



Minutes of the Fifty-Third Annual General Meeting of the Durrell Wildlife Conservation Trust

Held at the Celestial Hall, the Royal Yacht, Jersey, on Tuesday 19th September

Present

Phillip Callow (Chairman)	Nick Winsor (Trustee)
Dr Lesley Dickie (Chief Executive Officer)	Simon Dickson (Trustee)
Dr Lee Durrell (Honorary Director)	Simon Tonge (Trustee)
Kerry Lawrence (Honorary Secretary)	Leonie Herve (Minutes)
Ian Lazarus (Trustee)	

45 Members (additional guests in attendance following the formal business of the AGM)

Phillip Callow chaired the meeting.

The Chairman welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending the AGM, the fifty-third of the Trust.

Apologies were received from: Trustees - Rosie Trevelyan and Ewan Stirling. Staff - Amy Davies, Andrew Terry and Tim Wright. Trust Members - Mrs Trisha Kennedy, Reverend Kennedy, Mrs Wendy Buckley and Ms. Trudie Lee.

The Chairman explained the format of the AGM; talks from the Chairman and CEO; the AGM formal business; questions from the audience; a break with refreshments provided; followed by a talk from Dr Ian Singleton from the Sumatran Orangutan Conservation Programme. He introduced the Trustees that were present in the room and invited the audience to take the opportunity to talk to them after the AGM.

The Chairman spoke about some of the key achievements of 2016, gave an overview of the year's finances and thanked the people that enabled the organisation to deliver its objectives in 2016. He introduced Dr Lesley Dickie, Chief Executive Officer, who gave a short presentation on the highlights of the year.

1. To approve the Minutes of the fifty-second AGM on 25 July 2016

The Minutes of the fifty-second AGM held on the 25 July was proposed by Nick Winsor, seconded by John Hartley and unanimously approved.

2. To receive and consider the Annual Report of the Board of Trustees

The Annual Report was proposed, seconded and approved by the majority of members present with no votes against.

3. To receive and consider the Accounts for 2016

The adoption of the Accounts for 2016 was proposed by Pam Staley, seconded by Gary Clark and unanimously approved.

4. To accept the resignation of Trustees

The Chairman accepted the resignation of EJ Milner-Gulland, Elisabeth Lewis-Jones and Ewan Stirling, and thanked them for their contribution.

5. Chairman announces the election by members of new trustees

Mary Curtis was co-opted in March 2017 and it was recommended that she was formally elected onto the Board. The Chairman advised that the election via ballot had resulted in the formal election of Mary.

6. To appoint Auditors and authorise the Board of Trustees to agree their remuneration

The appointment of Grant Thornton as auditors and authority for the Board to agree their remuneration was proposed by Nick Winsor, seconded by Mary Curtis and unanimously approved.

7. To approve the rule change regarding membership benefits for 90 day period if in arrears with membership payment

The Chairman explained an issue had been identified in membership payments, where a small minority were taking advantage of a payment grace period. Therefore, it was proposed that this benefit ceased immediately.

The recommendation was proposed by Ian Lazarus, seconded by Simon Dickson and unanimously approved.

The revised rules would go to The Royal Court for adoption.

Any Other Business

The Chairman gave the opportunity to the audience to ask questions. A number of questions were asked including what made the Durrell Wildlife Camp unique; what was the split between restricted and unrestricted income; what is the biggest challenge to overcome; was there any intention for a sequel of 'The Durrells' based in Jersey and; had the Durrell branded bus had any impact on visitors.

The Chairman formally closed the meeting at 19.05. He advised that refreshments would be served ahead of a talk from Dr Ian Singleton, about the work of the Sumatran Orangutan Conservation Programme.

Phillip Callow - Chair

Date