

Registered Charity Number: 213620
Mansion House, Chiswell Green Lane, St Albans. AL2 3NS

Meeting Date	5 th September 2023	Time:	13:15 (BST)
Location	Hybrid, University of Exeter, Falmouth & Online via Zoom		
Present	<p>Prof. Jane Hill (JH) – President & Chair</p> <p><i>In attendance:</i></p> <p>** Fellows & Members</p> <p>** RES Staff (Non-Voting)</p>		

Meeting Purpose

The purpose of the AGM Meeting is to discuss, approve & vote on:

- Annual Report – Financial Year End Feb 2023

Agenda & Minutes

ITEM 1	<u>Welcome</u>
ITEM 2	<u>Minute of Remembrance</u> The President led a minute of silence to pay tribute to deceased Fellows and Members.
ITEM 3 (JH)	<u>Minutes of the AGM held on 14.09.2022</u> The minutes of the Annual General Meeting (AGM), held on 14 th September 2022, as available online, were approved.
ITEM 4 (GA)	<u>Proposal: Auditors</u> The fellows and members were asked to vote on the following resolution. To reappoint Knox Cropper LLP (Chartered Accountants & Statutory Auditor) as the Auditors of the Society in respect of the financial year ending 28th February 2024 and until the next general meeting, and to authorise Council to set their remuneration. The vote took place online using Zoom Webinar & a raise of hands for votes present at ENTO22. The President explained that it was an ordinary resolution requiring a simple majority of more than 50% of the votes cast to be in favour.
ITEM 5	<u>President's Report</u> Jane Hill (JH), President, said it has been an honour to support the RES as President during it's 190 th year following succession from Past-President Helen Roy MBE. The RES continues to build on it's recent governance review and delivery the RES Strategy for 2022-2025 to 'enrich the world with insect science'. JH welcomed all new Members and Fellows and wants to ensure the current Members and Fellowes are supported. The RES has seen an increase in the membership by 36.9% with members now in sixty-nine countries.

	<p>The RES attended the RHS Chelsea Flower Garden show in May 2023 which was a great opportunity to showcase our insect inspired garden with the public as well as our stakeholders, business and like-minded charities.</p> <p>In February the Grand Challenges paper was published ‘Grand Challenges in Entomology: Priorities for action in the coming decades’ https://www.royensoc.co.uk/news/royal-entomological-society-publishes-grand-challenges-paper-that-sets-global-insect-science-agenda/</p> <p>In January the RES provided free online journal access to all the members and in the next year grants, awards and bursaries will be launched.</p> <p>The Society has also been in the process of putting in place a new Science, Policy and Society Committee and Education and Training committee to further the work of the Society and to build influence and invest in future entomologists.</p> <p>In the last year the RES has continued to invest in various programmes that focus on increasing impact and relevance with a sustainable financial future. Included but not limited to diversifying income and increasing our reach. The Trustees and RES staff team have been working to ensure the RES is in a strong position to support entomologist and insect science for years to come.</p> <p>JH expressed thanks to the Fellows, Members, and staff. The success of society is commitment from staff, trustees, committee members, journal editorial teams, SIG convenors etc.</p>
<p>ITEM 6</p>	<p>Annual Report Simon Ward, CEO of the Royal Entomological Society presented highlights from the Annual Report for 2022/2023. This is available online to download and view.</p> <p>A summary of the major activities carried out by the RES was given, including some of the decisions taken by Council and the various committees. Top-level analysis included membership data, meetings, outreach activities, publishing, conservation & library.</p> <p>This was the first year of the RES driven by a vision to ‘enrich the world with insect science’. This has been a transformative period for the RES as it navigated the post-pandemic challenges. Whilst it had been difficult, it also provided valuable opportunities for the RES while continuing to honour the rich history legacy.</p> <p><u>Strategic Priority One – Support the study and practice of insect science.</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 35% of all articles published were open access. • Focus on ensuring the growth of the journals, development of the RES Handbook series as well as exploring new publishing opportunities. • New grants and awards will launch in 2023 including review of university student bursaries. • Following the completion of a three-year conservation programme on the Large Blue butterfly at Daneway banks. Further funding secured from the Natural England/DEFRE Species recovery fund to continue conservation research.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Successful ENTO22 in Lincoln followed by RES representation at ICE (International Congress of Entomology) as the ESA Conference in Vancouver. <p><u>Strategic Priority Two – Increase public understanding of insect science.</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Insect Week 2022 held both in-person and virtual events, coinciding with the Big Bang Fair. • Outreach sessions in schools. Guest lectured at universities and hosted EntoSci for schools virtually. • Chelsea Flower Shower 2023 funded by Project Giving Back. • The RES Awarded The Goodman Award to the Insect Odyssey at Salisbury Museum and a new suite of identification resources supporting the Field Studies Council BioLinks programme. • Improvement to our social media engagement and digital offering enabled outreach with our international membership. <p><u>Strategic Priority Three – Empower and support the entomological community.</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Focus on improving the offering to our members and ensuring all are welcome. • Free digital access to the RES journal portfolio as well as discounts on events, handbooks and merchandise. • Developing new mentor scheme for early career entomologists, launching new project grants and development of Continue Profession Development (CPD) scheme. • <p><u>Strategic Priority Four – Invest in our workforce and infrastructure.</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RES team will support membership and increase impact of the RES. • Establish new partnerships and diversify the income. • Relocation of the RES HQ from The Mansion House. Focus on a premises that will be more accessible, ongoing project.
<p>ITEM 7</p>	<p><u>Financial Report</u></p> <p>Attendees were led through the accounts by Gia Aradottir, Treasurer of the Royal Entomological Society</p> <p>At the end of the last financial year the income increased from £1.2M to £1.6M. Publication income is around 80% of our income. This income supports all RES activities. This is of huge importance to the RES.</p> <p>To reduce our reliance on the journal income the team have been busy diversifying our income, they have applied successfully for grants which included the grant for the Chelsea Flower Show.</p> <p>We invested in five new members of RES staff to support the growth of the society.</p> <p>In line with our governance review, the decision was made to put the investment management portfolio to tender. KDW had been the investment managers for thirteen years following a tender process Barclays were successful in the bid to be the new investment managers for the RES. They worked in line with our strategic aims and had very strong ESG values.</p>

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	Looking for members of the finance committee.
ITEM 8	<u>Proposal: Auditors – Results of Voting</u> 36 in favour 0 against
ITEM 9	<u>Trustee Elections 2023</u> Helen Roy MBE and John Baird are stepping down from their roles of Trustees. JH thanked them for their support/advise of the RES. Voting was open from *** for President-Elect and Chair of Membership Committee. *** votes received in total and there was one candidate for President-Elect and two candidates for Chair of Membership Committee. Jane Stoud has been elected as President-Elect and Walter Leal was elected as a Trustee for a four-year term as well as Chair of Membership Committee.
ITEM 10	<u>Date of Next AGM</u> <u>TBC – ENTO 2024</u>

Next Meeting Date:	TBC – November 2022
SIGNED: NAME <i>Title</i>	