

# 2011 AGM Minutes

Minutes of the 23rd Annual General Meeting of ACCU  
held on Saturday 16th April at the Barceló Oxford Hotel, Oxford

The Meeting commenced at 13:05, Hubert Matthews in the Chair, Alan Bellingham taking the minutes.

Approximately 100 members were in attendance.

## 1) Apologies for absence

Stewart Brodie

## 2) Minutes of the 22nd AGM

These were contained within the AGM pack handed out at the meeting. The minutes were accepted without amendment

Proposed: Ewan Milne

Seconded: Roger Orr

Approved unanimously

## 3) Matter arising

The auditors approved the accounts for 2009, which had not been presented at the time of the 2009 AGM.

## 4) Reports

### ***Chair report (Hubert Matthews)***

As printed in the AGM Pack. HM gave general thanks to those standing down from their offices or from the committee in general (Alan Bellingham, Stewart Brodie, Alan Griffiths and Tony Barrett-Powell). He also thanked Giovanni Asproni (standing down as conference chair), and Asti Byro (for her work on the Autumn conference).

### ***Secretary (Alan Bellingham)***

As printed.

### ***Membership (Mick Brooks)***

As printed.

### ***Publicity (Asti Byro)***

As printed.

**Publications Officer (Roger Orr)**

As printed.

**5) Accounts for the years ending 31st December 2009 and 2010**

In the absence of SB, HM presented the accounts (as included in the AGM pack) to the meeting. He explained the reason for the drop from 2008 (surplus) to 2009 (£13K shortfall), talking about costs incurred as a decision to return to monthly magazine posting. Also, part of the size of that change was due to some advertising income that covered both years being invoiced in 2008.

Francis Glassborow suggested a look at the whole publications model, including the possibility of using Amazon on-demand printing of one-off copies of journals.

**6) Election of Auditor**

Frances Buontempo was staying on to fill the second year of her term. The chair called for a vote to re-elect her.

Proposed: Alison Lloyd  
Seconded: Dietmar Kuhl

Approved unanimously

As the new auditor (replacing Russel Winder who had completed his 2-year term), Bryan Scattergood was nominated.

Proposed: Frances Buontempo  
Seconded: Russel Winder

Approved unanimously

**7) Election of officers and committee**

**Officers as constitutionally listed**

Chair	Hubert Matthews	
	Proposed by Alan Bellingham	Seconded by Asti Byro
Secretary	Alan Lenton	
	Proposed by Roger Orr	Seconded by Tom Hughes
Treasurer	Robert Pauer	
	Proposed by Hubert Matthews	Seconded by Alan Bellingham
Membership Secretary	Mick Brooks	
	Proposed by Asti Byro	Seconded by Hubert Matthews
Publications Officer	Roger Orr	
	Proposed by Steve Love	Seconded by Paul Grenyer

**Other named posts**

Publicity	Asti Byro	
	Proposed by Roger Orr	Seconded by Giovanni Asproni
Advertising	Seb Rose	
	Proposed by Giovanni Asproni	Seconded by Tom Hughes

### Other committee members

Tom Sedge	Proposed by Frances Buontempo	Seconded by Alison Lloyd
Giovanni Asproni	Proposed by Tom Hughes	Seconded by Paul Grenyer
Paul Grenyer	Proposed by Roger Orr	Seconded by James Slaughter
Tom Hughes	Proposed by Roger Orr	Seconded by Alison Lloyd
Andrew Marlow	Proposed by Seb Rose	Seconded by Dietmar Kuhl
Byron Bradley	Proposed by Ewan Milne	Seconded by Tom Horton

It was moved to elect all in block:

Proposed: Russel Winder  
Seconded: Jim Hague

Approved unanimously.

- 8) This society wishes to recognise and thank the work of its volunteers in the operations of this society

Proposed Burkhard Kloss  
Seconded Alan Griffiths

Approved by acclamation

- 9) A set of constitutional changes relating to the name and declared aims of the society

(This motion would complete the renaming of the original C Users Group (UK) to the ACCU.)

Moved to vote

Proposed Russel Winder  
Seconded Ewan Milne

Approved by a show of hands (1 abstention)

- 10) Increase in subscriptions

(From agenda: Subscriptions for Individual members shall be raised from £35 to £45 per annum. Corporate members' subscriptions shall be raised from £120 per annum to £150 per annum. This is to take effect immediately for new members or upon renewal for existing members.)

The committee was asked to be sympathetic to the unwaged, including the unemployed and the retired.

Approved by a show of hands (1 against, 3 abstentions)

- 11) A set of constitutional changes relating to the position of the conference chair as an elected officer of the society

The time being close to the expected end of the meeting, there were complaints that there'd not been time for proper consideration of the motion, and that this motion had not been promulgated in the same manner as the original call to the AGM. The secretary apologised that there had not been better visibility of the issue. In the event, it was moved that this motion be held until the following AGM, "that this be the first item on the next AGM, and that the committee arrange for the membership to be able to discuss this electronically."

(It was suggested that a members-only mailing list be opened for this (and similar) purposes - accu-general being open to the public in general.)

Proposed	Alan Lenton
Seconded	Russel Winder

Approved by a show of hands (2 against, 1 abstention)

## 12) Other motions for which notice has been given.

No other motions had been moved.

## 13) Any other Annual General Meeting Business (To be notified to the Chair prior to the commencement of the Meeting).

No other business had been moved.

The business of the Meeting closed at 14:00

Alan Bellingham 17th April 2011