

## MINUTES OF THE 77th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Held at the University of Southampton Officers' Training Corps, Carlton Place Southampton SO15 2DX

on Monday, 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2024, starting at 6.30 pm.

PRESENT – Emma Bartlett was in the Chair – around 50 members attended.

**MINUTES of 76<sup>th</sup> AGM -** were approved as being a true record. Proposed Sarah Ward. Seconded Lucy Richmond.

**MATTERS ARISING** – none.

**CORRESPONDENCE** - none.

**CHAIRMAN'S REPORT** – Emma Bartlett gave an overview of her three years as Chair which included the Covid pandemic. We raised over £30,000 for the 3 charities during that time, Solent Mind, Hampshire Air Ambulance and Scratch.

**TREASURER'S REPORT** – Treasurer, Chris Orr reported that the Association was in good financial health and he thanked Peter Cliff Roberts for examining the accounts. The Proposal "with effect from 1st January 2025 the Annual Subscription payable by all members shall increase from £35.00 p.a. to £40.00 p.a." was carried unanimously.

## **OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE 2024** - The following were confirmed.

Chair Rupi Basi
Vice Chair Annabel Huffer
Hon Secretary Chris Clark
Hon Treasurer Chris Orr
Immed. Past Chair Emma Bartlett
Membership Secretary Sarah Ward

Benev. Fund Trustees Des Ely, Graham Clarke, & Tim Bizzey

Accounts Examiner Peter Cliffe-Roberts

CPD Officer: Allan Hilder
PR/Website Roy Partridge
Junior Members Annabel Huffer

Committee Belinda Bracegirdle, Denise Bull, Tim Clarke,

Richard Huffer, Debbie Jackson, George Long, James Macmillan,

Paul Moore, Lucy Richmond, James Realff, Kevin Stratford

**INSTALLATION OF CHAIRMAN** – Emma Bartlett installed Rupi Basi as SPA Chair for 2024. Rupi told how she joined the Association over 17 years ago and how it had so widened her business and social network in the City. Her chosen Charity this year is Parkinsons UK.

## **ANY OTHER BUSINESS -**

Des Ely reported that the SPA Benevolent Fund balance stood at £18,502 plus 250 Lloyds Bank shares. The meeting was closed at 7 p.m. It was followed by a presentation by Professor Helen Carr, Professor of Property Law and Social Justice of the University of Southampton.