

2021 AGM Minutes

Minutes of the 33rd Annual General Meeting of the ACCU held on-line 16:00 GMT Saturday 17th April 2021.

The meeting commenced via web conferencing software at approximately 16:05 with Geoff Daniels in the chair of the meeting and Robin Williams taking minutes. A total of 15 voting members were present, constituting a quorum.

1. Apologies for absence

Ahto Truu, Bob Schmidt.

2. Minutes of the 32nd Annual General Meeting

Online vote

Option: Minutes of 2020 AGM

Yes - I approve the minutes: 81 votes (100.0%)

No - I reject the minutes: 0 votes (0%)

Yes - I approve the minutes wins with 100.0% of the vote.

Votes tallied: 81

Abstentions: 32

An updated version of the Minutes of the 32nd AGM were distributed with the AGM pack, with some omissions corrected. This amended version was voted through unanimously by those present at the AGM.

3. Annual reports of the officers

Chair's report

Over the last year, there have been some significant developments in ACCU. To name but a few of the changes, we launched a new website, improved our social media presence, introduced paper covers for magazines, had our first virtual talk, and just finished a successful fully virtual conference. While it has certainly been a bit of an odd year, ACCU has been busy! Now as the lockdowns start to ease I am looking forward to the local groups starting up again and another great year of progress ahead of us.

Let us delve into the details of some of the changes, starting with a look at the website overhaul. The new site has been running for six months now without any major issues. The old site was a dynamic CMS system written in PHP with some complex customised plugins, moving all of the website content and operations to a new system was not a small task. A couple of the more complex operations are still being powered by the old framework, but these are currently in the process of being transitioned. The website update was a task long on the books, so I am very excited that we are live with the new platform. The new system is driven by a static site generator, which should make for much easier, safer, and faster updates in future.

Despite these interesting times, we have been hard at work expanding our social media presence. It has not been possible to use standard face-to-face communication to keep in touch, but thankfully we now

have a much more active presence on Twitter, Facebook, and LinkedIn. Social media has become a more and more important communication medium and certainly, by now it seems like it is here to stay. Lost are the days where email and IRC were the only channels I had to check. Behind the scenes, there has also been interest in exploring other technologies. With the advent of the remote era the tools we have available for more rapid interaction and knowledge sharing are better than ever, so watch this space!

We are all invested in keeping the planet alive for the future. Although switching the plastic magazine sleeves for paper ones may seem like a small change, it all adds up.

With the limitations on contact in place, the local groups have not been able to meet. ACCU did, however, manage to hold a live virtual talk as an online meetup.

Finally, after the cancellation of last year, we had around two hundred and fifty attendees at the ACCU conference. Several companies sent large groups and, from the feedback so far, seem to have had a very positive experience. From a technical standpoint, the conference went very smoothly with few issues. Support was on hand to help, and videos of the sessions were available to attendees immediately. Generally, there was good interaction with the speakers, and amongst the groups in the lobby. Next year we will be looking at a hybrid conference, firstly given the success for ACCU 2021, and as online attendance is beneficial for some even if a physical meeting is possible.

Behind the scenes, all of this progress would not have been possible without the hard work of all the volunteer members who keep ACCU running. A big thank you to everyone for contributing their knowledge and time. Looking into the future I am hopeful for another successful year, with hopefully less time locked down.

Geoff Daniels, ACCU Chair

The AGM noted with regret the recent death of Russel Winder, a long-term, active and valued contributor to the ACCU community.

Treasurer's report

The draft accounts for this year are broadly similar to last year, although in comparison to the account for the last few years, there are more differences year to year.

Instead of last year's surplus, there is a deficit of £1,465 (note: precise figure per the accountant's figures).

The ACCU's cash reserves remain healthy at £74,939, split between a current account and a deposit account.

There are four main items for this year I would highlight:

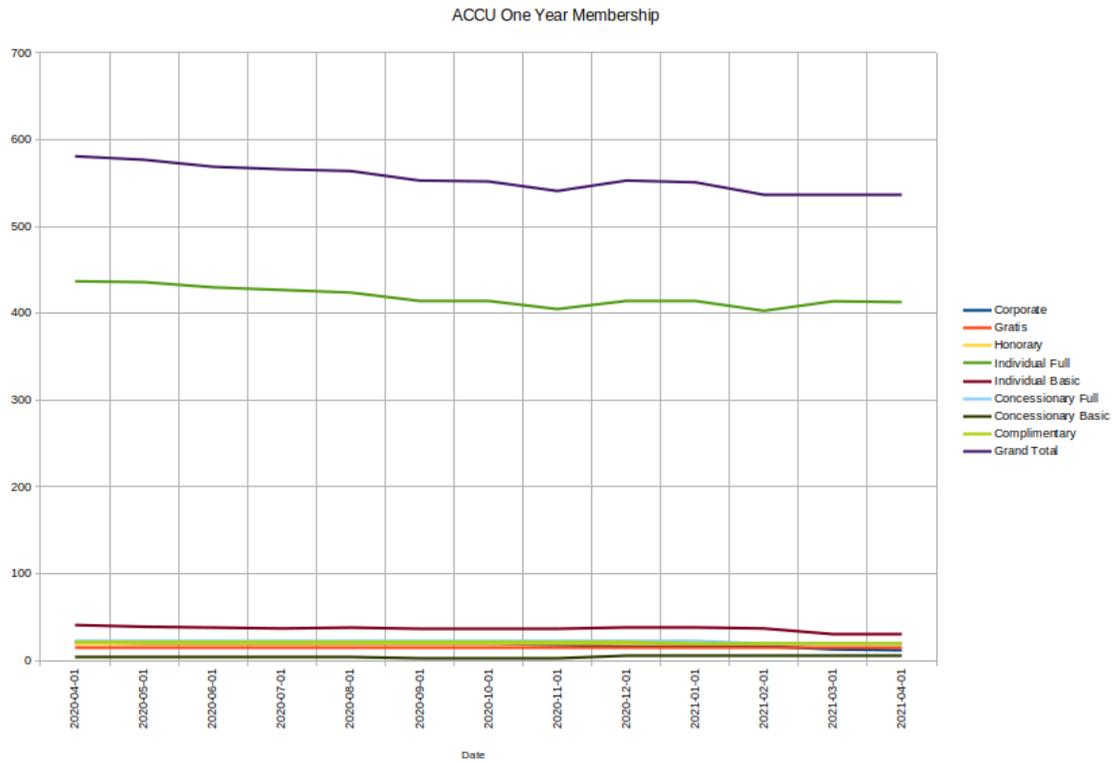
1. Conference revenue was nil that year, which most years almost entirely accounts for the year's surplus.
2. Subscription revenue has fallen in line with reduced membership count.
3. The subscription revenue and the production costs of the magazines are the majority of income and expenditure, and have both dropped slightly, with subscriptions dropping the most.
4. We have instituted the purchase of insurance to cover the society's activities, and comment moderation for the Youtube channel.

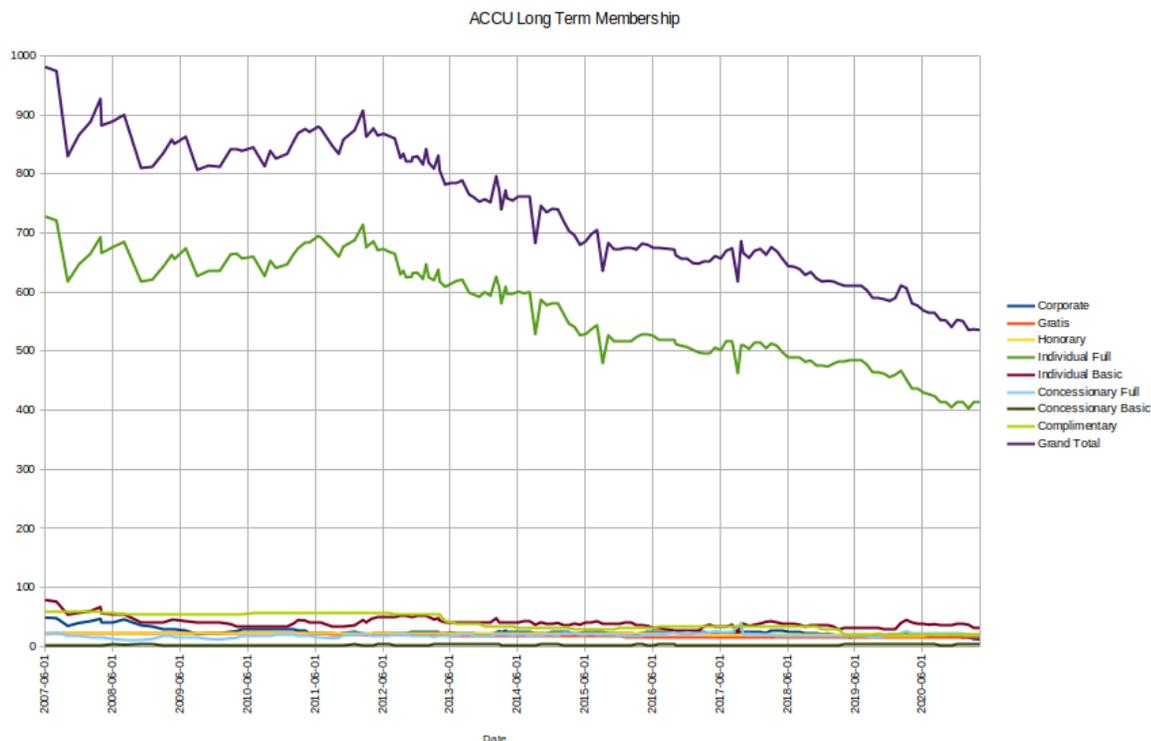
Patrick Martin, ACCU Treasurer

Membership secretary's report

Membership numbers have dropped quite a bit this year. I think it is clear that the pandemic has affected us both in general terms, and with fewer members joining or renewing to gain reduced membership rates for the conference. Our members are still spread all over the world, with new joiners from most continents.

The two graphs included show membership figures for the last year (AGM to AGM) and the overall figures since we began keeping accurate records.





The numbers are (as of 2021-04-05):

Category	Members	Difference from 2020 AGM report
Individual (Full 413, Basic 31)	444	-58
Concession (Full 20, Basic 5)	25	-6
Corporate Members	12	-12
Honorary	20	+1
Gratis	15	0
Total	516	-75
Complimentary Journals	20	-1

Matthew Jones, ACCU Membership Secretary

4. Accounts for the year ending December 2020

The draft accounts are provided as an appendix, and were accepted by unanimous vote of the attendees.

5. Election of Auditors

Dietmar Kühl volunteered to renew his term as Co-Auditor for the period April 2021 - April 2023, and was voted in favour unanimously.

Alan Griffiths continues as the other Co-Auditor for the remainder of his term, April 2020 - April 2022.

6. Election of Officers and Committee.

Election Results for 2021 ACCU Elections, also at:

<https://secure.electionbuddy.com/results/LKD2CBBP3WVU>

Started at: March 27, 2021 at 12:00pm

Finished at: April 17, 2021 at 4:00pm

Time zone: GMT +00:00, London

113 of 588 ballots cast.

Option: Chair - Geoff Daniels

Yes - I approve the candidate: 106 votes (100.0%)

No - I reject the candidate: 0 votes (0%)

Yes - I approve the candidate wins with 100.0% of the vote.

Votes tallied: 106

Abstentions: 7

Option: Treasurer - Patrick Martin

Yes - I approve the candidate: 108 votes (100.0%)

No - I reject the candidate: 0 votes (0%)

Yes - I approve the candidate wins with 100.0% of the vote.

Votes tallied: 108

Abstentions: 5

Option: Secretary - Robin Williams

Yes - I approve the candidate: 106 votes (100.0%)

No - I reject the candidate: 0 votes (0%)

Yes - I approve the candidate wins with 100.0% of the vote.

Votes tallied: 106

Abstentions: 7

Option: Membership Secretary - Matt Jones

Yes - I approve the candidate: 108 votes (100.0%)

No - I reject the candidate: 0 votes (0%)

Yes - I approve the candidate wins with 100.0% of the vote.

Votes tallied: 108

Abstentions: 5

Candidate: Non exec committee members

Roger Orr: 105 votes (15.0%)

Phil Nash: 102 votes (14.6%)

Guy Davidson: 100 votes (14.3%)

Ralph McArdell: 97 votes (13.9%)

Jim Hague: 99 votes (14.1%)

Ian Bruntlett: 99 votes (14.1%)

Adeel Nadeem: 98 votes (14.0%)

Roger Orr, Phil Nash, Guy Davidson, Ian Bruntlett, Jim Hague, Adeel Nadeem, and Ralph McArdell win with 15.0%, 14.6%, 14.3%, 14.1%, 14.0%, and 13.9% of the vote each.

Votes tallied: 700

Abstentions: 5

In conclusion, all officers were supported by the electronic membership ballot.

7. Chair calls for volunteers for non-executive roles (Study Groups & Advertising)

No offers were made, members interested in these roles are encouraged to contact the ACCU Chair.

8. Any other business

No other business was notified to the Secretary prior to the commencement of the Meeting.

Some minor issues were noted where the wording of the ACCU constitution might be updated to reflect current circumstances (i.e. terms of office for ACCU auditors, and the timeline for elections). These will be discussed by the Committee and modifications proposed for vote at the next AGM.

A vote of thanks was raised for the hosting the Zoom meeting.

Appendix - Draft Accounts

ACCU
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNTS
31 DECEMBER 2020

Draft Accounts

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INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNTS
YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

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THE REPORT OF THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

The Management Committee has pleasure in presenting its report and the unaudited Income and expenditure accounts of the club for the year ended 31 December 2020.

PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES

The principal activity of the club during the year was the promotion of professionalism in programming.

Signed on behalf of the members

Dr G Daniels
Chairman

Approved by the Management Committee on

ACCU**CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT TO THE MANAGEMENT
COMMITTEE ON THE UNAUDITED ACCOUNTS OF ACCU****YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020**

In accordance with our terms of engagement, we have compiled the Income and expenditure accounts of the club which comprise the Income and Expenditure Account, Balance Sheet and the related notes from the accounting records and information and explanations you have given to us.

We have compiled the Income and expenditure accounts on the accounting basis set out in note 1 to the Income and expenditure accounts. The financial information is not intended to achieve full compliance with the provisions of UK Generally Accepted Accounting Principles.

This report is made to you, in accordance with the terms of our engagement. Our work has been undertaken so that we might compile the Income and expenditure accounts that we have been engaged to compile, report to you that we have done so, and state those matters that we have agreed to state to you in this report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the Club's Management Committee, for our work or for this report.

We have carried out this engagement in accordance with technical guidance issued by the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales and have complied with the ethical guidance laid down by the Institute.

You have approved the Income and expenditure accounts for the year ended 31 December 2020 and have acknowledged your responsibility for it, for the appropriateness of the accounting basis and for providing all information and explanations necessary for its compilation.

We have not verified the accuracy or completeness of the accounting records or information and explanations you have given to us and we do not, therefore, express any opinion on the Income and expenditure accounts.

These accounts have NOT yet been signed by the accountant.
The name and address of the accountant
has therefore been suppressed.

DRAFT ACCOUNTS

ACCU
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

	Note	2020 £	2019 £
REVENUE		25,712	33,383
Cost of sales		<u>25,475</u>	<u>25,853</u>
GROSS SURPLUS		237	7,530
Administrative expenses		1,748	1,457
OPERATING (DEFICIENCY)/SURPLUS	2	(1,511)	6,073
Interest receivable		46	94
(DEFICIENCY)/SURPLUS ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES BEFORE TAXATION		(1,465)	6,167
(DEFICIENCY)/SURPLUS ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES AFTER TAXATION		(1,465)	6,167
(DEFICIENCY)/SURPLUS FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR		(1,465)	6,167

The notes on pages 5 to 6 form part of these income and expenditure accounts.

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BALANCE SHEET

31 DECEMBER 2020

	Note	2020		2019
		£	£	£
FIXED ASSETS				
Tangible assets	3		<u>125</u>	<u>166</u>
CURRENT ASSETS				
Debtors	4	2,000		–
Cash at bank		74,363		77,128
		<u>76,363</u>		<u>77,128</u>
CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year	5	3,014		<u>2,355</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS			73,349	<u>74,773</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES			<u>73,474</u>	<u>74,939</u>
CAPITAL AND RESERVES				
Other reserves	6		3,989	3,989
Income and expenditure account	6		69,485	70,950
MEMBERS' FUNDS	6		<u>73,474</u>	<u>74,939</u>

In accordance with the engagement letter dated 12 June 2013, we approve the financial information which comprises Income and Expenditure Account, Balance Sheet, Accounting Policies and the related notes. We acknowledge our responsibility for the financial information, including the appropriateness of the accounting basis as set out in note 1, and for providing Lowson Wad with all information and explanations necessary for its compilation.

These Income and expenditure accounts were approved by the Management Committee and authorised for issue on and are signed on their behalf by:

Dr G Daniels
Chairman

The notes on pages 5 to 6 form part of these Income and expenditure accounts.

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NOTES TO THE INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNTS

YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of accounting

The Income and expenditure accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention, modified to include the revaluation of financial instruments, and in accordance with the provisions of UK Generally Accepted Accounting Principles.

Cash flow statement

The Management Committee has taken advantage of the exemption from including a Cash flow statement in the Income and expenditure accounts on the grounds that the club is small.

Turnover

The revenue shown within the income and expenditure account represents income derived primarily from membership subscriptions.

Fixed assets

All fixed assets are initially recorded at cost.

Depreciation

Depreciation is calculated so as to write off the cost of an asset, less its estimated residual value, over the useful economic life of that asset as follows:

Website - 25% p.a. reducing balance

Financial instruments

Financial liabilities and equity instruments are classified according to the substance of the contractual arrangements entered into. An equity instrument is any contract that evidences a residual interest in the assets of the entity after deducting all of its financial liabilities.

2. OPERATING (DEFICIT)/SURPLUS

Operating (deficit)/surplus is stated after charging:

	2020	2019
	£	£
Members' remuneration	-	-
Depreciation of owned fixed assets	<u>41</u>	<u>55</u>

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NOTES TO THE INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNTS

YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

3. TANGIBLE ASSETS

	Web site £
COST	
At 1 January 2020 and 31 December 2020	<u>9,871</u>
DEPRECIATION	
At 1 January 2020	9,705
Charge for the year	41
At 31 December 2020	<u>9,746</u>
NET BOOK VALUE	
At 31 December 2020	<u>125</u>
At 31 December 2019	<u>166</u>

4. DEBTORS

	2020 £	2019 £
Trade debtors	<u>2,000</u>	<u>-</u>

5. CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year

	2020 £	2019 £
Accruals and deferred income	<u>3,014</u>	<u>2,355</u>

6. RECONCILIATION OF MEMBERS' FUNDS AND MOVEMENT ON RESERVES

	ISDF fund £	Income and expenditure account £	Total members' funds £
Balance brought forward	3,989	70,950	74,939
Deficit for the year	-	(1,465)	(1,465)
Balance carried forward	<u>3,989</u>	<u>69,485</u>	<u>73,474</u>

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MANAGEMENT INFORMATION
YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

**The following pages do not form part of the Income and expenditure accounts
which are the subject of the accountants' report on page 2.**

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DETAILED INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

	Note	2020	2019
		£	£
REVENUE			
Membership subscriptions		22,934	24,558
Advertising income		2,658	2,392
Sales		120	6,433
		<u>25,712</u>	<u>33,383</u>
COST OF SALES			
Printing and postage		16,043	16,728
Production		8,400	8,400
Other direct costs		1,032	373
MeetUp Groups		—	352
		<u>25,475</u>	<u>25,853</u>
GROSS SURPLUS		<u>237</u>	<u>7,530</u>
OVERHEADS			
Insurance		822	—
Office administrative expenses		70	117
Legal and professional fees		35	35
Donations		—	470
Accountancy fees		780	780
Depreciation		41	55
		<u>1,748</u>	<u>1,457</u>
OPERATING (DEFICIT)/SURPLUS		<u>(1,511)</u>	<u>6,073</u>
Bank interest receivable		46	94
(DEFICIT) SURPLUS ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES		<u>(1,465)</u>	<u>6,167</u>