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Meeting:	Asthma UK's Thirtieth Annual General Meeting
Meeting date	27 June 2019
Venue:	18 Mansell Street
Present:	<p>Members: Margaret Lane, Michelle Lester, Tony Nockles</p> <p>Trustees (members of Asthma UK): John Tucker (Chair), George Anson, Jean-Francois Bessiron, Katherine Morgan, Martin Sinclair, Ian Sabroe (in part)</p> <p>In attendance: Kay Boycott, Nick Lewis, Rachel Devereux (Asthma UK Directors), Nell Nockles</p>
Apologies:	<p>Trustees (members of Asthma UK): Jim Bowes, Dr Yvonne Braun, Prof. Ian Hall, Prof. Sir Lewis Ritchie, Dr Paul Hodgkin, Niren Patel</p> <p>Members: Janet Lee, David Clay, Selina Thistleton-Smith</p>

John Tucker welcomed all attendees to the thirtieth annual general meeting. He informed them presentations would be made prior to the formal business meeting. He suggested holding questions until the Question & Answer session at the end of the formal business.

Kay Boycott, Chief Executive, presented the highlights for financial year 2017/18. Nick Lewis, Interim Chief Operating Officer, presented the 2017-18 financial performance. Following the presentations, John Tucker introduced himself as Chair and moved on to the formal business of the Annual General Meeting.

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Janet Lee, David Clay, Selina Thistleton-Smith, Jim Bowes, Yvonne Braun, Professor Sir Lewis Ritchie.

John Tucker informed the meeting that 222 members had appointed him as their proxy for the voting.

2. To approve the minutes of the AGM 2018 & matters arising

The minutes of the 2018 meeting were approved. 190 proxy votes had been received in favour, 2 abstentions and 5 votes in favour at the meeting.

3. To consider the accounts, balance sheet and auditor’s report for the year to 30 September 2018, together with the report on progress against our aspirations

The Chair reminded everyone that there was no need for a formal vote as the accounts had already been approved by the Finance and Audit Committee and Council.

4. To appoint Crowe Clark Whitehall as auditors and authorise the Council to fix their remuneration

Martin Sinclair, in his capacity as Chair of the Finance and Audit committee, briefly spoke to confirm the committee are very satisfied by the level of service provided by the current auditors. He said they had been adequately challenging when appropriate during the annual audit process and he was happy to recommend re-appointment to members.

This was agreed with 186 proxy votes in favour, 34 abstentions and 2 votes against. In addition, 7 people present at the meeting voted in favour.

This concluded the formal business of the meeting.

Question and Answer session

Questions were raised about asthma phenotyping, the risk to people with asthma from particulates (particularly when combined with dust mites and pollen), deaths from asthma in winter/flu season, the use of dust-mite impermeable casings, the latest global asthma guidelines advice on allergen avoidance, steroid resistance in severe asthma, and potential triggers in the indoor environment. Some answers had been provided by email before the meeting by Dr Samantha Walker. Kay Boycott outlined Asthma UK’s work in these areas to the meeting.

John Tucker expressed appreciation for the breadth of the questions. He emphasised their importance in ensuring the organisation fully considered all issues which may impact our work. Kay Boycott commented how the questions raised and results of the member’s survey sent with AGM papers will be important inputs to the 2020-2023 Asthma UK Strategy.

The Chair drew the meeting to a close and thanked everyone for attending.