

Minutes of the 19th Annual General Meeting
Coeliac UK Wessex Group
Anchor Retirement Village, Bishopstoke, SO50 6HE
Saturday 20th May 2023 at 2.50 pm

Introduction

Pauline Kidd, Chair, welcomed everyone to the Group's 19th AGM.

Apologies

The group's secretary, Janet Day, advised that apologies had been received from Sue Perry, Alex and Maria Ross, and Barbara and Richard Bainbridge. There were no other apologies to record.

Minutes of AGM 26th March 2022

Pauline asked members if the Minutes of the AGM held on 26th March 2022 were an accurate record. Proposed by Paul Kirkpatrick, and seconded by Stephen McClelland, this was agreed.

Group Organiser's Report

Although COVID restrictions were lifted during 2022, it was impossible to hire halls more than one month in advance, which greatly restricted organising events.

In July, Wellow Golf Club very kindly hosted our annual dinner. The weather was superb, enabling us to appreciate the wonderful setting. Again, Chef Mike and his staff excelled and everyone had an enjoyable evening.

Our AGM was held at Valley Park, Chandlers Ford and Caroline Benjamin gave an interesting in-depth presentation on Natasha's Law, evoking plenty of questions.

We continued with our Zoom coffee, cake and chat gatherings which enabled us to keep in touch. We were well received, especially the refreshments, at the quarterly Winchester Hospital evening Coeliac Clinics when these restarted face to face in October. Southampton Hospital has yet to re-establish the Newly Diagnosed Clinics meeting face to face.

A big thank you to all the Committee and their respective families for their hard work, without whom there would not be a Wessex Support Group.

Treasurer's Report

Unfortunately, we only managed two events, a Dinner at Wellow Golf Club and 2022 AGM, following the lifting of COVID restrictions.

The accounts, which were circulated with the AGM invitation, are therefore very straightforward. The end of year annual return was sent to Coeliac UK in early January 2023. There were no questions.

Proposed by Karen Kirkpatrick, and seconded by Penny McClelland, the Accounts were approved with no objections.

Election of Committee Members

Pauline advised that the following Committee members were prepared to stand for re-election: Caroline Benjamin, Katie Bittlestone, Janet Day, Theresa Kemp, John Kenshole, Amelia Kenshole, Pauline Kidd and Roger Kidd, with Penny McClelland and Lorraine Riley being nominated for the first time. Proposed by Keith Day, and seconded by Katherine Witt, there were no objections, and the Committee was duly elected for the forthcoming year,

Any other business

The video produced by Coeliac UK regarding the updated Coeliac app was shown and questions answered.

John and Amelia announced that they would be entering the Great South Run, and invited sponsorship to raise funds for Coeliac UK.

There being no other business, Pauline closed the official meeting at 3.15 pm.