

Families need Fathers

Thames Valley Branch

Annual General Meeting held online on the 23rd October 2023

MINUTES

Start time: 20:10

AGM Attendee:

Narinder Singh Basra

Alain Williams

Arthur Vered

Jamal Bhatti

Patrick Graydon

Giuseppe Trerotoli

Sukhvir Sadahu

Liem Than

Conrad Jarret

Adam Parry

Sergio De Gregorio

Richard Neal

Joe Farrugia

Mahi Kura

Will Loyal

Apologies: Janet Brett, Alan Newport

Last AGM minutes are approved

Branch officers report:

Chair (Narinder Singh Basra) :

We have successfully moved from the online only mode to an alternate weekly meeting on each Monday at 8pm alternating a face-to-face meeting in The Bel and Dragon pub in Cookham and one online on the Jitsi platform. We thank the committee and Alain and Arthur for the continue support to the branch and to Patrick and Giuseppe for manning also the telephone lines. We would to suggest members to help the Officers in the future.

Treasurer (Patrick Graydon)

1. Thank you to everyone in the Committee and specially to Arthur and Alain.
2. Amount in Bank Account as @ 28/10/23 = £625.85
3. Total Income = £0 from £0 income of last year
4. Outgoings this year @ £0.00
5. Currently the branch has £0 outgoings and has £0 income. It is able to meet its needs of providing support to members due to provision of free video conferencing software and Alain hosting the technology aspects for free. Based on this I see no need to change at the moment.
6. We do encourage all attendees of the branch to join FNF to support the larger organisation, the fees are £39 per annum or £5 per month for the first year then £35 per annum or 4 per month after that. A small cost compared to the legal costs and improved quality – From my personal experience I know this group advice better than mine/FF solicitor.
7. Do we try to suggest the meeting charitable donation at each meeting? For the time being with no plans of using the money it is not useful to suggest to pay a donation at meetings.
8. Any Questions.

Secretary (Giuseppe Trerotoli):

Thanks to Arthur and Alain for your long-term commitment to the branch and to the committee with Patrick and Nas.

I am sorry I have not started a library but last year and this year there has been a bit of a up and down with my younger son attendance at school. We decided at this meeting that we do not need a library any more as most of documents are on the web or on the FNF website.

I will start to circulate the electronic Branch Poster which Arthur made and which promotes our Branch. Will continue to do so also with Councils and other Charities.

Statistics: we have 94 from 83 last year members in the email chat.

Patrick will organise a “cull” of member who do not use the chat any more.

Officers Elections:

Previous officers resigned at 20.40 - meeting held by Arthur (interim)

Election of new Board

Chair: Narinder Singh Basra - votes 15 - 0

Secretary: Giuseppe Trerotoli votes 15 - 0

Treasurer: Patrick Graydon votes 15 - 0

Narinder Singh Basra re-elected Chair and meeting chairing resumed; all the other officers have been re-elected too.

AOB:

1. Meetings are working well one face to face one online alternate weekly .
2. We decided to relook at the branch constitution: Alain and Giuseppe to do it.
3. Electronic flyer of our branch to go around to other charities etc.

Meeting closed at: 20:52