

**Annual General Meeting 2015 of
CHRISTIANS ON THE INTERNET**

held

at Christ Church, Abingdon

on 18th April 2015

Opening Prayers were led by Peter Lear.

- 1 **Present** Andrew Foulsham (Chair), Peter and Sandra Lear, Jeff and Lynne Lowndes, Chris Wright, Ron Newsham, Richard and Ann Barratt, Sheila Wright, Andrew Leach, Tim Hatwell, Susan Cooper, Peter Muir and Roger Stokes.
- 2 **Apologies for absence** were received from Brian Elliott, Simon Kershaw, Mike Todd, Nick Gomersall, David Loftus, Tim Barker, Stephen Carter, Peter Bowes, Andrew Spurr, Dave Hall, Brian Poulson, Tony Whatmough, Ian Clark, Kathy Ferguson, Carolynn Pritchard, Alan Jesson, Andy McQueen, Alison Tyler, David Newman, Mark Warrick, Sarah Douglas, Mike Beasley, Patrick Whittick, Bryony Morrison, Elizabeth Jennings, Clem Lewis, Jill Wright and John Green.
- 3 **Minutes of the 2014 Annual General Meeting of COIN**
Peter Muir proposed and Jeff Lowndes seconded that the Minutes of the 2014 AGM be accepted as a correct record. This was agreed unanimously and Andrew Foulsham signed them.
- 4 **Matters arising from the Minutes**
It was agreed that discussion of the proposed survey be deferred to Any Other Business. There no other Matters Arising.
- 5 **Report from the Chair for the year ending 31 December 2014.**
Andrew Foulsham presented his report, which is attached. He apologised for a lack of attentiveness in recent months due to a combination of crises in his personal life. He was assured that the effect of these was understood and he was thanked for what he had done.
- 6 **Financial accounts for the year ending 31 December 2014.**
Peter Muir presented the financial accounts which showed little activity during the year. He explained that it had been impossible to have these independently examined as yet due to difficulties with getting Barclays Bank to implement the change of mandate and to provide a bank statement. Peter Lear proposed and Sheila Wright seconded that they be accepted. This was agreed unanimously.
- 7 **Other Reports**
The report from Alan Jesson, the Electoral Roll Officer, which had been placed on the website and is attached was received. There was some discussion of the difficulties of keeping email addresses up to date. It was agreed that Andrew Foulsham send a reminder to the Meeting and General lists about the need to advise the Electoral Roll Officer when changing email addresses. Peter Lear proposed and Andrew Foulsham seconded that Alan Jesson be thanked for his work.

Chris Wright presented his technical report, which had also been placed on the website and is attached. Ron Newsham proposed and Richard Barratt seconded that we accept the report and thank Chris for his work. After a break for the COIN photo Chris passed round a Raspberry Pi and explained its usefulness in providing training for children in refugee camps. It was admired as an amazing piece of kit and is set to be the best selling computer ever. Andrew Foulsham also passed his Chromebook round for examination and explained its use in his work context as a convenient connection to their network at an economic price.

8 **Election of Officers**

Andrew Leach had proposed, and Peter Muir seconded, that Alan Foulsham be elected Chairman for the period to 2018. There being no other nominations Andrew was declared elected.

9 **Election of one third of the Executive**

Andrew Leach had been proposed by Jill Wright and seconded by Susan Cooper. Tim Hatwell had been proposed by Chris Wright and seconded by Andrew Foulsham. Chris Wright had been proposed by Roger Stokes and seconded by Alan Jesson. These three were declared elected for the period to 2018.

Jeff Lowndes had resigned from the Executive. He proposed and Andrew Foulsham seconded that Peter Lear be elected to fill this vacancy which is for one year.

10 **Independent Examiner for the accounts for the year ending 31 December 2014**

Jeff Lowndes proposed and Sheila Wright seconded that Susan Cooper be appointed independent examiner for the accounts. This was agreed unanimously.

11 **Any other business**

There was conversation about arrangements for the 2016 AGM. This resulted in suggestions that it be in Yorkshire and the general membership be invited to participate in a Doodle poll to indicate a preferred date to the Exec. The Secretary is to contact Tony Whatmough to see if it is possible to hold it in Headingley. Suggested dates are 16, 23 and 30 April.

Peter Muir introduced a discussion on his draft proposals for a membership survey. A number of points were made about its content and the need for clarity of purpose. It was agreed that Peter Muir, Peter Lear, Ron Newsham, Chris Wright, Andrew Foulsham and Andrew Leach design the survey to be presented to the Executive..

12 **Closing Prayers** were led by Peter Muir.