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**Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Dry Stone Walling Association  
held on Saturday 16 March 2024 at the Westmorland County Showground and via Zoom**

**Present:** P Clayton (Chairman), T Blackwell, B Hartley, P Kirkup (z), A Loudon, J Taylor, M Tyler, L Noble, B Martindale & J Gwilliam and 5 members (z).

**In Attendance:** B Jones (Vice President), L Clarkson (Treasurer), K Dymock (Training & Education Co-ordinator), H Lewis (Office Administrator), H Robinson (Office Administrator)

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting, including our new Trustees and brief introductions were made.

**AGM24.1 Apologies**

Apologies were received from Lord Cavendish (President), C Noble, P Isherwood, R Love & J McClean

**AGM24.2 Minutes of the Annual General Meeting 2023**

That the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 11 March 2023 be adopted was proposed by T Blackwell and seconded by J Taylor. The minutes were agreed and signed.

**AGM24.3 Annual Report**

That the Annual Report for 2021/2022 as presented by the Chairman be adopted was proposed by M Tyler and seconded by A Loudon.

A summary of activity by the Association was given by the Chairman and the report adopted.

The Chair thanked Alison Shaw, who left us this last year after 20 years and welcomed Helen Lewis to the DSWA. Thanks was also given to Kate Dymock and Helen Robinson for all their hard work.

He also reported on the recent meeting with Lord Cavendish, whom he was delighted to say had agreed to continue to be our President for a further three years. Brian Jones and Bill Noble also agreed to stay on as Vice Presidents.

**AGM24.4 Accounts**

That the inspected accounts for the year ended 31 August 2023 as presented by the Treasurer be adopted was proposed by B Hartley and seconded by J Taylor.

The accounts were adopted.

**AGM24.5 Election of Trustees**

Seven nominations had been received and the meeting was pleased to welcome Paul Clayton, Andrew Loudon and Peter Isherwood back on to the Trustee Board for a further term of office and welcome new Trustee Board Members Jamie Gwilliam and Ben Martindale to the team. This brings the number of Trustees to eleven. The Trustee Board can co-opt up to one additional member for a period of one year, which would be carried out at the upcoming Trustee Board meeting.

**AGM24.6 Appointment of Independent Inspector/Auditor for the Annual Accounts**

That Stables, Thompson & Briscoe, Chartered Accountants & Registered Auditors be thanked for their services and be re-appointed for 2024/2025 was proposed by B Hartley and seconded by A Loudon.

**AGM24.7 Any Other Business**

There was nothing to report and the meeting was therefore closed.

Signed .....

Date .....