



<b>Event</b>	Who Cares? Scotland AGM October 2022		
<b>Scribe</b>	Carly Telford	<b>Date</b>	23/10/22

## Minutes

<b>Attendees</b>	
<b>Board Members Present</b>	Ryan McCuaig (Chair), Sarah Blackmore (Vice-Chair), Alicia Santana, Carmel Jacob, Carol Kirk, David Middleton, Ruth Wallace
<b>Board Member Apologies</b>	Jen Royston, Kevin Timlin, Shaun Brittain, Trevor Hillman
<b>WC?S Members Present (21)</b>	Aaron Peacher, Amie Tait, Andy Fowler, Ashley Adam, Carrie Miller, Charles Fernando, Damien Watson, Gabrielle Docherty, Jeanette Miller, Kareen Stewart, Kira Henry, Laruen Barrie, Lorraine McHendry, Lynda Greig, Marissa Roxburgh, Michael Stewart, Oisín King, Rachael Hardy, Robert Hamilton, Ryan McShane, Sinead Ritchie, Stephen Ramsay
<b>WC?S Members who voted online</b>	9 WC?S members voted online prior to the AGM, including one member who was present in person but did not vote again. Online voting closed at 9am on Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> October.
<b>Agenda items</b>	
<b>Welcome and Report from the Chair,</b>	<p><u>Report from the Chair, Ryan McCuaig</u></p> <p>The Chair of the Board presented an update on the activities of Who Cares? Scotland for the period April 2021-March 2022. This included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ongoing response to COVID and digital working. Began to recover our face-to-face work.</li> <li>• Rights – Advocacy services grew including new contracts with the Children’s Hearings System. The Helpline model evolved from a crisis service to provision of lifelong advocacy.</li> <li>• Belonging – Membership grew to over 3500.</li> <li>• Influencing - Training &amp; Education team has delivered listen &amp; learn sessions with Corporate Parents including 25 bespoke training events and 7 collaborative events. The Annual Participation Programme completed its second year and included a theme on mental health. This has influenced a number of policy areas.</li> <li>• Pioneering - changes in our workforce over the reporting period has seen a reduction in those with Care Experience, due to natural turnover.</li> <li>• Voice remains at the heart of what we do.</li> </ul>
<b>Minutes, Annual Accounts and Auditor Appointment</b>	<p><u>Minutes of the AGM held 28.02.22</u></p> <p>Sarah Blackmore, Vice-Chair of the Board, reviewed the minutes of the previous AGM.</p> <p><b>The minutes were proposed by Jeanette Miller and seconded by Lynda Greig</b></p>

	<p><u>Annual Accounts for year ending 31.03.22</u></p> <p>Fiona Donaldson, Director of Finance, reviewed the annual accounts for year ending 31.03.22. Highlights included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The auditors gave a clean audit</li> <li>• £5.2m income, remained consistent from previous year</li> <li>• 5.8% decrease in expenditure</li> <li>• £613k surplus unspent to be carried over into next year</li> <li>• Designated funds to support next year</li> <li>• Income comparison – growth in gov grants for CHS</li> <li>• Majority income comes from CHS and advocacy grants</li> <li>• Expenditure breakdown - 78% goes to staffing. This is consistent with previous years.</li> </ul> <p><b>The Accounts were proposed by David Middleton and seconded by Lynda Greig</b></p> <p><u>Auditor Appointments</u></p> <p>Ryan McCuaig proposed that Wylie &amp; Bisset are appointed again as our auditors. The proposal was approved.</p> <p><b>Proposed by Jeanette Miller and seconded by Marissa Roxburgh</b></p>
<p><b>Board resignations, acknowledgments, and elections</b></p>	<p><u>Elections</u></p> <p>Ryan McCuaig is approaching the end of his 4-year term and is standing for re-election.</p> <p><b>Ryan McCuaig was successfully re-elected by a show of voting cards of members present.</b></p> <p><u>Elections of new candidates</u></p> <p>5 candidates stood for election. They were elected by a combination of online voting prior to the AGM and a show of voting cards of members present.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>David Anderson – in favour</b></li> <li>• <b>Douglas Adam – in favour</b></li> <li>• <b>Erin McAuley – in favour</b></li> <li>• <b>Michael Stewart – in favour</b></li> <li>• <b>Steven Ramsay – in favour</b></li> </ul> <p><u>Resignations</u></p> <p>3 Board members stepped down: Alicia Santana, Lee Davidson and Euan Haggerty.</p> <p>The official business of the AGM was completed and the meeting handed over to Louise Hunter, CEO.</p>

**Member Question & Answer Session**

Oisín King asked about plans for the NRB in the future. Louise & Ryan confirmed that the Board fully supports the NRB as feature of Who Cares? Scotland and it will continue to evolve.

Amie Tait asked about youth representation on the Board. Ryan and Sarah addressed this question. Discussed the commitment of the Board to increasing equality, diversity and inclusion to ensure that every voice feels heard.

Andy Fowler also asked about youth representation and suggested the idea of a youth board. Ryan replied that the NRB is a great way for younger members to get involved and that this is something we can discuss further.

**AOB**

There was no other business. The meeting was brought to a close.