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**Minutes of Benevolent Fund
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Benevolent Fund Minutes 2020

**MINUTES OF THE 59th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE BENEVOLENT FUND OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF GROUP SECRETARIES OF THE FARMERS UNIONS' OF ENGLAND AND WALES, NORTHERN IRELAND AND SCOTLAND HELD VIRTUALLY ON FRIDAY 18th DECEMBER 2020
***REGISTERED CHARITY 208145**

Present

Helen Kirby – Chair of Benevolent Fund
And 114 members

Apologies For Absence

Apologies for absence had been received from Virginia Stollery.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The minutes of the 58th Annual General Meeting held at Peebles Hydro, Peebles, on Thursday, 7th March 2019 were approved and signed as a correct record of the meeting.

Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

Correspondence

Various letters of thanks had been received by the Chairman during the course of the year from grateful beneficiaries.

To Discuss The Constitution/Amendment To The Rules

The Chairman outlined the object of The Benevolent Fund to the meeting. No changes to the constitution had been proposed.

Report From The Trustees

The Chairman referred members to the report in the conference brochure. Trustees had agreed a grant of £1,000 would be paid to the seven regular beneficiaries in 2019.

Election of Trustees

The Chairman confirmed that currently the Trustees of The Association were Helen Kirby, Alison Gemmell, Virginia Stollery, Simon Whattler, Rhys Davies, Rob Beaty and Fiona Patterson. Nick Bent had been removed as a trustee in October 2019.



The current trustees were re-elected en-bloc.

The Chairman advised that Rob Beaty had been appointed Senior agent at Beverley and Heddon in East Yorkshire, so would be relocating from Scotland. This left a vacancy for a trustee in the Scotland area and any suggestions for a replacement were welcomed. The trustees were keen to ensure there was adequate coverage nationally.

Report Of The Accounts

The Chairman presented the accounts to the meeting which were approved. Reserves were healthy and she reiterated the need to seek out further beneficiaries or perhaps increase contributions to regular beneficiaries as a means to reduce reserves.

Reserves had gone a little over the advised limit, but the decision had been taken to do nothing due to the current volatility of the market.

The Chairman thanked all members who donate to The NAGS Benevolent Fund. Only a very small minority of NAGS members didn't make the £10 annual contribution and they were urged to reconsider.

Any Other Business

The Chairman reminded members of the purpose of The NAGS Benevolent Fund and urged everyone to be mindful that NAGS Benevolent could help in many ways if a possible need were to be identified for a colleague.

The Chairman thanked the rest of the committee for their assistance in the running of The Benevolent Fund.

There being no further business the meeting was closed.