

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE BRITISH DIETETIC ASSOCIATION HELD ON WEDNESDAY 7 JULY 2021 COMMENCING AT 6.30PM

Caroline Bovey, Chair, welcomed members to the 2021 Annual General Meeting being held by Zoom.

132 members were present.

21/1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from 1 member.

21/2 MINUTES OF THE 2020 MEETING HELD ON 2 SEPTEMBER 2020

Minutes approved.

21/3 BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MINUTES

There was no business arising from the minutes of the last AGM.

21/4 ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS

Sam Peters, Chair of the Finance, Audit and Risk Committee, presented the annual accounts. She summarized that the BDA's financial position during the past year had been challenging due to COVID but there had been strong financial management and prudent decision making. As a result, a surplus had been generated, partly helped by a tax rebate in relation to R&D investment. The reserves are robust and the BDA continues to be in a strong viable position, despite the effects of the past year. The annual accounts and report were approved by the members attending.

21/5 OVERVIEW OF THE YEAR VIDEO

The video summarising the BDA's achievements and impact over the last year was played and is available on the BDA website.

21/6 UPDATE ON THE APPOINTMENT OF COMPANY DIRECTORS

Andy Burman, CEO, updated the meeting on the work of the Selection Committee and the Board of Directors in making appointments in the last year. There remains a vacancy for the Scotland Board Chair and the Dietetic Support Worker representative on the Board. There is also a current election open for the student representative. He announced that Caroline Bovey had been appointed by the Selection Committee and Board for a second and final term, from 2022.

21/7 RE-APPOINTMENT OF THE AUDITORS

The audit department of Crossley have agreed to be re-appointed again and the proposal to the AGM was that they be confirmed for a further year. This was approved.

21/8 TO NOTE THE ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BRITISH DIETETIC ASSOCIATION GENERAL AND EDUCATION TRUST

The meeting noted the BDA General and Education Trust Fund annual report.

21/9 **LAUNCH OF THE STRATEGIC PLAN FOR 2021-24**

Louise Pritchard, COO, presented the launch of the Strategic Plan and thanked all the members and staff who had contributed to its development. She presented the core pillars which will create the main focus of activity and pointed to both the detailed explanatory document and the summary document outlining the core elements of the plan. The next stage will be to embed the delivery into work streams across all parts of the BDA.

21/10 **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

No questions had been posed prior to the AGM as requested in the notice of the meeting but during the meeting members posed questions in the 'chat' function of Zoom. Members asked about the primary income loss during COVID, which was reported as being down to loss of income from Group and Branch activities, events and conferences. It was asked if a student member could be added to the new Equalities Committee and it was agreed this would be put to the Committee. Additionally, the question was asked as to the numbers of dietitians leaving the profession. However, the data suggests that the profession, and membership of the BDA, continues to grow with a growth in accredited programmers and registered dietitian numbers.

21/11 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The date of the next meeting will be announced closer to the time.

The meeting closed at 7.00pm.