

Member feedback received 17 August 2025

Hi

I attended the AGM and I have to say that it was not run that well.

When I arrived, my membership was checked but I was not told to collect any printouts. However, I knew from other AGMs that I had attended in the past that there should be a handout of some sort so I picked up a printout. However, sometime after I sat down, I then realised that there were actually two handouts. When arriving at the AGM, the person checking my membership should be informing me that there were two handouts to collect.

The Board had one job at the AGM and that was to persuade the attendees to pass the two motions. Unfortunately that was a failure. The Chairman announced that the motion would be voted on, however, I didn't know what we were voting on, (and clearly neither did other attendees), as a member of the audience had to call out to ask what exactly we were voting on. The PowerPoint that was played at the meetings this week should have been played at the AGM so that attendees understood the reasons for the change in the Constitution.

Furthermore, at the AGM, the Board should have explained how the voting on the motion worked i.e. we needed to vote the new constitution in, and then we could consider any amendments - a gentlemen at the AGM had some suggestions but it wasn't explained that we would need to approve the constitution before we could consider the gentleman's amendments. Hence people voted No, when actually they may have voted Yes if this was explained to them. What the Board should have said was:

If you like the amended Constitution, then vote Yes

If you think that most of the Constitution is okay, then vote Yes, then at this meeting we can consider amendments

If you don't like the Constitution at all, then vote No, however the current Constitution is invalid as per the new Incorporated Societies Act and a No vote means a delay in approving a Constitution and we only have until April next year to get this approved.

For the next meeting, please play the powerpoint that was played at the consultation meetings. And also explain that the suggested Constitution can be amended at the meeting, but to do so, the motion needs to be passed to accept the new Constitution.

Thanks

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