



# BRISTOL CORN TRADE GUILD

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**Bristol Corn Trade Guild minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2024 at Haynes Motor Museum, Sparkford, Yeovil, Somerset BA22 7LH.**

- Present** Chairman of the Meeting: Daniel Hughes, President  
67 Guild Members  
Minutes taken by Victoria Bywater, Secretary BCFTA
- Apologies** The President welcomed members to the Annual meeting of the Bristol Corn Trade Guild.  
Daniel Hughes confirmed apologies had been received from Richard Cooksley Honorary Secretary & Honorary Treasurer and from 15 members.
- 1 Convening Notice** The President confirmed that the notice convening the meeting had been sent to all members informing them that the Annual General Meeting of the Bristol Corn Trade Guild would take place on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2024.
- 2 Obituaries** The President reported to the meeting that no Members had passed away since the last AGM.
- 3 Approval of Minutes of the AGM held on 11<sup>th</sup> May 2023** The President confirmed that the minutes of the AGM held on the 11<sup>th</sup> May 2023 were circulated to all members prior to the meeting.  
It was proposed by Dave Stanford and seconded by Eric Thomas that the minutes of the last AGM held on the 18<sup>th</sup> May 2023 should be accepted which was unanimously approved.
- 4 One Hundred and Twenty Fourth Annual Report & Accounts** Daniel Hughes confirmed that the annual Executive Committee report was enclosed within the financial report produced by Bishop Fleming and that the accounts had been approved by the Executive Committee.  
  
Daniel Hughes further reported the following:
- The Charitable funds of £312.086 at the end of 2023 of which £278,964 was held as investments, and are subject to changes according to market conditions
  - Charitable Grants of £11,760 were given in 2023 which is an increase of £4,960 over 2022
  - The Guild thanks the members of the Association for the donation of £3,255.00 from the proceeds of BCFTA Annual dinner raffle
  - Up until this year the Association has paid for the independent review of the accounts and they are thanked for this support



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It was proposed by Ian Eastwood and seconded by Johnathan Wright that the annual report and annual accounts should be approved which was unanimously approved by all present.

- 5 Presidents Report** The President confirmed that he had not prepared a President's Report.
- 6 Amendment to the Charitable Objectives** The President updated the meeting that it is necessary to consider the following amendments to the Charitable Objects to widen the scope of potential beneficiaries:
- (A) To assist those Members, whether active, retired or honorary, their wives, husbands, widows, widowers, children or other dependents ~~who through force of circumstances~~ and who in the opinion of the Executive Committee require and deserve such assistance.
- (B) To assist those persons, and their dependents, who have at one time been Members of or benefactors to the Society who through force of circumstances and who in the opinion of the Executive Committee require and deserve such assistance.
- (C) To assist those persons **currently or** previously employed by firms or companies engaged in the grain, feed, flour or allied trades, not being Members of Society, who in the opinion of the Executive Committee require and deserve such assistance.

It was proposed by Paul Roberts and seconded by James Reeson that the above amendment to the Charitable Objects should be approved which was unanimously approved by all present.

- 7 Election of Executive Committee**
- Election of President
- The President confirmed that the nomination from the Executive Committee for President was Eric Thomas which was proposed by Mark Cox, seconded by Ian Eastwood and unanimously supported. Eric Thomas was duly elected as President of the Guild.
- Election of Vice-President
- Daniel Hughes confirmed that the nomination from the Executive Committee was James Reeson, which was proposed by the newly elected President, Eric Thomas, seconded by Paul Roberts and unanimously supported. James Reeson was duly elected as Vice-President of the Guild.
- Election of Honorary Secretary & Honorary Treasurer



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Daniel Hughes confirmed that Richard Cooksley was willing to stand again as Honorary Secretary and Honorary Treasurer which was proposed by Neil Richardson, seconded by Paul Roberts and unanimously supported. Richard Cooksley was duly elected as Honorary Secretary and Honorary Treasurer.

### Election of Executive Committee

Daniel Hughes confirmed that Neil Chapman wished to stand down from the Executive Committee and therefore as a Trustee. Daniel Hughes thanked Neil Chapman for his service to the Executive Committee and to the Guild.

The President confirmed that Andrew Davies, BJP Nutter, Simon Prior, Mike Spencer and Daniel Hughes retire on rotation and all offer themselves for re-election.

On the proposal made by Neil Richardson seconded by Andrew Davies, BJP Nutter, Simon Prior, Mike Spencer and Daniel Hughes were elected unanimously en bloc to the Executive Committee.

- 7 Appointment of Independent Examiners** Following the proposal made by Mark Budd and seconded by Jonathan Wright, Bishop Fleming LLP were approved as independent examiners.
- 8 AOB** No items were raised.

There being no further formal business pertinent to an AGM Daniel Hughes thanked the Members for their attendance and declared the meeting closed at 11.20hrs.