome and introductions given by Gordon Scorer, CEO of London Wildlife Trust in place of outgoing Chair of the Board of Trustees Elaine Sullivan. Elaine passes on her apologies for not being able to attend her final AGM as Chair. Gordon shared some of Elaine's observations and moments during her tenure as Chair, noting the transition from her first AGM held in a dark, non-nature space in central London to LWT's own nature paradise at Camley Street. Some of Elaine's stand out moments as Chair include opening weekend of Woodberry Wetlands with Sir David Attenborough; the development & opening of Walthamstow Wetlands and other important hub sites; key nature projects like Great North Wood & Brilliant Butterflies. Education has always been a huge passion for Elaine & she would like to stress her feelings of pride for the 10,000 people educated through LWT's work each year. Elaine is leaving position as Chair in the knowledge that this work will continue to grow & develop especially with our new Youth Board who will work with and advise Board of Trusts and Senior Management at LWT.

1. Introduction of the AGM Formal Business

Stephen Snaith (Hon Secretary) introduced the formal business of the meeting. There were no formal apologies received. Context given on the Board including clarifying on the terms for length of Trustee position, and the skillset requirement of future Trustee's and succession plan for the board. Hon Sec provided some background on the new Youth Board, who will be meeting regularly with all 10 Trustees & SMT at LWT to share their views on all LWT matters.

Tony Richardson is standing for election during today's meeting.

2. Minutes of the 40th AGM

The minutes were accepted as a true record by a show of hands from members and signed by the Chair; there were no votes against or abstentions.

3. Matters arising

There were no matters arising.

4. Presentation and approval of Audited Accounts for year ended 31st March 2022

Hannah Fox (new Hon. Treasurer) summarised the accounts for the last financial year. Accounts were given a clean audit and a glowing report by our auditors Crowe UK LLP. Hon Treasurer gave credit to LWT finance team for very good state of accounts. During 2020-2021 income at the Trust went up due to supporter from government funding & various funders. LWT left with a small surplus in 2022 which we are now spending (2022-2023), and trends are forecast to go back to normal. Thanks to our funders and corporate partners for their flexibility. Trust is in a healthy financial state & in line with plans. A very big thank you given to all members and funders for help contributing to this.

The Hon Sec proposed that the accounts be approved; 2nd by Mr John Tweddle and approved by show of hands with majority approval; 0 abstentions.

5. Reappointment of Auditors

The Hon Sec recommended the continued use of Crowe UK LLP as the Trust's auditors. This was approved by show of hands with majority approval; 0 abstentions. Hon Sec thanked new Hon Treasurer Hannah Fox.

6. Board Composition; Reappointment of Trustee; Appointment of new Trustees

New Trustees to the board Rachel Starling, Andrew Stephen & Tony Richardson gave brief introductions to why they have joined as Trustee of London Wildlife Trust.

Hon Sec formally proposed their appointment, which was seconded by fellow Trustees. All 3 appointments to the board were approved by show of hands with majority approval: 0 abstentions.

Hon Sec formally proposed the re appointment of Dr John Tweddle for a further year, which was seconded by fellow Trustees. This appointment to the Board was approved by show of hands with majority approval: 0 abstentions.

7. Proposal for Board 2022/23

Hon. Secretary Stephen Snaith confirms the board of Trustees for 2022/2023 as Mr Rufus Radcliffe, Dr Stephen Snaith, Ms Hannah Fox, Dr Melissa Glackin, Dr John Tweddle, Ms Amy Mount, Mr Kapila Perera, Mr Tony Richardson, Mr Andrew Stephen and Ms Rachel Starling.

This was approved by show of hands with majority approval; 0 abstentions.

Hon Sec thanked all members of Board of Trustees.

8. AOB

No formal AOB.

An introduction to London Wildlife Trust's new Youth Board was given by 2 members of the board; Jazzie Peffly and Haleema Sharif. Jazzie spoke about the goals of the Youth Board & importance of working with Trustees as this is a great opportunity to involve the next generation of young people.

9. Address by new Incoming Chair of Trustees - Rufus Radcliffe

Address by LWT's new incoming Chair of Trustees – Rufus Radcliffe spoke on his career & interest in both the sector & London Wildlife Trust.

10. Q&A – Rufus Radcliffe Chair & Gordon Scorer, CEO.

Close of Formal Business at 5:30-5:45 PM

Members' evening begins

Tea & biscuits served

5:45 pm Overview of the Year - Mathew Frith, Director of Policy & Research

6:30pm Closing remarks – Gordon Scorer, Chief Executive Officer London Wildlife Trust