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<b>Meeting Date:</b>	<b>14/09/2022</b>		
<b>Time:</b>	<b>13:30</b>		
<b>Location</b>	<b>Hybrid – University of Lincoln &amp; Online via Zoom</b>		
<b>Present:</b>	<b>Prof. Helen Roy (HR)</b> <i>President &amp; Chair</i>	<b>49 Fellows &amp; Members</b>	<b>10 RES Staff (non-voting)</b>

**Minutes**

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<b>Welcome</b>	On behalf of the Trustees, the President welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for their attendance. The Trustees, Committees and Staff of the Society were introduced. The President informed those present that staff, and non-members were not eligible to vote. The President thanked all trustees, staff, editors & volunteers for their contribution to the RES over the previous year..
<b>ITEM 2</b> <i>Minute in memory for Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II</i>	The President led a minute of silence to pay tribute to our Patron, Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.
<b>ITEM 3</b> <i>Minutes of the AGM held on 25.08.2021</i>	The minutes of the Annual General Meeting (AGM), held on 28 <sup>th</sup> August 2021, as available online, were approved.
<b>ITEM 4</b> <i>Proposal: Auditors</i>	The fellows and members were asked to vote on the following resolution. To reappoint Knox Cropper LLP (Chartered Accountants & Statutory Auditor) as the Auditors of the Society in respect of the financial year ending 28th February 2023 and until the next general meeting, and to authorise Council to set their remuneration.  The vote took place online using Zoom Webinar & a raise of hands for votes present at ENTO22. The President explained that it was an ordinary resolution requiring a simple majority of those present and eligible to vote in favour to pass.
<b>ITEM 5</b> <i>Presidents Report</i>	Helen Roy, President, reported that it had been an fantastic year for the RES thanks to our staff, membership, trustees & volunteers.



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	<p>The launch of the first RES strategy was an amazing achievement. The launch event in March had been a wonderful celebration of insect science and championed all the people involved. The Society’s vision and strategic priorities can be viewed and downloaded from the website (<a href="https://www.royensoc.co.uk/royal-entomological-society-strategy-2022-25/">https://www.royensoc.co.uk/royal-entomological-society-strategy-2022-25/</a>).</p> <p>The RES have stated its core values to be supportive, confident, inclusive, inquisitive &amp; collaborative. This shone through when putting the strategy together and it had been an honour to have been the President during this time.</p> <p>The Grand Challenges Project continued to be successful and impact the work of the Society. The paper with the result of the project had been submitted to Insect Conservation and Diversity. Special thanks were given to Dr. Sarah Luke &amp; Dr. Lynn Dicks for the work that had gone into this.</p> <p>Special thanks were given to Prof. Chris Thomas as past president. Best wishes were given to Prof. Jane Hill in her role as the new President.</p>
<p><b>ITEM 6</b> <i>Annual Report</i></p>	<p>Simon Ward, CEO of the Royal Entomological Society presented highlights from the Annual Report for 2021/2022. This is available online to download and view. A summary of the major activities carried out by the RES was given, including some of the decisions taken by Council and the various committees. Top-level analysis included membership data, meetings, outreach activities, publishing, conservation &amp; library.</p> <p>In summary:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Online &amp; in-person meetings have been reintroduced after the coronavirus pandemic.</li> <li>• RES journals in top third of all global entomological journals.</li> <li>• RES welcomed a new Head of Publishing, Emilie Aime.</li> <li>• Launched new handbooks &amp; the new look Antenna magazine.</li> <li>• Daneway Banks conservation of the Large Blue butterfly has been a success.</li> <li>• Prof. Adam Hart took over as the chair of the outreach committee.</li> <li>• Expressed thanks to the late Professor Simon Leather Hon.FRES for his chairing of the Library Committee.</li> <li>• Strong financial performance.</li> </ul>
<p><b>ITEM 7</b> <i>Financial Report</i></p>	<p>Attendees were led through the accounts by Robert Spencer, Director of Finance &amp; Operations of the RES.</p> <p>Increase in income through membership subscriptions and increased investment income. Expenditure was broadly in line with the previous year. A surplus of £121k was achieved. Investments increased in value by £165k. Totalling an overall surplus of £286k. Financial performance was £56k above budget even after significant unplanned and unbudgeted activity. This included the new website, strategy development, workforce change programme (which is still ongoing).</p>



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	<p>Compliance has increased thanks to working with new auditors, Knox Cropper. A number of processes have been modernised and there has been some rectification of some legacy issues. Investments were currently being impacted due to the current conflict in Ukraine, however all RES investments were now confirmed to be in ESG (Environmental, Social, Governance) funds.</p> <p>Robert introduced Steven Lee, taking over the role of Director of Finance &amp; Operations and thanked Gia Aradottir and all other Trustees for their support during his time with the RES.</p>
<b>ITEM 8</b> <i>Minute of remembrance</i>	The President led a minute of silence to pay tribute to deceased members & fellows.
<b>ITEM 9</b> <i>Proposal: Auditors – Result of voting</i>	Members voted in favour of the resolution and the criteria for the vote, detailed in the bye-laws, were met.
<b>ITEM 10</b> <i>Trustee Elections 2022</i>	<p>Voting was open from 18<sup>th</sup> July - 6<sup>th</sup> August – 351 votes received in total and there were 8 candidates. Elected Trustees for a four-year term: Dr Lynn Dicks and Dr Rebecca Farley-Brown.</p> <p>The President extended thanks to Julie North who is at the end of her term, for her work &amp; contribution with the Royal Entomological Society as a Trustee &amp; Vice President.</p>
<b>ITEM 11</b> <i>Presidential Handover</i>	<p>Prof. Helen Roy officially stepped down as the President of the Royal Entomological Society to take on the role of Past President for one year. A vote of thanks was given to everyone for support and guidance within her role.</p> <p>Prof. Jane Hill officially moved from the role of President Elect to President of the Royal Entomological Society for the next two years.</p>
<b>ITEM 12</b> <i>Announcement of Vice-Presidents</i>	President Jane Hill announced Dr Rebecca Farley-Brown & Prof. Adam Hart as incoming Vice-Presidents for the Royal Entomological Society.

<b>Next Meeting:</b>	Date to be confirmed. Will be during ENTO23 at the University of Exeter, Falmouth
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