

## UCU SW Retired Members Branch

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> April 2021 by Zoom.

**Present:** Tony Staunton (Chair), Mike Farmer, (Secretary), John Daniell (Treasurer), Jo Corke (Membership Secretary), Ruth Amias, Barbara Segal, Stephanie Tailby, Alan Cousins, Mike Sheaff

**Apologies:** Eleanor Jackson, Pat Mee, Margaret George, Charles Henderson, Liza Sentance

Minute	Item	Action
0	<p><b>Welcome by the Chair</b></p> <p>The Chair welcomed members to the 2021 AGM</p>	
1	<p><b>Minutes of the previous meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> March 2020</b></p> <p>The minutes were approved</p>	
2	<p><b>Matters arising (not otherwise on the agenda)</b></p> <p>None</p>	
5	<p><b>Annual report of the work of the Branch</b></p>	
5.1	<p><b>Branch Officers' annual reports</b></p>	
5.1.1	<p><b>Chair's report</b></p> <p>TS presented his report which had been circulated with the agenda. JC pointed out that some elements of his report were related to actions he had taken in his other roles, such as a member of Plymouth Trades Council, and suggested that his report should be confined to his work as Chair of the Branch over the previous 12 months. TS acknowledged the point and explained that the majority of his union work is inside the TUC as a UCU activist without a division between the two. His report reflected his union work through the year. The report was then received.</p>	
5.1.2	<p><b>Secretary's report</b></p> <p>MF presented his report which had been circulated with the agenda. He drew attention to the item on the composition of the branch committee, which would be discussed under a later agenda item. The report was received.</p>	
5.1.3	<p><b>Treasurer's report</b></p> <p>JD presented his report which had been circulated with the agenda. This covered:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the final version of the 2018/19 accounts, which had now been countersigned;</li> <li>• the 2019/20 accounts, which had been countersigned;</li> <li>• the claim for funding for 2019/20;</li> <li>• the claim for funding for 2020/21</li> </ul>	

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	These were <b>approved</b> .	
5.1.4	<p><b>Membership Secretary's report</b>            JC presented her report which had been circulated with the agenda. The report was received.</p>	
	The meeting <b>agreed</b> a vote of thanks to all the officers for their work during the year.	
6	<b>Elections</b>	
	<p><b>Officers</b>            The report of the Returning Officer, which had been circulated with the agenda, was received which declared the results of elections for which nominations had been received by the due date of 16<sup>th</sup> March. As a result the following were declared elected unopposed:  <b>Chair:</b> Tony Staunton  <b>Secretary:</b> Mike Farmer  <b>Treasurer:</b> John Daniell  <b>Membership Secretary:</b> Jo Corke            There were two officer posts for which no nominations had been received by the due date, and the Chair invited nominations from the meeting. The following was then elected:  <b>Vice-Chair:</b> Mike Sheaff  <b>Equalities Officers:</b> There were no nominations and the post was held vacant <i>sine die</i>.</p>	
	<p><b>Other branch roles</b>            The following were elected:  <b>Auditors:</b> Liza Sentence, Pat Mee, Barbara Segal  <b>Returning Officer:</b> Alan Cousins  <b>Environmental/Green rep:</b> Tony Staunton  <b>Membership Secretary back-up:</b> Stephanie Tailby</p>	
	<p><b>Branch representatives</b>            The following were elected:  <b>Regional Council:</b> Margaret George, Charles Henderson, Tony Staunton (reserve)  <b>Congress delegate:</b> Mike Farmer  <b>Retired Members' Branches AGM delegates:</b> [deferred to a subsequent meeting]</p> <p><b>Trades Councils</b>  <b>Bristol:</b> Barbara Segal, Stephanie Tailby  <b>Bridgewater</b> [vacant]  <b>Cheltenham:</b> Mike Farmer (subject to approval at the following OGM)  <b>Exeter:</b> Tom Murray  <b>Gloucester:</b> Ruth Amias  <b>Mendip:</b> Eleanor Jackson  <b>Plymouth:</b> Tony Staunton  <b>Taunton &amp; West Somerset:</b> Charles Henderson  <b>Torbay:</b> Liza Sentence</p>	

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	<p><b>Pensioners' organisations</b>  <b>SW TUC Pensioners' Conference</b> [deferred to 2022]  <b>National Pensioners' Conference (Gloucester, Avon &amp; Somerset):</b> Ruth Amias  Barbara Segal, Mike Farmer  <b>National Pensioners' Conference (Devon &amp; Cornwall):</b> Liza Sentence</p> <p>It was noted that Liza Sentence had indicated her wish to stand down as a Regional Council delegate and the meeting <b>agreed</b> a vote of thanks for her work on behalf of the branch at the council.</p>	
7	<p><b>Branch rules</b></p> <p>MF introduced a discussion on the composition of the branch committee. He drew attention to the requirements in the branch rules and reported that in practice the rules were not being followed. There followed a discussion on the most appropriate composition of the branch committee, and it was noted that until further members were elected, the branch committee consisted of the five officers elected earlier in the meeting. BS said it would be helpful if the role of the committee could be clarified. It was also noted that rules can be amended at any general meeting (AGM or OGM). It was <b>agreed</b> that MF should bring forward proposals in the light of the discussion to a subsequent meeting.</p>	MF
	<p>The meeting then ended and was followed by an OGM</p>	