

Oldham Community Leisure Limited
Annual General Meeting
Thursday, 22nd September 2022 - 5.15pm
Chadderton Wellbeing Centre

Present

Julie Alston, Nick Hewitt, Steve Holden, Stuart Lockwood, Karen Lord, Sheena McDonnell, Miranda Meadowcroft, Shaun Slater, Carolyn Tipper, Louise Walton 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 Kate Foster, Rachel Holloway, Charis Hughes, Alison Jennings, Colin Murray, Danuta Neild, Jo Smallwood, Beth Sutcliffe, Lynn Wallace, Kay Wheelton and Patrick Wolstenholme.

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 breakeven position. Glo Gym and any grant funded activity which took place within WBL has now been transferred across to OCL in anticipation of WBL being wound up once the accounts are submitted.

SH confirmed that the report was presented to the OCL Board in May and since there have not been any significant changes. MM commented that there had been an increase in sundry expenses and asked for some clarification on this. SH agreed to respond to all outside of the meeting, but later provided the explanation being in part due to covid related closures prompting changed spend patterns over time and some more specific spend items including uniform and training.

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 because there had been some discussion regarding the changing of the status of the company to a registered charity the intention had been to retain the auditors for a further year. However, as there are no immediate plans to change the company status it was felt necessary to retender and return to an EGM with any proposed changes. SH updated that it was likely that the existing auditors, Mazars the company's previous auditors and perhaps one other would be explored.

APPROVED: It was approved that a tender exercise would be undertaken for OCL going forward.

6. Highlights 2021/22

SL went through a presentation covering the highlights of the period the key points covered included:

- How the pandemic shaped things
- Facility improvements
- Team changes
- A farewell to Glo Gym
- Community Development
- The numbers
- The year ahead

MM asked how the free showers would link with social care. SL responded that OCL are trying to support the local community with accessible facilities, some of which may be better than those in their own home or for those who cycle to work to allow shower facilities or those who just wish to keep their bills affordable at home.

SMc confirmed that it had been a great first year as Chair, looking back and remembering how tough things were at times. SMc relayed thanks to colleagues who have worked hard and given the company a good reputation with customers and partners. SMc relayed that as an exempt charity that OCL do reinvest in the community. SMc relayed that the improvements to the Young Person's membership and offering is developing healthy habits in young people and it has great developing the new strategy and values with colleagues. SMc confirmed that we need to be cautious of the year ahead with the Cost of Living crisis.

7. Company Name Change

SL ran through the key highlights of the presentation which included:

- Mission / Purpose
- Five values
- Strategic Aims

The intention was to try to modernise and simplify things across the company, particularly moving to one branding message and this had been approved recently at the Board.

The change requires a shareholder vote to change the company name to Oldham Active and all present were in favour of the change.

APPROVED: The company name to be officially changed to Oldham Active.

8. Director Update

LW confirmed that the recommendations that had been proposed to the AGM, include thanks to Joanne Smallwood, who will retire from her role of Employee Director later in September following six years' service in the role. JS's support and commitment during this time has been very much appreciated. The vacant Employee Director position had been advertised and one individual only applied, therefore Charis Hughes (Leisure Attendant – Oldham Leisure Centre) will assume the position on JS retirement from the role.

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

APPROVED: It was approved that thanks be relayed to JS and that CH will assume the new Employee Director role.

9. Close of Meeting

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