**Macular Society**

**Minutes of the Annual General Meeting 2021**

Owing to the COVID-19 pandemic, this meeting took place by video conference.

**Date:** Saturday 11 September 2021

**Present:** Cecilia Bufton, Chair and Company Director

Richard Piller, Honorary Treasurer and Company Director

Cathy Yelf, Chief Executive and Company Secretary

 Eighty six members were also present online.

The meeting began at 16.00.

The Chair, Cecilia Bufton welcomed those present to the 2021 AGM and she advised that only members of the Society could cast votes.

**Item 1: Minutes of 2020 meeting**

1. The Minutes of the meeting of Saturday 12 September 2020 were approved. **Proposed Richard Elliott. Seconded Barbara Hakes. Votes for 49 (including proxy votes), against 0, abstentions 7**.

**Item 2: Report and Accounts for 2020**

2. The Hon. Treasurer, Richard Piller presented the Annual Report and Accounts for the year ending 31 December 2020. The report and accounts were approved. **Proposed Tess Wareing, Seconded Mary Pilling. Votes for 23, against 0, abstentions 0.**

**Item 3: Appointment or reappointment of members of Council and Officers**

3. The Chair informed the meeting that the following Trustees were reappointed in April 2021: Paul Ryb and Bill Best were reappointed as Trustees for a further three-year term. James Potter and Patrick McGeough joined as new Trustees in November 2020. Charles Griffith joined as a new Trustee in May 2021. Anthony MacQuarrie resigned as Trustee in May 2021. The Chair was delighted to inform the meeting that Timothy ffytche, one of our founders, and a Trustee for thirty-three years, was invited to become President in February this year. The role of President in the Macular Society is reserved for individuals who have demonstrated outstanding service to the Society and that is an accolade that Tim truly deserves.

**Item 4: Appointment of Auditors and authorise Directors to fix their remuneration**

4. The Chair asked the meeting for approval to reappoint Clifford Fry as auditors. The Hon. Treasurer proposed no changes to the current arrangement. **Proposed Barbara Hakes. Seconded Barbara White.** **Votes for 11, against 0, abstentions 0. The Auditors were duly appointed for another year.**

**Item 5: Any other business**

 5. The Chair advised that there was one question – how many members were present at the AGM. The answer was 86.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 16.30.