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**MINUTES OF THE 60<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE ROYAL ASIATIC  
SOCIETY HONG KONG,  
HELD ON TUESDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> APRIL 2020 ON ZOOM IN HONG KONG.**

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The meeting commenced at 6:30 p.m. with a quorum of members present.

**Welcome**

The Hon Secretary, Mr David McKellar, welcomed everyone to the 60<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting of the Royal Asiatic Society Hong Kong.

As preliminary points, the Secretary noted:

apologies had been received from a number of members and recorded

the welcome presence of overseas members

the AGM papers had been loaded onto the dedicated webpage

there were slides to accompany the AGM

a few housekeeping matters, given the AGM was being held over zoom: questions could be asked at any time, by a member raising his/her "virtual" hand and unmuting the microphone; or by typing the question in the relevant box

when there would be calls for a resolution to be proposed or seconded, or for votes for and against, the same manner as for questions should be adopted

**1. Confirmation of the Minutes of the 59<sup>th</sup> AGM held on 24<sup>th</sup> April 2019**

The Honorary Secretary referred to the Minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting, held on 24<sup>th</sup> April 2019. No questions on the Minutes were tendered. Receipt and confirmation of the Minutes was proposed by Mr Tom Cohen and seconded by Ms Davina Lee. They were passed unanimously.

**2. Vice President's Report for the year 2019-2020 on the activities of the Society and Ride Fund**

The President presented her Report and included thanks to the Administrator.

Mr John Wilson congratulated Dr Brian Shaw on the conferment of his honour by Bhutan. Mr Wilson noted had written an article published in the SCMP on the Articles 45 and 68 of the Basic Law and their unequivocal requirement of progress towards universal suffrage, which he encouraged members to read; and Mr Wilson further stated that he enjoyed reading the Society's newsletters.

There being no further questions, receipt of the Report was proposed by Mr David McKellar and seconded by Mr Tom Cohen, which proposal was passed by the members present, with virtual acclaim.

**3. Reports of the Honorary Librarian, Hon Editor, Hon Activities Co-ordinator and Hon Archivist**

The Hon Secretary noted that the Reports had been posted to the Society's website, affording members time to digest the same; and were included in the bundle for the meeting. The reports were to be taken as read.

**4. Honorary Treasurer's Report for the year ending 31st December 2019**

The Hon Secretary referred the Meeting to the Financial Statements of the Society for the year ended 31st December 2019. He also noted the Hon Treasurer's report thereon. Questions from the floor were invited, but none were received. Receipt of the Report was proposed by Dr Stephen Davies and seconded by Mr Tom Cohen, which proposal was accepted unanimously.

**5. Report of the Accounts of the Sir Lindsay and Lady Ride Memorial Fund**

The Hon Secretary referred the meeting to the financial statements of the Fund for the year ended 31st December 2019, which were to be taken as read.

**6. Report of the Chairman of the Friends of the Royal Asiatic Society Hong Kong Branch in Britain**

The Hon Secretary noted that the Report of the Chairman of the Friends of the Royal Asiatic Society Hong Kong Branch in Britain, which were also to be taken as read.

**7. Election of Officers and Members of Council for the year 2020-2021**

The Hon Secretary referred to item 7 on the Agenda and the list containing the names of those proposed for election to Council which had been circulated with the Notice of this AGM. He was glad to note that Dr Helen Tinsley was happy to stand as President; and Dr Stephen Davies as a Vice President; and Mr Banham to join the Council. The Hon Secretary added that the intention of Council was for Dr Davies to hand over the reins as Hon Editor to Mr Banham in about October, whereafter Dr Davies would remain as a Vice President (all if so elected). The Hon Secretary noted that Dr Tinsley was also proposing to stand as Hon Activities Co-ordinator, but really the Society needed someone to join Council with an aim to taking over the role (aswell as someone willing to become the Hon Secretary): the previous year's plea for "new blood" was repeated!

The Hon Secretary asked if there were any nominations for Council, other than those listed in the papers which had been circulated. None arising, the Hon Secretary then proposed to carry out the Council election en bloc and enquired if there were any objections to doing so. None having been received, Mr Tom Cohen then proposed and Mr Peter Stuckey seconded the election to Council of those listed below. The proposal was carried unanimously and the Hon Secretary declared the following Council elected for the ensuing year:

*Office Bearers:*

President	Dr Helen Tinsley
Vice President	Dr Stephen Davies
Hon Secretary	Mr David McKellar
Hon Treasurer	Ms Connie Carmichael
Hon Editor	Dr Stephen Davies
Hon Librarian	Ms Vivian So
Hon Activities Co-ordinator	Dr Helen Tinsley
Hon Archivist	Mr Yip Chun Man

*Other Council Members:*

Mr Don Gasper  
Ms Davina Lee

Mr Robert Bunker  
Dr Kwong Chi Man  
Mr Roy Delbyck  
Mr Tony Banham

The Hon Secretary noted that Council can co-opt additional members and invited those interested to speak with any Councillor after the meeting about doing so.

**8. To elect additional Trustees to the Sir Lindsay and Lady Ride Memorial Fund for the year 2020-2021**

The Hon Secretary reminded the AGM that the majority of the Trustees of the Fund are ex-officio Trustees, by virtue of their position as officers of RASHKB: the President, Vice-Presidents, Honorary Treasurer and the Immediate Past President; and that the Trustees might at any time appoint not more than two Trustees. Further the Society was able, at any AGM, to elect not more than two Trustees. The motion therefore was to elect two additional Trustees. The Hon Secretary was pleased to propose Mr John Strickland and Mr John Budge be re-elected, which was seconded by Dr Helen Tinsley. There being no other nominations, the proposal was voted upon and approved unanimously.

**9. Appointment of Auditors for the year 2020-2021**

The Hon Secretary said that he was pleased to propose Ian Hasell & Co be re-elected as Auditors for the ensuing year. The motion was seconded by Dr Stephen Davies, and was carried unanimously.

**10. Any Other Business**

The Hon Secretary asked if anyone had any other business to raise or questions.

Dr Helen Tinsley thanked everyone present for attending the AGM via Zoom. Dr Tinsley said she was very much looking forward to the Society rising to the challenges of the coming year, indicating there may be Zoom talks in the pipeline. Mr Tom Cohen thanked the Society for hosting the AGM I this way. Mrs Sally Bunker thanked Dr Tinsley and the Council members for their service.

The Hon Secretary then thanked Mr Peter Stuckey for arranging the Zoom "waiting room" slides of activities; and the Administrator for his arrangements.

No further business being raised, the 60<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting was then declared closed by the Hon Secretary at 7.25pm. The AGM may have been followed by cocktails at individual locations.

Confirmed by President: ..... Date: 20<sup>th</sup> April 2021