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Bristol Corn Trade Guild minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Thursday 11th May 2023 at Junction 24, Sedgemoor Auction Centre, Market Way, North Petherton, Somerset TA6 6DF

Present Chairman of the Meeting: Daniel Hughes, Vice-President
63 Guild Members
Minutes taken by Victoria Bywater, Secretary BCFTA

Apologies Daniel Hughes welcomed members to the Annual meeting of the Bristol Corn Trade Guild.
Daniel Hughes confirmed apologies had been received from Neil Chapman, President, Richard Cooksley Honorary Secretary & Honorary Treasurer and from 12 members.

- 1 Convening Notice** Daniel Hughes confirmed that the notice convening the meeting had been sent to all members informing them that the Annual General Meeting of the Bristol Corn Trade Guild would take place on Thursday 11th May 2023.
- 2 Obituaries** Daniel Hughes reported to the meeting that Mike Fairey, Dorothy King and Brian Williams had passed away since the last AGM.
- 3 Approval of Minutes of the AGM held on 17th May 2022** It was proposed by Dave Stanford and seconded by Ian Eastwood that the minutes of the last AGM held on the 17th May 2022 should be accepted which was unanimously approved.
- 4 One Hundred and Twenty Third Annual Report & Accounts** Daniel Hughes confirmed that the annual Executive Committee report was enclosed within the financial report produced by Bishop Fleming and that the accounts had been approved by the Executive Committee.

Daniel Hughes further reported the following:
 - a. It has Charitable funds of £310,294 at the end of 2022 of which £275,463 was held as investments, which are subject to changes according to market conditions
 - b. Charitable Grants of £6,800 were given in 2022 which is an increase of £1,700 over the previous year

Daniel Hughes confirmed that the Guild looks to members of the trade and the



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BCFTA to act as eyes and ears to make the Guild aware of potential individuals to assist giving financial and emotional support.

Daniel Hughes read aloud an email received recently from a beneficiary (the details of the beneficiary were anonymised).

It was proposed by Mike Spencer and seconded by James Reeson that the accounts should be approved which was unanimously approved by all present.

5 Presidents Report Daniel Hughes confirmed that there was no President's Report as the President was not able to attend the meeting.

6 Election of Executive Committee Election of President

Daniel Hughes confirmed that the nomination from the Executive Committee for President was himself which was proposed by Ian Eastwood, seconded by Dave Stanford and unanimously supported. Daniel Hughes was duly elected as President of the Guild.

Election of Vice-President

The President confirmed that the nomination from the Executive Committee was Eric Thomas, which was proposed by Mike Spencer, seconded by Andrew Davies and unanimously supported. Eric Thomas was duly elected as Vice-President of the Guild.

Election of Honorary Secretary & Honorary Treasurer

The President confirmed that Richard Cooksley was willing to stand again as Honorary Secretary and Honorary Treasurer which was proposed by Ian Eastwood, seconded by James Reeson and unanimously supported. Richard Cooksley was duly elected as Honorary Secretary and Honorary Treasurer.

Election of Executive Committee

The President confirmed that Steve Fear and George Seymour wished to stand down from the Executive Committee and therefore as a Trustee. The President thanked Steve Fear and George Seymour for their service to the Executive Committee and to the Guild.



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The President confirmed that Barrie Coombes, Mark Cox, John Townend and Dave Stanford retire on rotation and all offer themselves for re-election.

On the proposal made by Neil Richardson seconded by Eric Thomas, Barrie Coombes, Mark Cox, John Townend, Dave Stanford were elected unanimously en bloc to the Executive Committee.

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| 7 Appointment of Independent Examiners | Following the proposal made by Mark Budd and seconded by Dave Stanford, Bishop Fleming LLP were approved as independent examiners. |
| 8 Sporting Events | The President updated members on the potential of a golf tournament and encouraged anyone present with an interest in golf to contact the office. |

There being no further formal business pertinent to an AGM the President thanked the Members for their attendance and declared the meeting closed at 11.40hrs.