These are the unconfirmed minutes of the Annual General Meeting (AGM) held on Sunday 31 July 2016 at the Convention Centre Dublin, Ireland.

1. **To elect the chair**

R Vaughan-Jones, President, opened the meeting at 13:00 and proposed that B Harvey be elected as chair of the meeting. This was approved *nem. con*.

2. **Minutes of the AGM held on 7 July 2015**

The minutes of the meeting held on 7 July 2015 were confirmed as a correct record.

3. **To stand in memory of deceased Members**

There was a minute’s silence to remember the Members who had died during the last year.

4. **To note the 2016 Council election results**

B Harvey announced the results with the new Trustees confirmed as Federico Formenti, Sarah Hall, Bridget Lumb and Graham McGeown.

5. **To note the 2016 Honorary Members**

It was noted that Annette Dolphin, Ian McGrath, W Jon Lederer, Clive Orchard and Wolf Singer had been elected as Honorary Members for distinction in science and contributions to physiology.

6. **To receive a report by the President**

R Vaughan-Jones reported on The Society’s charitable activities and key collaborations over the last 12 months. He thanked The Society’s staff as well as the outgoing Trustees for their contributions and service.

7. **To receive and consider the Annual Return and Accounts for the year ended 31 December 2015**

A King, Honorary Treasurer, presented the 2015 financial highlights. In response to a question about ethical investment, A King confirmed that the Trustees did not currently have an ethical investment policy. However, the fund managers had a Responsible Investment (RI) policy on which they reported on quarterly.

8. **To note the 2017 subscription rates**

A King reported there would be no changes to existing subscription rates for 2017. Subject to ratification, the new Fellowship category was expected to be priced at around £120.

9. **To appoint the auditors and agree, or provide for agreement of, their remuneration**

In response to a question, it was reported that haysmacintyre have been auditors for over ten years, with the audit partner rotating three times. The Finance Committee had reviewed the auditors performance and had raised no concerns.

The resolution to reappoint haysmacintyre as auditors until the next general meeting and to authorise Council to fix their remuneration was approved unanimously.

10. **To amend the Articles of Association with effect from 31 July 2016**
B Harvey reported on the proposed special resolution to approve changes to the governing document as set out in the explanatory notes to the agenda.

B Harvey invited D Eisner, President-elect, to speak to the resolution. Following J Coles question relating to Member motions, D Eisner confirmed that it was the intention that all submitted motions will be put forward for vote as far as reasonably practical.

D Eisner confirmed, in response to R Thomas, that a seconder would not be required. In response to D Wyllie, D Eisner confirmed that the existing Affiliate Representatives were reviewing the current arrangements and looking at how the Affiliate members would be best served within The Society’s governance structure.

In response to D Walters objection on the grounds of potential elitism, D Eisner asked R Tribe to provide further details about the proposed Fellowship Membership category. D Baines added that this new level of membership had been requested via members as part of the biennial Membership Survey; for those lecturing/teaching it can aid career progression.

B Harvey asked members to vote; the resolution was passed with more than the required 75%, including proxies, voting in favour.

11. **To receive and consider a report by the Editor-in-Chief of The Journal of Physiology**
   K Barrett delivered a report on *The Journal of Physiology*, highlighting the changes to senior team structure to engage a wider set of inputs to cover all areas of physiology, as well as improving Board communication.

12. **To receive and consider a report by the Editor-in-Chief of Experimental Physiology**
   P McLoughlin delivered a report on *Experimental Physiology*, highlighting the Editorial Board restructure to broaden representation. He welcomed the new Editor-in-Chief, M Tipton, who is due to take over in October 2016.

13. **To receive and consider a report by the Editor-in-Chief of Physiological Reports**
   P Kumar, Chair of the Publications Committee, presented a report on *Physiological Reports* on behalf of S Wray, highlighting the new supporter journal *Acta Physiologica* and the change to accept Case Reports.

14. **To receive and consider a report by the Editor of Physiology News**
   R Thomas presented a report on *Physiology News*, encouraging all members present to submit articles as well as reading and supporting the magazine.

15. **Any other business**
   There was no other business.

16. **Date of the next AGM**
   Due to the absence of a main meeting in 2017, the date of the next meeting is still to be decided. It was likely to be held, in London, in conjunction with the newly introduced President’s Lecture.

B Harvey closed the meeting.