

THE BOOK SOCIETY
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

THE SAVILE CLUB
THURSDAY 4TH MAY 2017

Present:

Richard Charkin	(President)
Rebecca Smart	(Chair)
Greg Craig Waller	(Hon Treasurer)
David Taylor	(Deputy Chair)
Clare Harington	(Hon Secretary)
Jo Dawson	(Administrator)
Jacqueline Graham	
Sheila Crowley	
Emma Lowe	
Michael Bhaskar	
Trevor Goul Wheeker	

And members of the Society

1. Minutes of the last AGM were accepted
2. Matters arising not on the Agenda: there were none
3. **Chair's Report**

The Chair presented her report. She thanked the speakers who had attended dinners during her term of office and confirmed that attendances at dinners had increased to an average of over 90 during the year, up on an average of 80 in 2016.

She confirmed that the Society had donated £1500 to The Book Trade Charity (BTBS), for which David Hicks recorded his thanks and £2000 to World Book Day for the provision of schools' resource packs.

She thanked Jo Dawson, the Society's administrator for her work on the membership list and the Society's subscriptions.

The Chair confirmed that the 2017 President's Summer Party will be held this year at the October Gallery. This venue was chosen because of its outdoor space. Other events, including the Christmas party, will continue to be held at the Savile. The Chair's report is on the website.
4. **Financial Report**

The Hon Treasurer presented the accounts for the year to 31 December 2016 and this was accepted by the meeting. The report is on the website.
5. **Membership Report**

39 new members joined the Society in 2016, bringing the total of paying members to 283 (out of a maximum of 300) and 32 honorary members.

6. Obituaries: the meeting acknowledged the deaths, during 2016 of the following members:

Carole Blake	Literary agent and past Chair of The Book Trade Charity
Nicholas Perren	Former Chief Executive of John Murray and PA Council member
David Attwooll	Poet and publisher
Robin Hyman	Publisher and former President of the PA

Obituaries of these members are now on the Society's website.

7. Trevor Goul-Wheeker and Clare Harington are to stand down from the committee. The Chair proposed Jamie Hodder-Williams (seconded by Sheila Crowley and Perminder Mann (seconded by David Taylor) for election and this was supported by members present at the meeting. David Taylor will succeed Rebecca Smart as Chair of the Society in September and Sheila Crowley becomes Deputy Chair. Emma Lowe succeeds Clare Harington as Honorary Secretary. Other members were re-elected for another term. The Chair thanked Clare Harington for her contribution to the Society during her time as Honorary Secretary and Trevor Goul Wheeler proposed a vote of thanks to Rebecca Smart as outgoing Chair.
8. There being no other business, the meeting was closed.