

Minutes of the Seventeenth Annual General Meeting of the National Beef Association held on Tuesday 13th September 2016 in the Function Room, The Mart Centre, Tyne Green, Hexham, NE46 3SG at 1.00pm

**Present:** David Thomlinson (Chairman), Chris Mallon (Chief Executive), Helen Dobson (Company Secretary), Sharon Walton (Membership Secretary), Stephen Heenan (Vice-Chairman), John Hoskin (Treasurer), Simon Marsh, Willie Walton, Bill Harper, Neil McCorkindale (SBA), Suzie Harper, Craig Culley (Piemontese Society)

**Apologies:** Caroline Poultney (Breed Society Chairman), John Vanstone (Vice-Chairman), Duff Burrell, David Leggat, Milly Fyfe (Shorthorn Society), Hamish McBean, Debbie McBean, Eddie Rixon, Peter Reynolds, Iain Kerr (Limousin Society), John Geldard, Scott Henderson (SBA), Lyn T Smith, Robert Boyd.

The Chairman David Thomlinson welcomed everyone to the meeting.

#### **A. Ordinary Resolutions**

- 1. THAT the minutes of the Sixteenth Annual General Meeting of the Charity which took place at the Function Suite, Hexham Auction Mart, Hexham, NE46 3SG on 8th September 15 be approved.** The minutes had been circulated with the notice of the AGM. The minutes were proposed by Neil McCorkindale and seconded by Simon Marsh. The minutes were approved by the meeting.
  
- 2. THAT the Charity's Annual Statement of Accounts for the financial year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2015 together with the Trustees report and Auditor's report on those accounts be received.** The report had been circulated with the notice of the AGM. John Hoskin presented the accounts to the meeting. The Treasurer was pleased to report that the NBA had made a reasonable profit in 2015 due in no small part to the cost saving measures that had been implemented. The weekly newsletter had been brought in-house and it had also been decided this year to bring the organising of future Beef Expo events in-house. John reported that he would be retiring from the NBA Board and thanked all the staff and Board for their help. The Trustees report and Annual Statement to be received was proposed by John Hoskin and seconded by Bill Harper. The report was approved by the meeting.
  
- 3. THAT McCowie & Co, 52/54 Leazes Park Road, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE1 4PG be re-appointed as Auditors of the Charity to act as such until further notice and that the Trustees be authorised to fix their remuneration.** Craig Culley proposed the appointment of McCowie & Co. as Auditors of the Charity. This was seconded by Stephen Heenan and this was approved by the meeting.
  
- 4. THAT Stephen Heenan, who will retire under the rotation provisions in the Charities Articles of Association be re-elected as a Trustee.** The appointment of

Stephen Heenan as a Trustee was proposed by Bill Harper and seconded by Neil McCorkindale. This was approved by the meeting.

5. **THAT Simon Marsh, who will retire under the rotation provisions in the Charities Articles of Association be re-elected as a Trustee.** The appointment of Simon Marsh as a Trustee was proposed by Stephen Heenan and seconded by John Hoskin. This was approved by the meeting.
6. **THAT David Thomlinson, who will retire under the rotation provisions in the Charities Articles of Association be re-elected as a Trustee.** The appointment of David Thomlinson as a Trustee was proposed by Craig Culley and seconded by John Hoskin. This was approved by the meeting.
7. **THAT John Vanstone, who was co-opted by the trustees and who will stand down at the AGM in accordance with the Charities Articles of Association, be elected as a Trustee.** The appointment of John Vanstone as a Trustee was proposed by Willie Walton and seconded by Stephen Heenan. This was approved by the meeting.
8. **THAT William Harper, who was co-opted by the Trustees and who will stand down at the AGM in accordance with the Charities Articles of Association, be elected as a Trustee.** The appointment of William Harper as a Trustee was proposed by Craig Culley and seconded by John Hoskin. This was approved by the meeting.
9. **THAT William Walton, who was co-opted by the Trustees and who will stand down at the AGM in accordance with the Charities Articles of Association, be elected as a Trustee.** The appointment of William Walton as a Trustee was proposed by Stephen Heenan and seconded by Simon Marsh. This was approved by the meeting.

**B. Any Other Competent Business.** No other business was received.

David Thomlinson reported that 2015 Beef Expo event held at York Auction Mart had been a good event and commended Richard Tasker for his support and hard work. The Beef SW event is growing and is becoming one of the best Christmas shows around. He also mentioned that the SBA event held in the Mains of Maur had also been a great success.

The NBA continues to work tirelessly on behalf of its members and the beef industry and thanked the staff for their continuing work and loyalty for the NBA.

David also thanked John Hoskin and wished him a happy retirement from the NBA Board.

The meeting then closed.