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MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE INSITUTE OF AGRICULTURAL MANAGEMENT

Monday 17th December 2018 at 11.10am at The Farmers Club, 3 Whitehall Court, LONDON SW1A 2EL

PRESENT: Chairman, Martin Wilkinson; Director, Victoria Bywater (VB) and 11 members of the Institute.

AGENDA NUMBER		ACTION
	The Chairman confirmed that the notice for the AGM had been circulated to all members by post and subsequently followed by an email detailing the accounts for the year 2017/ 2018	
1.	<i>To receive apologies for absence</i> The Chairman confirmed apologies for absence from 61 members of the Institute	
2.	<i>To receive the minutes of the AGM held on 11th October 2017</i> The Chairman confirmed that a copy of the minutes for the AGM held on 11 th October 2018 were circulated to all members by post	
3.	<i>To receive the Annual report for 2017/2018</i> The Chairman confirmed that the Annual report was included within the accounts for the year 2017/ 2018 circulated to members by email. No comment	
4.	<i>To receive Chairman's report for 2017/2018</i> The Chairman confirmed that a copy of the Chairman's report for 2017/ 2018 was circulated to all members by post The Chairman updated the meeting that the details regarding the surplus from the IFMA Congress appeared differently in the accounts due to an amount being allocated towards the sponsorship of five places on the 2020 congress. Professor Malcolm Stansfield offered congratulations on a very successful Edinburgh Congress. John Giles gave a vote of thanks to Richard Cooksley and Tim Brigstocke for all their work in making the Edinburgh Congress such a success. It was agreed that a letter of thanks is sent to Richard Cooksley as he was not available to attend the AGM.	VB
5.	<i>To consider the adoption of the Accounts for the year ended 30th June 2018</i> The Chairman confirm that a copy of the annual accounts for the year ended 30 th June 2018 had been sent by email to all members of the Institute and that copies available. The Treasurer, Tom Brunt, noted that when all the income and expenditure from the Edinburgh Congress is taken out, the accounts break even. He offered no real concerns about the accounts but suggested that going forward membership subscriptions will need to increase and the margin on events will need to improve. It was proposed to accept the accounts by Professor Malcolm Stansfield, seconded by Carl	1.

	Atkin, all agreed.	
6.	<p><i>To consider and appoint James Cowper Kreston as Independent Examiners</i></p> <p>After discussion it was proposed by Simon Ward to appoint James Cowper Kreston as Independent Examiners, seconded by Conor Colgan, all agreed.</p>	
7.	<p><i>To elect the President</i></p> <p>The Chairman proposed the re-election of Lord Iveagh as President of the Institute, seconded by Henry Mathews, all agreed.</p>	
8.	<p><i>To elect members of Council</i></p> <p>The Chairman reminded the meeting that under the Constitution and Bylaws of the Institute, there can be up to fourteen elected members of Council.</p> <p>The Chairman confirmed that the following names offer themselves to stand for election to Council for a three-year term; Carl Atkin; Tim Brigstocke; Conor Colgan; Henry Matthews; Graham Redman; Neil Ridley</p> <p>The Chairman further confirmed the following names offer themselves to stand for re-Election to Council for a further three-year term; Robert Gazely and Richard Price</p> <p>The Chairman proposed all en-bloc the above names for Council, seconded by Simon Ward, all agreed.</p>	
9.	<p><i>To elect co-opted members of Council</i></p> <p>The Chairman reminded the meeting that under the Constitution and Bylaws of the Institute there can be up to 3 co-opted members of Council who are elected for a one-year term.</p> <p>The Chairman confirmed that Philip Gibson offered himself to stand for co-option to Council for a one-year term.</p> <p>Robert Gazely proposed Philip Gibson for co-option onto Council, seconded by Carl Atkin, all agreed.</p>	
10.	<p><i>To approve the subscription levels from 1st July 2019</i></p> <p>The Chairman informed the meeting that Council had made no recommendation to increase the current subscription levels from 1st July 2019 and confirmed that they would remain as follows; Member (MIAgrM) - £80.00 Fellow (FIAgrM) - £125.00 Professional Member (P.Agric followed by either MIAgrM/ FIAgrM) - £125.00 Students – Free of charge</p>	
11.	<p><i>To record a vote of thanks</i></p> <p>The Chairman thanked Lord Iveagh for all his support of the Institute over the year and especially recently in taking part in the John Alliston Memorial Lecture.</p> <p>The Chairman thanked Trevor Atkinson who stands down from Council after serving since 2014 for all his work with the Institute and in particular the link with IFMA.</p> <p>The Chairman thanked Tim Brigstocke for his work with the Society for the Environment,</p>	

	<p>the hugely successful Farmplanner competition and his very active role in membership to the Institute.</p> <p>The Chairman thanked Tom Brunt for his work with the finances of the Institute and his detailed reports for meetings.</p> <p>The Chairman thanked John Giles for his tireless work with the Branches across the country.</p> <p>Finally, the Chairman offered a huge vote of thanks to Richard Cooksley for his massive contribution to the Institute over the last eleven years. The Chairman confirmed Richard would continue to be involved in the Institute going forward in support of the Secretariat.</p> <p>John Giles suggested that Honorary Membership should be offered to Richard Cooksley as a mark of his contribution. The Chairman confirmed this would be discussed at the next Council meeting.</p> <p>John Giles offered a vote of thanks to Victoria Bywater for her work so far and ongoing support in her new role as Director of the Institute, all agreed.</p>	VB
12.	<p>AOB</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Conor Colgan noted that the contact with the Newcastle Branch of the Institute had slowed. The Chairman suggested liaising with the Director as to the way forward. 2) The Chairman asked those present their view on the need to hold an Annual General Meeting. After discussion, it was clear that an Annual General Meeting gave transparency to the Institute and had value to the membership but should be included as part of an autumn event in future. 3) Robert Gazely questioned the transfer rate from Student membership to full membership on graduation. The Director responded to advise that it is only very recently that student membership numbers have increased to approximately 45 so it is not possible to ascertain a transfer rate at this time. 4) Paul Christian questioned what the value was for Students to be members of the Institute. The Chairman responded that students are entitled to all member benefits but suggested the main advantage would be for inclusion in their CV. After discussion, it was agreed that the Director should write to Velcourt Farming and Sentry Farming to ask if a requirement of placement to their organisations could be membership of the Institute. Simon Ward suggested contacting recruitment companies but warned this may be time consuming. 	VB

With no further business, the meeting closed at 12.02pm