

**Women in the Fire Service UK
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Sunday, 12 June 2022**

held at
The Fire Service College
Moreton-in-Marsh,
Gloucestershire GL56 0RH

Attendees: Jules King *Chair JK*, Caroline Anderson *Vice Chair CA*, Louise Brown **LB**, Alex Johnson **AJ**, Nicola Lown **NL**, Dany Cotton **DC**, Sara Slater **SS**, Miriam Heppell **MH**

1. Apologies

None received.

2. Minutes of AGM 2021

Accepted as a true and accurate record and would therefore be signed off by the Chair.

3. Matters Arising

None.

4. Chairs Report

The last time we were all gathered physically for an AGM we were in the large lecture theatre.

I wanted to start by reflecting on the last few days, full of buzz and excitement, it truly is great to be back here at the fire Service college and I wanted to record my sincere thanks once again for all the amazing people who are behind the running of this event, from the college staff, amazing catering, the volunteers including volunteer instructors and of course Karen and Nat.

The Women's development programme continues to be well attended and three programmes have run in the last year. If you are interested in learning more about it then please do have a look on the WFS website. Jo Henry

In March a small team took over the firefighters podcast which was a great opportunity for WFS.

We also had a number of volunteers who delivered an online 6 week future firefighters programme that was over subscribed and really well attended.

As demonstrated on Friday night, awards have been a real highlight.

60 nominations for 25 services across the 6 categories. Keep these in mind as we will be looking for our next award nominations.

Finally, I wanted to say a heartfelt to each and every one of you who purchased raffle tickets for our 2 charities the firefighters charity and PTSD999 - We have raised a record breaking amount of £1,329.

5. Presentation of WFS Accounts 2021

WFS operates as a not-for-profit organisation which relies on income from its events, corporate and membership subscriptions to cover its costs each year.

I am pleased to report that the WFS finances remain in a healthy position, with a profit of £37,617 for the year and assets of £80,854.

Turnover has been lower than previous years, which is a direct result of the Covid-19 pandemic. We saw the first year that the annual training and development event wasn't possible to be run. However, the Choose to Challenge events were a great success.

Other than the cost of delivering events, our overheads are quite low with the employment two full time members of staff throughout the year.

SS asked that the Accounts be accepted – Unanimously agreed

6. Appointment of External Accountant

As a member's organisation we require your approval to appoint auditors for this coming year. It is recommended that Nick Westbury LLP is retained.

SS asked that the appointment be approved – Unanimously agreed

7. Election of National Executive Committee

Following submission of nomination forms which were approved and seconded (please ask WFS Administration Manager if you would like to see them) the following people were unanimously elected into post for the forthcoming year.

NEC Re-elections 2022		
Directors	Role	Elected
Jules King	Chair	Unanimous
Caroline Anderson	Vice Chair	Unanimous
Sara Slater	Treasurer	Unanimous
Nicola Lown	Regional Support & International	Unanimous
Miriam Heppell	Company Secretary	Unanimous
Louise Brown	HR Advisor	Unanimous
Alex Johnson	Patron	Unanimous
Kath Billing	Liaison and Partnerships	Unanimous
Patron		
Dany Cotton		Unanimous
Executive Members		
Sara Hall		Unanimous
Jenny Hill		Unanimous
Lynsey McVay		Unanimous
Divine Zake		Unanimous
Vicky Wallens-Hancock		Unanimous
Co-opted members		
Gina Gray		Unanimous
Nicky Thurston		Unanimous
Regional Reps		
Joanne Henry	North East	Unanimous
Clare Hesselwood	Yorkshire and Humberside	Unanimous
Jenny Nangle	North West	Unanimous
Hannah Lodder	Wales	Unanimous
Sara Hall	West Midlands	Unanimous
Bex Sims	East Midlands	Unanimous
Daisy Byron	East	Unanimous
Hannah Singleton	South West	Unanimous
Fleur Wilks	South East	Unanimous
Serena Benassi	London	Unanimous

Signed.....

Name.....

Date.....

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