

## **BRISTOL CORN AND FEED TRADE ASSOCIATION LTD**

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2024 starting at 11am at Haynes Motor Museum, Sparkford, Yeovil, Somerset BA22 7LH.

Meeting chaired by Eric Thomas, President until agenda item 5 after which James Reeson President-Elect chaired the meeting. Minutes taken by Victoria Bywater, Secretary.

27 Member Companies represented with apologies received from 15 Member Companies.

The President confirmed that notice had been given to Member Companies via email that the Annual General Meeting (AGM) of members would take place at 11.00am on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2024 starting at 11am at Haynes Motor Museum, Sparkford, Yeovil, Somerset BA22 7LH for the purposes of transacting the business as per the notice of the meeting.

### **1. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 11<sup>th</sup> May 2023**

The President confirmed that the minutes of the AGM held on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2023 at Junction 24, Sedgemoor Auction Centre, Somerset were circulated to all members and published on the Association website.

On a proposal of the Ian Eastwood (Cefetra) and seconded Neil Richardson (Wynnstay Group plc) the minutes of the previous AGM were approved as a true record, all agreed.

### **2. ANNUAL REPORT**

The President confirmed that the Annual Report had been sent to all member companies as part of the notice of the meeting.

On the proposal of James Reeson (Bristol Port Company), seconded by Mark Budd (Verriere & Co. (Bristol) Ltd) the Annual Report was unanimously approved.

### **3. ANNUAL ACCOUNTS**

The President confirmed the accounts as produced by Bishop Fleming LLP had been circulated with the notice of the meeting to all member companies' representatives.

As no questions were raised, Paul Roberts (AB Nutrition Ltd.) proposed the adoption of the annual accounts, seconded by Neil Richardson (Wynnstay Group plc) and were unanimously approved.

### **4. ELECTION OF THE PRESIDENT, VICE-PRESIDENT AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

The President confirmed that Sarah Bond would be standing down from the Executive Committee after over 10 years' service due to work commitments. The President thanked Sarah for her valuable contribution.

The President also thanked Lewis Cottey of ADM Agriculture Ltd who had stood down from the Executive Committee during the year for his contribution.

Election of President

The President thanked the members, the Executive Committee for their support during his year in office and offered his ongoing support to the Association and the Executive Committee in the future.

The President confirmed that the nomination from the Executive Committee for the role of President was James Reeson (Bristol Port Company).

On the proposal of the President, seconded by Mark Budd (Verriere & Co. (Bristol) Ltd), James Reeson (Bristol Port Company) was unanimously elected President and was presented with his engraved silver lapel nail in recognition of his appointment.

The newly-elected President, James Reeson (Bristol Port Company) thanked Eric for his service to the trade and Sarah Bond for her service over the last 10 years.

#### Election of Vice-President

The President confirmed that the nomination from the Executive Committee for the role of Vice-President was Alison Boydell (Duffields (South West) Ltd).

On the proposal of the President, seconded by Paul Roberts (AB Nutrition Ltd.) Alison Boydell (Duffields (South West) Ltd) was unanimously elected Vice-President.

#### Election of Executive Committee

The President confirmed that on rotation James Butt-Evans (AB Agri Ltd), Ian Eastwood (Cefetra), Daniel Hughes (Prime Molasses Ltd), Daniel McCreadie (Mole Valley Feed Solutions Ltd), Matthew Tickle (Dugdale Nutrition Ltd) and Jonathan Wright (Willett & Son (Bristol) Ltd) retire from the Executive Committee under the three-year rule but offer themselves for re-election.

On the proposal of Paul Roberts (AB Nutrition Ltd.), seconded by Mark Budd (Verriere & Co. (Bristol) Ltd) were unanimously re-elected to the Executive Committee.

The President confirmed that James Buckley of ADM Agriculture Ltd offers himself for election for the Executive Committee to represent ADM Agriculture Ltd.

On the proposal of Paul Roberts (AB Nutrition Ltd.), seconded by Mark Budd (Verriere & Co. (Bristol) Ltd) James Buckley (ADM Agriculture Ltd.) was unanimously elected to the Executive Committee.

## **5. APPOINTMENT OF INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS**

The President confirmed the following a review of comparison charges, it is the recommendation of the Executive Committee to appoint Bishop Fleming LLP to continue to be the Independent Examiners.

The President proposed Bishop Fleming LLP to be appointed as Independent Examiners for 2024, seconded by Mark Cox (Trouw Nutrition GB), all approved.

**6. TO CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING INCREASE IN MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTION FEES FROM 1<sup>ST</sup> JANUARY 2024 AS FOLLOWS:**

The President confirm that the nomination from Executive Committee is to not to increase the annual fee for Full, Associate or Individual Membership for the year 2025 seconded by Mark Budd (Verriere & Co (Bristol) Ltd.), all agreed.

**VOTE OF THANKS**

The President recorded a vote of thanks to the Members of the Association, the Executive Committee and to Victoria Bywater, Secretary.

**ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

There being no further items pertinent to an AGM the President closed the meeting at 11.14hrs.