

Informal General Meeting 6th June 2022

The membership had asked to meet to discuss issues arising from the previous AGM. AW had provided a summary of outstanding AGM business to use as an agenda.

- It was requested that there is better communication with the membership about different projects and situations arising. As part of this, it was suggested to use an Action Progress Plan or Report to keep members up to date with projects.

ACTION: The Board will make a greater effort to communicate with the members.

- Dealing with Conflicts of Interest was raised and it became apparent that some of the directors haven't filled in the Register for Conflicts of Interest and there was some discussion around who had the responsibility for doing this given the previous board had lost its chair some time previous to the AGM.

ACTION: The new Chair of the board will ensure that proper procedures will be carried out and it was suggested at the board meeting on 22/06/2022 that it become a requirement to do a new Conflict of Interest form after each AGM given that circumstances are always evolving.

- The board were encouraged to issue a clarification of the bursary rules in the newsletter.
- Providing support to people out with the Horshader area: The granting of education bursaries to people out with the Horshader membership was funded, not by Horshader, but by the UK Covid Recovery Fund and the board agreed that it could have been handled with more transparency and indeed, it has been decided if we were to receive external funding again that it would be handled entirely differently.
- The members present (and the board have since agreed) felt that it would be beneficial to reinstate the Project Evaluation Group (PEG).

ACTION: This was discussed at the board meeting on 22/06/2022 and the board found this suggestion to have merit and will be looking for volunteers to help run this.

- Revision of the Governing Document is ongoing due to bye laws being added. There was no suggestion of changing the actual articles other than making sure discrepancies and contradictions are addressed.
- It was noted that the board need to communicate better with the membership. It was suggested that the board allow themselves to become inquisitive to force the members to address the fundamental problems of recruiting, no matter what they might be.

Fiona and Carole agreed to take the matters raised back to the board and would be striving for best practice.