Yorkshire and District Executive Branch

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AGM

Date – 24th April 2019

Venue – Civic Centre, St. Luke’s Avenue, HARROGATE, HG1 2AE - Room Council Chamber

Time – 5:30pm

Present – Matthew Waite-Wright – Sam Smith – Victor Dockree – Andrew Murphy – Claire Cracknall – Aiden Thomas – Darren Kelk

1. Apologies –Alan Fane – Karl Pease – Robert Neil – Laurent Alexander – Colin Stower – Martin Stubbs – Stephen Newland – Alison Wilson – Andrew Shepherd
2. Minutes of the 2018/19 AGM were proposed as a true accurate record of that meeting by the President and seconded by Sam Smith
3. Association Report – Matthew gave the brief on activity whilst he was President

* Attended the National Conference in October and relayed the meeting notes from the secretary meetings by HQ
* Dinner Dance took place end October (20th at Hollins Hall) with 30 attendees and he praised the support from sponsors and HQ along with Louise as National President. Was disappointed with the numbers from our members and so although the venue is stunning it’s maybe the location that needs addressing to attract more members to the dinner
* We have held 2 Exec meetings
* Wanted to increase events and held a training that HQ confirmed would give CPD hours towards on “Collections and Techniques” in Harrogate and although the numbers covered the costs it would have been good to see more members attend.
* The Data Fraud and Error in Leeds on the 26th March was better supported and a credit to Bradford who sent over a number of delegates from different departments to the event. Very informative event with Jane McManus from Leeds explaining what they were doing with the data then a very open discussion with 3 staff from the DWP on sharing information
* Expressed his thanks to Lancashire and Cheshire for the invite to the dinner at Haydock and commented on number of guests, in excess of 100, and would like to see us with those numbers in the future.
* The events have grown and numbers are increasing and a target could be 20-30 delegates at each event.

1. Matthew to hand over the accounts for sign off to the auditor Karl Pease but confirmed the latest statement showed £3080.54 in the HSBC account. It was shared that the banking set up may need to be revamped due to how it can be very inaccessible at times and move to a on line banking facility
2. Election of the President

* Having been nominated by Matthew Waite-Wright and seconded by Andrew Murphy Sam Smith was duly elected as the President of the IRRV Yorkshire & District Association for the 19/20 period.
* Matthew wished Sam all the best in her presidential year and handed over the chain of office
* Photos were taken and the Exec congratulated Sam on her new role within the Association

1. Election of Association Vice President

* Sam proposed Darren Kelk and was seconded by Vic, but he asked if he could just concentrate on the secretaries job for now, but thanked them for proposing him
* It was decided to ask other Exec members that were unable to attend before announcing the new Vice President

1. Election of Executive

• Association/Membership Secretary Darren Kelk - Proposed by Matthew Waite-Wright and seconded by Claire Cracknell

• Treasurer Claire Cracknell – Proposed by Andrew Murphy and seconded by Sam Smith

• Auditor Karl Pease – Proposed by Andrew Murphy and seconded by Matthew Waite-Wright

• Executive Member Robert Brown

• Executive Member Robert Neil

* Executive Member Andrew Murphy
* Executive Member Matthew Waite-Wright (Past President)

• Executive Member Victor Dockree

• Executive Member Alan Fane

• Executive Member Aiden Thomas

• Executive Member Laurent Alexander

Matthew Waite-Wright proposed the above for the Executive and was seconded by Darren Kelk and unanimously voted

1. No need for a ballot to take place

**Any other Business**

Discussions around raising the profile of the branch that would increase membership, which would make the events popular and so a number of events were discussed including the Dinner Dance that has been pencilled in for the 7th September in Leeds City

Meeting concluded 7pm