



Minutes of the 14th Annual Charity Meeting of the Nutrition Society

Date: 1 July 2025

Location: Burleigh Court, Loughborough

Attendance: 53 members present. Quorum of 19 was reached.

The Nutrition Society President, Professor Mary Ward, in the Chair

1. Approval of Minutes of the 13th Annual Charity Meeting

The minutes of the 13th Annual Charity Meeting, held on 7 July 2024, were made available on the Society's website for review prior to the meeting.

Motion: That the minutes of the 13th Annual Charity Meeting are accepted and approved.

Proposed by: Professor Julie Lovegrove

Seconded by: Professor Eileen Gibney

The motion was carried with no objections.

2. Annual Report of the President

The President (Professor Mary Ward) presented the Annual Report for the year ended 31 December 2024, highlighting the Society's principal activities including journal and textbook publishing, training and education, international collaborations, scientific meetings, and membership growth.

The report acknowledged the contributions of all Honorary Officers and committees. The Society remains a leading authority in nutritional science with a growing global membership.

A note of thanks was recorded to Professor Jayne Woodside for her dedicated service as Honorary Publications Officer.

3. Annual Accounts

The Honorary Treasurer (Professor Tom Hill) presented the audited financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2024. The Society reported an income of £1,326,074 and an expenditure of £1,690,666, resulting in a deficit of £295,248. Adjustments for non-cash items and deferred income were explained.

The following questions were raised from the members present:

- i. Professor Ian MacDonald enquired about the increase in the value of the Society's building and how this high net worth is received by the Charity Commission. Professor Hill explained the Commission viewed strong reserves as a positive, and there would be no pressure to reduce the value of the Society.
- ii. Professor Bernard Corfe asked about the current sources of revenue, the target increases for sponsorship and the Academy, and whether there is a timeline for achieving such growth. Professor Hill agreed such increases are important, and a timeline of 6 years had been set.
- iii. Professor John Mathers questioned the prudent norm of retaining a proportion of funding to cover the cost of any suspension of trading and the closing down of the business, noting this as an economically sound practice. Professor Hill confirmed the Society retains 3-6 months operating costs in reserve.

Motion: That the accounts of the Society for the period 1 January 2024 to 31 December 2024 are noted.

Proposed by: Professor John Mathers

Seconded by: Professor Ian MacDonald

The motion was carried with no objections.

4. Election of Trustees

The following Trustees were elected:

Professor Bernard Corfe as President-elect, Professor Tom Hill as Treasurer, and Dr Frank Thies as Trustee for Publications, were all elected by acclamation.

Motion: That Hannah Theobald is duly elected as Honorary Officer for External Engagement.

Proposed by: Ms. Penny Hunking

Seconded by: Professor Bernard Corfe

The motion was carried with no objections.

5. Election of Advisory Council Member

The following Advisory Council Member was elected:

Motion: That Jenny Rosborough is duly elected as Advisory Council Member for Policy.

Proposed by: Professor Sue Lanham-New

Seconded by: Professor Andy Salter

The motion was carried with no objections.

6. Any Other Business

No additional items were raised under Any Other Business.

The meeting was declared closed.