

Trustees Statement

In 2020 the trustees attempted to hold an annual general meeting on two occasions. The May meeting had to be deferred due to Government COVID 19 restrictions and so was rearranged at the same venue (The Livermead Hotel in Torquay) on the 21st October 2020. Whilst a number of trustees and members gathered at the hotel on that date for an RFA Association 'reunion', government COVID and hotel health restrictions meant that we were unable to gather in a room to hold the annual general meeting.

Apart from the voting for trustees and acceptance of the accounts the key item on the agenda was the acceptance of an amended constitution which had been updated to reflect the requirements of the latest UK charity legislation and modern practices. These changes had been widely circulated for comment and published in draft on the RFAA website.

At every RFAA AGM the majority of the votes cast are postal with those attending in the minority. In 2020 there were 129 postal votes cast of which 26 were intending to attend and vote at the AGM and 3 were spoiled. The results of the 100 cast were as follows:

Votes	For	Against	Abstain
Receive Trustees Annual Report and accounts	99	0	1
Appoint Peter Nicholls as Independent Examiner	99	0	1
To elect Ray Bennett	98	1	1
To elect Peter Fry	98	0	2
To elect Robert Settle	97	1	2
To elect Ian Thompson	98	1	1
To elect Keith Escott	98	0	2
To elect Martin Troman	99	0	1
To elect Pat Thompson	99	0	1
Adopt the revised RFAA Constitution 2020	100	0	0

As a result, the trustees have agreed to accept these voting results as representing a valid annual general meeting outcome and, most importantly, 100% of the votes cast are in favour of the amended constitution. The amended constitution has therefore been accepted.

The trustees will be happy to debate this decision, as required at the COVID delayed 2021 AGM at 1500 on the 20th October.