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Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of The Central Optical Fund

(The trading name of The Central (Local Optical Committee) Fund Limited)

Held at 1p.m. on Thursday 18th November 2021 via Zoom

PRESENT:
Attendees:
Max Halford
Ian Meadows
Richard Knight (LOCSU),
Alan Tinger (FODO),
David Cartwright (Eyecare Trust),
Rachel Robson (EyeCare Trust)
Umair Chaudhry
Byrony Allen
Jonathan Drew (Devon LOC)

Directors of the company:
Andy McGregor (chair), Sue Leighter, Linda Vernon-Wood, Ian White, Charles Barlow

APOLOGIES:

None Received

1. Chairman's Introduction

The chair welcomed all attendees to the seventh A.G.M. of the Central Optical Fund and presented the directors of the company and the Company Secretary.

2. To receive and approve the Minutes of the 2020 A.G.M.

The minutes had been made available via the website and through the email invites. They were also available on screen for all to read.

Agreement of the minutes was reached through a virtual online poll "The minutes of the last Annual General Meeting are accepted as a true an accurate record of the meeting" The agreement was 100% no abstentions.

Arising from the last minutes was the query from Wiltshire LOC regarding LOCSU collecting funds on behalf of The Fund. The Fund had asked LOCSU and were advised that they are unable to do this, however LOCSU have offered to help publicise the work of the Fund

3. To receive the Report of the Chair of the Directors, Mr Andy McGregor

The chairman presented a verbal report supported by a PowerPoint presentation including information on the projects NEHW and the LOCSU State of the Nation Report. See attached Presentation.

- D Cartwright (EyeCare Trust) thanked the fund for its support of the Eyecare Trust and looked forward to further collaborative working with the Fund and to try to better publicise good work that is done.
- Richard Knight (LOCSU) stressed the importance and uniqueness of the role of The Fund and agreed the rest of the sector was unaware of the good work done by the Fund on behalf of everyone.

4. To receive Financial Report from the Company Secretary, Mr Charles Barlow, including the Auditors Report.

The Company Secretary presented a verbal report supported by a PowerPoint presentation including a chart of accounts. See attached Presentation.
Ian Meadows (Staffordshire LOC) advised that he attended a Treasurers forum last week and Central Fund was not mentioned.

5. Resolution To receive and approve the decision of the directors that SJB Chartered Accountants continue as accountants for the company.

Agreement for the resolution was reached through a virtual online poll "The Resolution is that SJB Chartered Accountants remain as accountants for the company" The agreement was 100% No abstentions.

6. To hold an election (if required) for the Director of Region 2 (North West)

There were no nominations received therefore Ian White will remain in role for three years.

7. Any Other Business

There were no questions or other business raised.

8. Closure of the A.G.M.

The chair thanked everyone for attending. The meeting closed at 1.33pm