



NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF SHOPFITTERS
Minutes of the March 2021 Annual General Meeting of the NAS
held on Wednesday 17th March 2021 via Zoom Video Conference

PRESENT:	Marc Allen	(MA)	Trustee, NAS President (Meeting Chairman)
	Alan Stewart	(AS)	Trustee, NAS Vice President
	Martin Quille	(MQ)	Trustee, NAS Past President
	David Edmonds	(DE)	Trustee, NAS Treasurer
	John Bailey	(JB)	
	James Filus	(JF)	Director, NAS
	Les McCracken	(LMC)	
	Tim Rodwell	(TR)	
	Norrie Barbour	(NB)	
	Dave Carpenter	(DC)	
	Lorraine Shepherd	(LS)	Training Manager, NAS
	Blazej Zimnak	(BZ)	Marketing Manager, NAS
	Joanne Hill	(JH)	Operations Manager, NAS

**Refer to Zoom Attendance
for member attendance
breakdown.**

APOLOGIES: Simon Duxbury, Clements
Retail Ltd.

The meeting commenced at 10:30

	AGENDA ITEM	ACTIONS
1.	Presidents Welcome & 2020 AGM Cancellation 1.1 MA greeted all attendees to the 101 st NAS AGM. MA advised that the 2020 AGM was cancelled due to the pandemic and shared his best wishes to all. 1.2 MA confirmed that this AGM is being undertaken virtually via Zoom due to the government restrictions on mass gatherings at this time. 1.3 MA advised that the 2019 minutes would be made available to members on the NAS Members Area.	JF to make 2019 AGM minutes available on the Members Area.
2.	Finance Update 2.1 DE, NAS Treasurer welcomed all attendees advising that he would verbally present the NAS accounts for this year and confirmed that the accounts were shared with attendees by a hyperlink included with the meeting agenda. 2.2 DE confirmed that the profit and loss income increased to £257k this year, bolstered by grants received from the coronavirus pandemic government support scheme. DE advised that the NAS corrected poor accountancy practices from previous years, which as a result has portrayed a loss. Additionally, the NAS recruited an unbudgeted Events Manager between February and August 2020, which ended in redundancy due to the impact of the pandemic. Without these losses the NAS would be announcing a 2020 profit. 2.3 DE confirmed that debtors are higher than previous years due to overdue membership fees. 2.4 DE advised that the balance sheet is fine and there are no issues to note but due to the accountancy issues discovered this year, the NAS has made the decision to enlist alternative Accountants. 2.5 JB raised that the distribution of the accounts by hyperlink before the meeting was poor and did not offer sufficient time to study them in detail. JF confirmed receipt of this feedback and advised that this would consider a different approach in the future.	

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3.	<p>Appointment of Alan Stewart, NAS President</p> <p>3.1 MA thanked DE and JF for their input in relation to the financials.</p> <p>3.2 MA commented that today is a day of reflection, it has been 2-years since he last stood in front of the NAS membership and feels it is the right time to reflect on what has happened in this time. MA referenced the charity events undertaken to support those less fortunate, raising money for the CRASH foundation. MA also reminisced of the live apprentice competition held in Leeds, which was great fun and a great success. MA also mentioned that 2020 was a year where membership numbers were successfully increased, and benefits were improved.</p> <p>MA advised that since 2019 he set himself two objectives. Number one was not to let anyone down and secondly to unit the members, associates, honorary members and NAS house as one big community. MA advised that this success is due to combined efforts all around.</p> <p>3.2 MA advised at this point it falls to him to close his reign and name his successor. MA thanked the members and the Council for their support and announced Alan Stewart as the newest President of the NAS.</p> <p>3.3 AS thanked MA for his introduction and was pleased to see well known faces in the attendee list. AS paid tribute to MA on behalf of the NAS Council and thanked him for his commitment and leadership over the past 2-years. AS also thanked his colleagues and the Council for entrusting him in this position. AS advised he would continue to promote the involvement of the NAS. AS paid tribute to Brendan Turtle and expressed the Council's continued high regard for him as a past president. AS advised, he is excited to work with the talented NAS House team and thanked the team for reshaping us to where we are now.</p> <p>3.3 AS thanked Darwin Clayton for their support and sponsorship for the event and hoped that everyone had redeemed their coffee gift.</p> <p>3.4 AS nominated Norrie Barbour as NAS Vice President.</p>	
4.	<p>Update on NAS Progress Since Previous AGM</p> <p>4.1 JF presented via. PowerPoint and advised is has been 2-years since he stood at the 2019 AGM and wanted to update on the NAS' progress since then and talk about plans for the future.</p> <p>4.2 Refer to JF PowerPoint Proposal for full detail.</p>	JF to make the presentation available.
5.	<p>Limited Conversion Project</p> <p>4.1 JF advised the NAS wrote to all members advising that currently the NAS is a club by formation. Currently the NAS pays VAT and have regular business practices but cannot register assets or be recognised as a business. Full details were set out in the letter, alongside and FAQ document which was distributed to all members electronically. This document also confirmed the NAS' intention to convert to a limited by guarantee entity which will now be voted on. As the AGM achieves a quorate group, a Zoom poll will be undertaken offering the opportunity for all NAS Full Members to vote.</p> <p>4.2 The results of the poll were as follows, and as a result the NAS may proceed with the limited conversion plan.</p> <p>95% support 5% abstain (1x Member)</p>	
6.	<p>AOB</p> <p>6.1 AS thanked all members for their attendance and undertaking the vote which appears to have received good support for the notion.</p> <p>AS Brought the meeting to a close, thanking everyone for their time and advised that the next AGM or event will hopefully be an in-person reunion where we can all share what we have been up to.</p>	