

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

STAMMA, the British Stammering Association
Saturday 17th August 2024, 12.15 pm - 12:40 pm
Nottingham & Trent university, Nottingham NG1 4FQ

Attending in person*:

Trustees: Paul Fix (Interim Chair), Pete Bryan (Treasurer), Deborah Johnston (Interim Vice Chair), Alex Harrison, Ahmad Bismallah, Gill Rudd, Dean Ridge, Allison Burrow, Gill Rudd.

Staff: Jane Powell, Kirsten Howells, Verena Meyners, Steven Halliday, Pritie Billimoria, Neha Shaji, Manisha Vora, Catherine Woolley, Vidya Bijarnia.

Members included: Nic Maddy, John Russell, Christine Simpson, Allan Tyrer, Derek Maynard, Bhupinder Purewal, Yubo Lin, Brian Patton, John Evans, Neil Morjaria, Rory Sheridan.

*The paper circulated for members to sign was unfortunately lost, so this is an incomplete list. [Please email mail@stamma](mailto:mail@stamma) if you were in attendance so we can add you to the list.

1 Welcome and Apologies

Paul Fix welcomed members to the meeting and advised that he had received apologies from Stuart Bailey, Rita Hilliard, John Hall, John Carling, Colin Marsh.

Paul announced that he was acting chair as Joanna Gaukroger had to step down due to illness but updated that she is making good progress. The recruitment process for a new Chair of Trustees was now complete, and Roger Pim will take up the post in October at our Board Meeting.

2 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Motion: That the Minutes of the previous meeting be accepted as a true record **Proposed** by Neil Morjaria, Seconded by Deborah Johnson.

There were no matters arising from the Minutes.

3 Finance Report and Accounts

Pete Bryan, STAMMA Treasurer introduced the Statutory Accounts 2023. Pete noted the following:

We spent more than we made in 2023 (a deficit of £313k on 2023, versus a surplus of £159k in 2022).

- The difference between the two years was legacy income, with a legacy of £305k in 2022 v £25k in 2023, which was the the first year without the National Lottery Grant.

- We used our legacy income and the National lottery to increase services, which is a continuation of our plan, to fund this difference from our reserves.
- Our aim is to become sustainable financially over the next 2-3 years.
- We expect to reduce the deficit to £250k in 2024, and to increase income.
- Income generation will be a major focus area for 2025. We have employed a new fundraising manager recently, complemented by new trustees with specialised fundraising expertise.

Motion: That the AGM receive and consider the annual report of the Board of Trustees, including the annual statement of accounts.

Proposed by Pete Bryan, seconded by Rory Sheridan

The full audited accounts have been approved by the Board and lodged with the Charity Commission. They are available on the STAMMA website at <https://stamma.org/about-us/constitution-finances>

4 Appointment of Independent Auditors

Pete stated that the Board were keen to continue with an external professional audit to give Trustees and Members firm assurance about the integrity and accuracy of the Charity's financial reporting.

Motion: That the AGM agrees to the appointment of Royce Peeling Green Ltd as the Charity's auditors for 2024/2025.

Proposed by Allison Burrow, seconded by Gillian Rudd

5 Appointment of new trustees following the 2023 Election

The Chair announced that Lucy Weldon and Oliver Wills, who had come first and second in the 2023 Trustee Elections and would now join the Board of Trustees.

Paul thanked Gill Rudd who would be stepping down this year for all her tremendous work on the Board over the last six years, and that he had presented her with a token of our thanks outside the AGM.

6. Five-Year Plan

Jane Powell, CEO, introduced the new strategic direction of STAMMA. Over the next 5 years we will focus on illustrating the barriers that people who stammer can face and support organisations to take these barriers down. We started with demonstrating how hard it is for people who stammer to make a simple GP appointment and have now moved on to ordering a coffee. We'll then tackle contact centres.

The formal business of the meeting concluded at 12.45 pm and was followed by an interactive session.