



Registered Charity No. 1059537

Minutes of the Extra-Ordinary General Meeting of the Glamorgan Family History Society held online via Zoom at 11 am on Saturday 7 November 2020.

The EGM commenced at 11.00 am.

Chairman of Meeting: Sue Hamer (Vice Chairman), Co-hosts: Jane Graves (Cardiff & Vale Branch Trustee) and Jeff Coleman (Swansea Branch Trustee)

Other Society Officers/Trustees Present: Meic Jones (Chairman), Sian Jones (Secretary), Nancy Thomas (Trustee), Ian Black (Trustee), Pat Rees (Aberdare), Sue Tiller (Bridgend) and Carolyn Jacob (Merthyr).

There were a total of 50 members present including the above Society Officers and Trustees.

Apologies for Absence had been received from Nick Davey and Megan Edwards.

1. Sue Hamer, the Chairman of the meeting, welcomed everyone and commented that this was the highest attendance for a General Meeting for a long time.
 - 1.1 She introduced the co-hosts Jane Graves and Jeff Coleman who would help with the administration of the meeting, make a list of the attendees, count the votes and answer any questions via the Chat feature etc.
 - 1.2 She also mentioned that this was a chance to try out how an online general meeting would work before the Society Annual General Meeting in March.
2. The reason for holding the meeting was explained as well as the procedure for voting.
 - 2.1 There had not been a quorum (25) present at the AGM on 29 February 2020 in order to make proposed changes to the Constitution.
 - 2.2 An additional clause had been proposed to enable the Society to make decisions via virtual (online) meetings.
 - 2.3 Members could use a Voting Card, paper with the word 'YES' or the thumbs up symbol under the 'Reactions' button.
3. Three members had sent in their 'agreement' with the proposed changes to the constitution. A vote was taken whether these could be included in the voting. All attendees agreed they be included.
4. SH then read out and explained the five proposed amendments (see Appendix) to the Society Constitution. These had been re-circulated to Society members via the September journal.

A number of questions were raised from members as follows:

- 4.1 Diane Brook commented (18.3) that even when we return to face to face general meetings then having the facility to allow members to attend 'virtually' would be preferable and would ensure that a quorum was reached each time. SH agreed and said that these different ways of organizing the general meetings would be looked as well as including other changes

such as postal voting.

4.2 Neil Merchant asked how the recommendation that Officers should have been members for two years prior to appointment (7.10) would work in practice. SH It would be decided at an Executive Committee Meeting and if the person had the relevant skills and experience they could initially be co-opted to the role on a temporary basis.

4.3 Tony Hopkins asked whether the phrase 'for the time being' had a legal meaning (18.2). JC replied that it meant someone who was a current or honorary member. SH commented that the attendance list for this meeting had been checked to ensure all were current members.

4.4 Stephen Fairhurst asked what would happen at the end of five years when the Officers finished would be Society cease (7.6)? SH replied that members could be co-opted to fill the positions on a temporary basis as had happened this year where we have a Finance Team currently covering the vacancy for Society Treasurer so that the Society continues to function.

5. SH then asked the members present to vote on the five amendments to the Constitution en bloc. JC and JG checked the individual votes both visually and on chat, for those not using video, and confirmed that the motion was passed. There were no votes against.

SH thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

The Extra-Ordinary General Meeting closed at 11.20. and was followed by announcements about forthcoming online events and a presentation by Sue Hamer – 'Lost in the Census'.