MINUTES of the 38th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the RAMBLERS' ASSOCIATION SCOTLAND – GLASGOW GROUP held by Zoom on SATURDAY, 21st NOVEMBER, 2020.

The meeting commenced at 10.34 and 22 members of the Glasgow Group were present.

AGM 20/01 Introduction by Chairman

Catherine Watt introduced herself, welcomed everyone and indicated that she would be chairing the meeting apart from the election of the committee when she would hand over to Ian Brooke. The documents for the AGM had been circulated to members by email. These included the Agenda, previous AGM minutes, the Annual Report including the Financial Report, Motions and the Group Constitution.

The Chairman welcomed Jim Riddell as a member and also an observer representing the North Strathclyde Area

AGM 20/02 Apologies for absence

It was noted that apologies had been received from Gary Linstead and Barry Pottle.

AGM 20/03 Minutes of the 37th Annual General Meeting of the Group held on 9th Nov 2019
Accuracy - Spelling error of a participant's name to be corrected.

AGM 20/04 Matters arising from those Minutes
There were no Matters Arising and the Minutes were approved.

AGM 20/05 Annual Report of the Group Committee and Statement of Accounts for the year ended 30th September, 2020

The Annual Report and Financial Report had been circulated to the members. The Chairman highlighted that, despite the pandemic, great progress had been made in the production of a leaflet for the Magnificent Eleven route. Special thanks to all five members involved and especially Ian Brooke.

It was agreed to record that the Annual Report had been received by the meeting.

Alan Watt, the Treasurer stated that the group finances were healthy. He further explained that a large number of entries in the Social Fund Account related to payments and refunds for a weekend away which was cancelled. For the new financial year, Ramblers GB had introduced a requirement that groups should submit a budget request. The group budget was accepted for 2020/21.

It was agreed to record that the audited Statements of Account had been received by the meeting.

AGM 20/06 Election of Honorary Officers

Chairman
Catherine Watt *Proposer* - Marion Ganthony *Seconder* - Geoff Der

Treasurer
Alan Watt *Proposer* - Geoff Der *Seconder* - Annette Bonar

Secretary
Gerard McCrear *Proposer* - Bobby Robb *Seconder* - Helen Sweeting

There were no other nominations for the posts. Votes were taken and all 3 nominees were unanimously elected.

AGM 20/07 Election of other Committee members

It was stated that the following were willing to be nominated:
Annette Bonar, Steve Cartwright, Betty Stowe, Geoff Der, Gareth Morgan
Bobby Robb and Barry Pottle

Ian suggested that the nominees could be elected *en bloc*
Proposer – Catherine Voss *Seconder* - Anne Morgan

All the nominees were duly unanimously elected.

AGM 20/08 Appointment of Independent Examiner for 2020/21

Helen Sweeting was nominated
Proposer - Joyce White *Seconder* - Catherine Watt.

The appointment was agreed unanimously

AGM 20/09 Motions affecting the Group Constitution

Two motions affecting the group constitution had been received within the time constraints.

a) First Motion submitted by the Glasgow Group Committee:

"In section 6 part 3, section 7 part 1, and section 11 the term Chairman should be replaced by the term Chair."

Catherine explained why a change was necessary and opened it up for discussion One person asked for clarification.
The motion was proposed by Catherine Watt and seconded by Gerard McCrear.

The motion was passed unanimously.

b) Second Motion submitted by Glasgow Group Committee:

Section 10 of the constitution dealing with the AGM states that
"Notice shall be given in writing to each member in the group".

The motion is to replace the above with the following

“The notice of the AGM shall, from 2021, be published on the group website in October and will ***only*** be sent by email unless a request has been made to the Secretary by the 30th September for a copy to be sent through the post.”

Catherine explained the history behind the motion and why a change was sought. Comments were asked for and Geoff Der proposed an amendment to re-arrange the wording for the clarification of the motion.

The amended wording of the motion would read:
“The notice of the AGM shall, from 2021, be published on the group website in October and will be sent by email ***only,*** unless a request has been made to the Secretary by the 30th September for a copy to be sent through the post.’

This amendment was seconded by Helen Sweeting and passed unanimously.

The amended motion was then proposed by Catherine Watt and seconded by Betty Stowe.

The members voted unanimously in favour of the motion as amended.

AGM 20/10 Ordinary Motions

The Chairman pointed out that the Constitution required seven days’ notice of any motion should be given. No motions had been received within that period.

AGM 20/11 Election of Representatives to Area Council and Scottish Council

It was indicated that Gareth Morgan and Annette Bonar were willing to be nominated to Area Council. Catherine Watt proposed both nominations and Gerard McCrear seconded. This was agreed unanimously

Catherine Watt was willing to be nominated as representative to the Scottish Council. Kirstie McLachlan proposed and Anne Morgan seconded. The nomination was agreed unanimously

AGM 20/12 Any other competent business

Nil

There being no further business, the meeting was declared closed at 11.14