

Oldham Community Leisure Limited
Annual General Meeting
6:30pm, 16th of September 2021
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Present

Lesley Clegg, Kate Foster, Nigel Harrison (Chair), Steve Holden, Stuart Lockwood, Louise Walton, Dave Whaley, Patrick Wolstenholme and Laurie Wood.

1. Chairman's Announcement and Notice to Convene the Meeting

The Chair opened the meeting and thanked individuals for their attendance. Notice was made to convene the meeting.

2. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Julie Alston, Janet Appleyard, Tracy Delaney, Nick Hewitt, Rachel Holloway, Alison Jennings, Sheena McDonnell, Danuta Neild, Andrew Price, Shaun Slater, Jo Smallwood, Kelly Tattersall, Paul Thewlis, Lynn Wallace and Kay Wheelton.

3. Previous Minutes

The minutes of the meeting were agreed as a correct record and there were no matters arising.

4. Annual Accounts / Auditors Report

SH updated that the accounts had been approved by the Board and were for the shareholders to adopt at the AGM meeting.

SH updated that there are two sets of accounts presented, one for OCL and a second (the one that is sent to be published) being a consolidation set of OCL and WBL together. The OCL accounts show a surplus which include contribution from non-standard sources which include the Council support which is over and above the management fee and also funding from the Government's Coronavirus Job Retention Fund. However, the consolidated accounts show an overall deficit for the year. It is forecast that going forward a break even position will be achieved and on that basis the accounts have been signed as a going concern.

All shareholders in attendance were in favour of accepting the accounts.

APPROVED: The report was adopted at the AGM as proposed.

5. Retention of Auditors

SH updated that although a further three year term for the current auditors had been approved and we were now into our second year of this period, there was a requirement to review this each year. SH was positive about the work that the auditors had done within this period and the recommendation was to continue with the agreement. It was felt it would be detrimental at this stage to change and thanks were given to the team for their work and continued support so far.

All shareholders in attendance were in favour of continuing with Wallwork, Nelson & Johnson as recommended.

APPROVED: It was approved that Wallwork, Nelson & Johnson would continue to undertake the company audits as required for the next year period with further review at the next AGM.

6. Highlights 2020/21

SL went through a presentation covering the highlights of the period which focused mostly on the positive work done during lockdown and the pandemic.

NH commented that it had been a tough year and that the team had done some tremendous work within this time. Looking back we should be able to say we did our best and showed real resilience and we need to promote the positives of this.

LWood wished to reinforce the words of NH, explaining that she had seen real innovation by OCL over the period and for many members the centres and activities had been a real lifeline and it is hoped that this will be rewarded with loyalty. The team have shown real professionalism and have been an inspiration.

7. Director Update

LW confirmed that the recommendations that had been proposed to the AGM, include thanks to NH, the current Chair, who will retire later in September following ten years' service. NH's support and commitment during this time has been very much appreciated. It had been approved at the recent Board meeting that Sheena McDonnell would be appointed new Chair and would assume the role on NH's retirement.

Once SMcD assumes her position work will be done to review the current Board membership and current Sub Committees and recruit to these where required.

All shareholders in attendance were in favour of the recommendations put forward.

APPROVED: It was approved that thanks be relayed to Nigel Harrison and that following the commencement of the new Chair the vacant positions within the Board are reviewed as well as the membership of the subcommittees.

8. Close of Meeting

NH thanked those present for their attendance and thanked everybody for their hard work during the year.