



Minutes – Annual General Meeting 2021

Annual General Meeting of CMT United Kingdom (CMTUK) was held on 21st May 2021 (online) chaired by Paul Fleming, with Simon Bull, Chief Executive.

Attendees

28 people in attendance online.

CMTUK Office staff and Simon Bull, Chief Executive, in attendance along with Emma Estridge (Mushroom Marketing) our event host.

Formal signing of the 2020 AGM Minutes

A motion to approve the minutes of the previous (18th April 2020) meeting was made by Paul Fleming, Chair and seconded by Simon Bull.

There was no dissent, minutes of the 2020 AGM were accepted.

Matters arising from the minutes

Members were asked if they had any topics or matters relating to the previous AGM, no indications were made.

Simon Bull confirmed that the AGM 2021 session was quorate with 23 members online and 18 Proxy Votes received into the office.

Chair's Report

The last 18 months or so has seen a change to the world as we know it due to the COVID-19 pandemic, it has had a great impact on us all personally and as an organisation.

I am pleased to see, as a charity, that we have managed very well to come through the downturn.

Thank you for your continued commitment and your ongoing support to our charity.

I want to take this opportunity to thank the staff for their commitment throughout the pandemic to support our members through email, telephone, or social media enquiries.

We have had interesting activities throughout the year, despite the pandemic, such as The Rare Film Awards, CMT Kids run by Karin Rodgers engaging with as many young people living with CMT as possible.

Awareness Month was held in October, in line with our partners in Europe, the campaign was successful, and we look forward to an equally successful campaign for 2022.

We had a series of seven exercise videos commissioned for people living with CMT, made available to our members.

Despite the pandemic, the Trustees have continued to meet regularly albeit online using ZOOM or using our WhatsApp group to keep in touch with what is happening at the Charity.

I have regular updates from Simon and am kept abreast of any issues or concerns I need to be aware of. In terms of governance, I can confirm that I believe the organization is in a strong position.

The pandemic has had a major impact on our events, we have planned online health and wellness sessions online for our members.

Treasurer's Report and Annual Accounts

It's worth noting financially it has been an unusual year in terms of income and expenditure.

Charity expenses have not been as high as normal due to limited abilities to carry out certain operations of the organisation.

Our operating cash position remains strong, we are in a good financial position and in terms of donations and legacies have remained strong.

It has certainly been a challenging year, but it is important to ensure our staff are recognised for their effort and commitment to CMTUK.

Vote to accept the Treasurer's Report: 27 votes in favour (9 present, 18 Proxy votes) none against and no abstentions. It was agreed to accept the report.

Retirements and Resignations of Directors

The following directors resigned in line with the articles: Paul Fleming, Sophie Arnold, and Richard Batchelor

Resolution: Re-Appointment of Directors

Resolution to reappoint Paul Fleming, Sophie Arnolds, and Richard Batchelor was agreed by everyone present and 18 Proxy Votes.

Fixing of Subscription for 2022

The Trustees do not propose to increase the subscription for 2021-2022, so will remain at £27.00.

The Subscription cost will be reviewed later in the year for 2022-2023.

No dissent recorded.

Appointment of Independent Examiner

I see no need to change the Independent Examiner, they do a fantastic job and are a reasonable rate.

No dissent recorded.

Any other competent business

Frank: More feedback on research and development through ComMenT and Facebook.

Advised update from Research Committee will be part of the Conference. Explained updates are posted onto the CMTUK website under the News and Events section.

John: How are member numbers holding up.

Confirmed member numbers are stable, not going up as quick as we would like but the pandemic has not caused them to decline at this point.

Jane: Asked about Regional Support Groups.

Explained that Regional Support Groups are meeting online using Zoom due to the pandemic to keep in touch. You are welcome to join any group, doesn't have to be your local one. How would someone from Cambridgeshire get in touch to join online group? Explained they will appear on the website feed and Facebook.

Anton: Gloucestershire Regional Support Group meet for an hour once a month on Zoom for a chat, it very helpful to speak to others with CMT and share information and tips.

Action Point:

Simon Bull, Chief Executive will ask Chris, Admin Assistant to add RSGs to the members Facebook group.

Paul Fleming closed the AGM.