



LEICESTER AREA ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the AGM of the above Area Association held on Tuesday 25th February 2020 at Salmon Public House, Butt Close Lane, Leicester, 12.00 noon.

Present: M White (MW)(Chair); D. Merriman (DM)(Treasurer); P Chidlow (PC)(Secretary); M Chelu (MC)(CSSC); P Marriott (PM); S Sowden (SS); S Foxton (SF); C Moore (CM).

Apologies: S Dhami; J Horn; A Desborough.

1. Welcome by Chair. Michael welcomed those present.
2. Adoption of AGM 2019 Minutes. The minutes of the 2019 AGM held on 25th February 2019 were signed as a true and correct record.
3. Matters arising – merger of Leicester and Northampton Areas.
4. Secretary's Report - the Secretary's report as noted below was adopted.
5. The Treasurer's report – the Treasurer confirmed that the Accounts had been audited and they were duly approved by those present.
6. Election of Officers and Committee, adoption of auditor.
 - Chairman –Michael White
 - Secretary – Pauline Chidlow
 - Treasurer – Dave Merriman

Committee –

- Jade Horn
- Ann Desborough
- Sat Dhami

- Paul Marriott

Auditor –

- Steve Smith

7. Update from Michelle Chelu

- New constitution for the joint Leicester and Northampton Area was signed by MW.
 - CSSC now has 8 Volunteer Team Leaders so MC only covers 10 areas.
 - National AGM and Volunteer Awards Ceremony at Celtic Manor, Newport, 22 June 2020.
 - Open Forum for Volunteers, Coventry, 13 May 2020.
 - CSSC Games, Warwick, July 2020.
 - CSSC Midlands Regional Conference, Derby, 24-25 October 2020.
 - CSSC Centenary Time Capsule visiting the Midlands Region 1-14 May 2020 and 3-10 July 2020.
8. A.O.B – SF asked if the committee would consider holding a bowls memorial tournament for Jim Wilson. PC to liaise with SF.

Close of AGM

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Welcome to the 2020 AGM.

2019 was another activity packed year for Leicester Area CSSC.

Our events this year included day trips to Kew Gardens and London, and we paid another visit to Ladies Day at Leicester Race Course. We saw a full programme of shows at the Curve Theatre, including musicals such as Les Misérables, West Side Story and On Your Feet.

My thanks to all members of the Committee and our volunteers for their continued hard work in organising these events.

2019 also saw us continuing our support of sports' club membership with our £40 per year cash back offer and our subsidies to various sporting teams, such as football and bowls teams.

In a bid to offer varied benefits to our members we have offered cash back on children's' pantomime tickets and tickets to shows in the Leicester Dave Comedy Festival.

Leicester CSSC also has corporate tickets to Chatsworth House and Historic Houses which have proved very popular with our members and so have provided the area with excellent value for money.

I hope that the amalgamation of the Leicester Area with the Northampton Area will bring benefits to members of both areas in the form of more local events.

I am very grateful to Michael White for stepping in as our Chairman after the departure of Rob Holmes. Rob Holmes gave many years of service to Leicester Area CSSC and we awarded him with a thank you trophy and gift back in November 2019. I want to welcome Paul Marriot and Ann Desborough as new volunteers from the Northampton Area. I want to say a big thank you to Dave Merriman who has put in a lot of work for CSSC Leicester this year both as Treasurer, administrator of the Chatsworth and Historic Houses Tickets and collecting payments and distributing tickets for our coach trips and theatre tickets.

The greatest threat to Leicester Area Association is still the impending closure of Saxon House and the dwindling numbers of HMRC staff in Leicester. During 2020 we will continue to search for new volunteers to keep the Area Association going, especially from our retired members and members from Government Departments other than HMRC. We will monitor the uptake of our coach trips by members and investigate options such as running joint trips with Northampton area. We will continue to explore new technologies and methods of working to ensure that the Area Association can carry on operating efficiently and independently of HMRC in the future, especially with the introduction of the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) which replaces the current UK data protection legislation. We have already embraced the use of the NuTickets system and plan to take advantage of social media by setting up a Facebook page this year.

Finally, I would like to thank our Committee members, volunteers and members for actively participating in CSSC locally and I look forward to a full programme of events in 2020.

Pauline Chidlow
Secretary