

## **The Book Society**

### **Annual General Meeting**

#### **The Savile Club**

**Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> of May 2018**

#### **Present:**

Richard Charkin	President
David Taylor	Chair
Sheila Crowley	Vice Chair
Emma Lowe	Hon. Secretary
Jo Dawson	Administrator
Greg Craig Waller	Hon Treasurer
Jacqueline Graham	
Michael Bhaskar	
Perminder Mann	
Jamie Hodder-Williams	

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 his report. He started with the financial state of the Society, and thanked GCW for his hard work. The Society had an improved surplus and cash reserve on the previous year, and he reported it to be in good shape. The Chair also told the AGM that the Society had been able to make various charitable donations of £1,500 to BTBS, £2,000 to Give a Book and £2,000 to World Book Day. In the light of current cost increases from the Savile, the Chair mentioned that the Society had had to increase prices by a small amount, which he felt a prudent and sensible move.

He stated membership was in a good position with 254 paying members from a maximum of 300.

Average attendance at the dinners over the past year had been 91, a shade above 2017.

The Chair also confirmed that the Summer Party would again be at the October Gallery as last year, because the choice of outdoor space had worked so well. Feedback about the venue had been universally good. Other events will continue to be held at the Savile Club. The Chair's report is available to read on the website.

4. The Hon Treasurer presented the accounts for the year to 31 December 2017 and this was accepted by the meeting. The Treasurer's report is available to read on the website.

5. Membership report

254 paying members and 32 honorary members of the Society brings the total membership to 286 members out of a maximum of 300.

18 new members had joined since the last AGM

6. Obituaries – the meeting acknowledged the deaths of the following members since the last meeting.

Ed Victor, Literary Agent

Ernest Hecht, Publisher

Penelope Hoare

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

Emma House and Rebecca Smart are to stand down from the Committee. The Chair proposed Tim Dare seconded by Oliver Gadsby and Justine Solomons, seconded by Jamie Hodder Williams as their successors. Sheila Crowley will become Chair and succeed David Taylor and Michael Bhaskar will become Vice-Chair. Other members were re-elected for another term. This was all supported by members present at the meeting. The Chair thanked Emma Lowe and Jo Dawson for their excellent support and contributions to the good running of the Society.

7. There being no other business, the meeting was closed.