

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF  
THE BOOK SOCIETY

TUESDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2024

(at the Conduit Club, and remotely on ZOOM)

Present:

Cath Summerhayes	(Chair)
Lisa Milton	(Deputy Chair)
Jonathan Paterson	(Hon Treasurer)
Hermione Ireland	(Hon Secretary)
Jo Dawson	(Administrator)
Tim Dare	
Justine Solomons	
Emma Shercliffe	

And members of the Society

1. Matters arising not on the Agenda: there were none.
2. Minutes of the last AGM were passed.
3. The Chairman reported on the programme of events with some really fun dinner although acknowledged there were some issues, primarily with the Conduit. She talked about Book Society 2.0 emerging from a period of change. She did thank the Conduit and also Jo Dawson, the Society's administrator for her work.
4. The Chairman thanked all members of the committee, particularly Tim Dare for his work as Hon Treasurer, and the departing members, Justine Solomons, Meryl Hall and Georgina Moore. Her report is on the website.
5. The membership elected Lisa Milton as the next Chair and Amanda Harris as the next vice-chair.
6. Financial Report: the Hon Treasurer presented the accounts for the year to 31 December 2023 and this was accepted by the meeting. The report is on the website. He discussed the deficit the Club currently has at the moment and the need to work on cashflow and the P&L. Subs income is down although party income is down. A comment from Sheila Crowley about the increased cost of the dinners and making this harder to afford bringing guests. She asked about the purpose of the Society. The Chairman responded and said that the committee looked at the costs at the Conduit at every meeting and had come up with the plan to reduce the number of dinners in 2024 and add an extra Spring party and an event in October, exact format still tbc. Emma Shercliffe also said that there would be more communication to come on sponsored places and the parameters for these are intended to increase the diversity of membership.
7. A summary of the membership report was read out by the Hon Secretary and is available with the other meeting documents. No obituaries.
8. The election of officers and committee members: Tim Dare, Justine Solomons, Meryl Hall and Georgina Moore step down from the

committee with Tim resigning at Treasurer. The meeting recorded its thanks to them all. Jonathan Paterson agreed to act as HonTreasurer. Philip Jones, David Headley and Truda Spruyt were nominated and approved as new committee members.

9. AOB: there being none, the meeting was closed.