**BROMLEY AND DISTRICT REFORM SYNAGOGUE LIMITED**

**28 Highland Road, Bromley**

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**Held on 22 March 2023 via Zoom**

**Present:** Michelle Brooks Evans (Chair) Heidi Small (Vice Chair) Hadassah Britz, Lew Britz, Marilyn Freeman, Eileen Fry, Rhona Green, Graham Harris, Sandra Hurley, Adrian Jackson, Lesley Jackson, Barbara Kurtz, Jennie Kreser, Dr Keith Fraser, Matthew de Lange, Linda de Lange, Vicky Hart, Hugh Lask, Shane Lask, Toby Allin, Janvier Palmer, Amanda Penn, Janet Posner, John Posner, Judi Sheffrin, Nigel Springer, Sharon Solomon, Michael Abrahams, Judy Taylor, Greg Liebenhals, David Zerihan, Sheila Zerihan, Michael Zerihan, Rabbi Laura Janner Klausner (D’var Torah only)

1. **D’var Torah**

Rabbi Laura pointed out the teaching resources available from Reform Judaism which would be useful not only for those new to Judaism but also for those who wanted to have some refresher knowledge on the festivals and other aspects of Reform Judaism

1. **Apologies for absence**

Stephanie Alberti

1. **Minutes of the 2022 Annual General Meeting**

The Minutes of the 2022 AGM were approved. They are also available to read on the Website

1. **Report of the Board**
	1. The Report was presented in full to the AGM. The Report is also available on the website. The Report included updates from Social Centre, Education, Safeguarding, Security and Maintenance and R&R.
	2. Michelle concluded by extending to the Board, Committees, sub committees and various groups and members her heartfelt thanks for all their hard work. An especial thanks was given to Janet Burlem who has retired as Administrator after over 30 years of wonderful service to the Shul.
2. **Treasurers Report and Accounts for the Year Ended 30th November 2022**
	1. Sandra presented and explained the Accounts. The full accounts pack will be available [on the Website/from Jennie Kreser on request] and Sandra was also happy to answer any questions either sent to her by email or via Jennie. Thanks were extended to Harris & Trotter LLP for their independent examination of the Accounts. They were also re-appointed as Independent Examiners of the Accounts
	2. The Report and Accounts were adopted.
3. **Accounts of the Donor’s Charitable Trust**
	1. Hugh Lask reported on the Accounts. Most of the expenditure has been to support the Education Committee and the Burseries for the RSY Camps. Michelle reported that BRS has the highest number of attendencies at Shemesh this Summer outside of North London
4. **Election of Executive Officers**

The election of the following Executive Officers was approved:

Chair: Michelle Brooks Evans

Vice Chair: Linda de Lange

Secretary: Eileen Fry

Treasurer: Sandra Hurley

1. **Election of Other Board Members.**

The following other Board Members were elected in addition to the Executive Officers listed above

Heidi Small

Stephanie Alberti

John Posner

Nigel Springer

Rhona Green

Michael Abrahams

Judy Taylor

Victoria Hart

Amanda Penn

Graham Harris

Sharon Solomon

Greg Liebenhal

Toby Allin

Marilyn Freeman (by special vote as she has reached her term)

1. **Election of Representative to the Board of Deputies**

Joe Millis was elected as Bromley Representative. He has indicated however that this will be his last election and a new Rep will be required to take the role next year. Anyone interested is invited to have an informal chat with Joe about the responsibilities.

1. **Amendment to Bye Law Clause 53**

Eileen Fry introduced the proposed amendment which was by way of a clarification of the existing Clause rather than a complete change. The amendment was approved.

1. **Endowment Fund Process**
	1. Matthew de Lange introduced this item to explain how the significant endowment provided to the Shul is to be used and how to apply for funding.
	2. The process will be available on the Website and it has been distributed by email to all members for whom we have email addresses and all other reasonable communication channels
	3. The Protocol was agreed.
2. **Vice Presidents**

Judy Koekek had been nominated. Although she has not confirmed acceptance the Meeting approved in principle the election.

1. **Any Other Business**
	1. Judi expressed the deepest thanks of everyone for the work done by Michelle throughout her tenure.
	2. Matthew de Lange mentioned that since Laura became Rabbi there seems to have been a significant uptick in membership. Michelle and Jennie confirmed that there certainly did seem to be on a positive trend also helped by the feedthrough from Gan. Also the reduction in fees for younger members has helped
	3. Matthew also asked the AGM to Minute the thanks of the Community

to Janet Burlem for all her hard work over the years.

* 1. John Posner mentioned how important the conversion process has been to those have been through it and the visit to the Beit Din a significant life event.