

RIBBLE VALLEY JAZZ AND BLUES LIMITED ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2020

Minutes of the meeting held at 7.30pm on Wednesday 25th March 2020

The meeting was held over the internet (in consequence of the social restriction set out to reduce the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic) by Sue Bradley (minutes), Dave Walters, Miles Peachey (Honorary Treasurer), Lorraine Grice and Jenni Schumann (apologies Paul Ellis). All decisions were made with reference to the proxy votes as received from the members listed below.

Eva Kahan	Elaine Shepherd
Peter Cocker	Bernard Shepherd
Matt Collinge	Ian Bott
Regina Fijalkowski	Paul Ellis
Alan Bramwell	Renee Cheetham
Don Rowbottom	Ian Cheetham
Flossie Rowbottom	George Arnold
Alfred Cerezo	Michael Clegg
Geoff Holmes	Helen Johnston
David Walters	Marie Jones
Elizabeth Walters	Gavin Westwood
David Meredith	Gabrielle Westwood
Rosemary Matthews	Sue Lightbown
Lorraine Grice	Trevor Marklew

Apologies: Jill Mitchell.

Thanks to Alfred Cerezo for facilitating the arrangements to enable this AGM to continue safely in the extraordinary circumstances of the Covid 19 pandemic were noted.

2. Minutes of previous AGM held 10th April 2019 were approved as accurate. There were no matters arising.

3. Trustees Annual Report - presented by Sue Bradley

Sue Bradley : it was noted that due to the onset of the Covid 19 pandemic the plans as outlined in Appendix B of the Annual Report as attached to the Annual accounts were now substantially altered. The changes will be reflected in the forthcoming report relating to 2019 2020.

An intention to arrange for a special meeting for the membership of Ribble Valley Jazz and Blues once the current crisis subsides, to reflect on past activities, future plans and enjoy jazz was agreed. The timing of this will depend on the country's progress of recovery from the Covid 19 pandemic.

4. Financial Report – presented by Miles Peachey.

MP stated that the Financial Report for 2018 2019 is on the Club's website. He noted the clarification on depreciation on its most recent draft. He noted that over the year in question the accounts showed a surplus of £2724.00 leaving a total of funds brought forward to the current year as £16,363.00.

Members sending votes by proxy agreed to approve the accounts unanimously. Following approval, the accounts will now be signed by Treasurer Miles Peachey and Board Secretary Sue Bradley ready to forward to Companies House and the Charity Commission

5. Election of Committee Members

Ian Parkinson's resignation as Chair due to family commitments was noted, and thanks given to him for his work in supporting the sustainability of the organisation.

Following a unanimous proxy membership vote the current Trustees were re-elected to the Board:

Sue Bradley
Paul Ellis
Lorraine Grice
Miles Peachey
Jenni Schumann
Dave Walters

Three new Trustees were given unanimous approval by the membership voting by proxy. The following were duly welcomed to the Board and plans made for their welcome and induction as Trustees.

Ivana Douglas
Phil Lee
Kate Lowes

6. Life-Time Membership Awards

Plans for this award are on hold awaiting a safe opportunity for celebration later in the year.

7. Information to Club Membership

Minutes of this meeting will be put onto the club website with a supporting newsletter. Questions from members will be invited and fielded to appropriate Trustees. The need to populate the website and social media with useful news and examples of creative music making to keep interest and the club sustainable was noted.

We also noted the emerging creative ways of supporting self-employed band and session leaders, as well as other musicians in the coming months to be discussed by the Trustee Board, as well as new ways of reaching audiences through radio stations and the web.

The meeting closed at 8.30pm

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