



**Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Lymphoma Association  
held at the Royal Armouries Museum, Leeds  
on Saturday 7 June 2014 at 10.00am**

**Present:**

*Trustees:* Gordon Johns (*Chairman*), Richard Morris and Dr Graham Collins  
*Staff:* Jonathan Pearce (*Chief Executive*), Stefan Anthill, Nick Cook, Pierre du Bois, Sara Harding, Anne Hook, Helen Mee, Fiona Power, Ros Redding, Alice Strudwick, Anne Taylor and Nicola Ward  
*Members:* 48 members of the Lymphoma Association

**Apologies for absence:**

Apologies had been received from trustees David Barnett, Mark Harrison, John Fulton (*Treasurer*), Felicity Hilder, Dr Ben Riley and Pascale Wood-Atkins.

**1 Chairman's opening remarks**

Gordon Johns welcomed everyone to the AGM, his first as Chairman.

**2 Minutes of the AGM of the Lymphoma Association held on 18 May 2013**

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved and signed as a correct record. A motion to adopt the minutes was proposed and seconded by members and passed by a majority vote of members.

**3 Chairman's address**

Summarising the Association's activities and achievements during 2013, Gordon outlined the range of support and information offered to people affected by lymphoma, the Association's campaigning and advocacy work on behalf of patients, its extensive and valuable collaborations with health professionals and its awareness-raising and fundraising activities.

Gordon welcomed the new Chief Executive, Jonathan Pearce, and thanked him and the wider staff team and his fellow trustees for their contribution to the work of the Association. He thanked particularly the many volunteers and supporters of the Association for their contribution over the past year.

**4 Treasurer's report** (given by Jonathan Pearce on behalf of John Fulton)

Jonathan presented a summary of the Association's financial activities in 2013. Income has been gradually rising but has reached a plateau of around £1.3 million per annum over the past 2 years. Legacies make a considerable contribution to income and Jonathan highlighted the unpredictability of this income source. Expenditure, just under £1.3 million for 2013, has been rising steadily over recent years. There was a surplus of £36,000 for the year. Association reserves stand at £1.2 million.

There were no questions about the Treasurer's report.

**5 Chief Executive's report**

Jonathan mentioned the many achievements and the positive position of the Association in 2013. Building on this strong foundation, the Association wants and needs to reach more people affected by lymphoma and to increase the support and information it can offer. This will have to be done at a time of great change in the NHS, the pharmaceutical industry and the charity sector. The Association also needs to diversify its income generation and become less reliant on legacies. To address these needs, the trustees have developed a strategic plan that will take the charity forward over the next few years. Jonathan summarised the proposals and reported that a staff reorganisation process has started.

There were a number of comments and questions to the chief executive in relation to the strategic plan: regarding the penetration of our information in cancer information centres, the possibilities of collaboration with other charities in information production, the potential for exploitation of global markets for our information and the need for raising awareness and providing training about lymphoma in primary care.

**6 Audited accounts of the Lymphoma Association**

The 2013 accounts have been approved by the trustees and audited by Mazars LLP.

Adoption of the accounts was proposed and seconded by members and passed by a majority vote of members.

**7 Appointment of auditors**

Gordon Johns recommended the appointment of Mazars LLP as the Lymphoma Association's auditors for 2014.

This was proposed and seconded by members and passed by a majority vote of members.

**8 Election of directors**

In accordance with the Memorandum and Articles of the Association, four of the current trustees stood down from office this year: John Fulton, David Barnett, Felicity Hilder and Ben Riley. They all offered themselves for re-election.

Their nomination was proposed and seconded *en bloc* by members and passed by a majority vote of members.

**10 Any other business**

There being no further business the meeting closed at 10.40am.