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| **RGBB 2022 AGM Minutes**  | **Date of AGM: 7 March 2022** |
| **Present:**   | **Apologies:**   |  Convened: 19:00 hours  |
| Andy Coy (AC) – Chairman John Thorne (JT) – Treasurer David Perrins (DP) – Deputy ChairmanKarim Hamdan (KH) – Business Development Khalid Al Rasheed (KAR) – Saudi Consultant Lizzie Danielle (LD) – Business IntelligenceTanya Hartley (TH) – Business Manager  | Isam Osman (IS) – Focus Group Lead  **Guests** Scott Forbes (SF) – New Board MemberPeter Filbey (PF) – New Board MemberNiconi Nicholas-White (NW) – New Board MemberManthos Kallios (MK) – New Board Member |  Adjourned: 20:00 hours Venue: Embassy Hall Approved by Chairman:  Recording Secretary: Tanya Hartley (TH)  |
|   | **DISCUSSION**   | **ACTION**   |
| **Call to Order** **2021 Review****Board** | The meeting was called to order at 19.00 hours. All members present were welcomed. Good Start to the year, briefings attended, spring ball invites issued and full membership pre pandemic.Chair thanked all Board Members for their flexibility and support during the year – like everyone there have been personal/business and location challenges but everyone has been committed to delivering their role.There is no requirement for a vote – as we welcome four new board members with our existing 5 board members who have offered to stand again. We are saying goodbye to 3 of our existing members who are leaving KSA.Leaving:Andy Coy – ChairJohn Thorne – TreasurerTanya Hartley – Business ManagerExisting:David Perrins – Deputy ChairIsam Osman – Focus Group LeadLizzie Danielle – Business Intelligence Dr Khalid Al Rasheed – Saudi LiaisonKarim Hamdan – Business DevelopmentNew Board Members:Scott ForbesNkoni Nicholas-WhitePeter FilbeyManthos KalliosValerie Kamile Forbes | AC DP |
| **Financials of 2020 AGM**  **Matters requiring attention:****Membership****Objectives for 2021****Sponsorship Update****Focus Groups****Social Events****Communication****Questions** **Adjournment** | Need John to fill this in……Membership Fee March 2021 to February 2022 were kept at SAR200 although this has been challenging to collect due to the lack of face to face events for the first part of 2021. We are grateful to those that have made the effort to drop off at the three venues we provided, however with events starting in the Embassy after the Summer we have managed a more steady inflow. For those members still outstanding, they will be deleted if not paid up by the end of March 2022. As of March 2022 the Board decided to return to the full membership price of SAR4540 for renewal and SAR500 for new members. It was agreed that membership would re-open on the 8th March 2022.The Chair outlined the desire to get going again but recognizing the key value is around networking rather than Webinars, but Webinars are now an essential part of the RGBB engagement.Chair thanked Karim Hamdan for engaging with Absal Paul and Al Nakhla – both remain committed to supporting the RGBB – we have not requested any funding in the year.Engagement with DIT and Webinars – Isam Osman, Focus Group Lead – Chair thanked Isam Osman for his ongoing support. There will be changes in the Education and Health Leads this year. Financial Group chaired by David Kenney will be doing the RGBB first Webinar on 24th March 2021.Tanya Hartley will issue the invite two weeks before.Stephen Lavis has agreed to a Security/Cyber/Defence Webinar in April.Other Webinars will be held and members are asked for suggestions – but remember these are not sales pitches.Chair is working with Kabir Rahman DIT COO to set up a Webinar with the Ambassador but getting a date is a challenge at this time.Use of Amenity Hall for Special Briefings – Chair advised this is a challenge as noted above and it could be the year end before access to the Hall or the Garden is granted.RGBB did try to get a winter quiz going and thank you for all who dialed in but due to technical difficulties it did not take place – but everyone had a good chat. Events will be undertaken this year in due course.Website is working and members should contact secretary@rgbbsa.org if any issues.Chair asked to consider a membership list for distribution. Chair outlined the current objective to retain cash at around SAR 200K to accommodate if a ball was cancelled late on but confirmed there is no push for any larger cash holding and hence ball events etc are set at breakeven. There is no indication yet when direct flights to Riyadh will resume for UK or any of the other 30 countries in a similar position. Chair thanked members for the appreciation for the work of the Board in the yearThe meeting was adjourned at 20:00hrs | JTAllACKHISTHACACAllTHACAC |
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