



Annual General Meeting 2014

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held at Newbury Baptist Church on 6th November 2014.

PRESENT: 85 Delegates and 10 Visitors from SCBA Churches
9 Staff and Trustees from SCBA

1. **Opening Devotions:** The moderator, Geoff Coop, opened the meeting saying how, as an Association, we are beginning to move into an exciting chapter and thanked everyone for their support.
2. **Minutes:** The minutes of the 2013 Annual General Meeting, held on 5th November 2013 and the Extraordinary General Meeting, held on 2nd July 2014, had been circulated. It was pointed out that in the minutes from the 2013 AGM in section 5G it should read **78%**. They were then accepted as a correct record.
3. **Apologies for Absence** 12 apologies were received
4. **Election of Members of the Steering & Strategy Group (Council):** Keith Hawton and Anthony Clarke were appointed as scrutineers. Nominations had been received for John Greenwood (Kidlington) to serve as Treasurer and Melvina Fawcett (Kidlington) to serve on the Steering and Strategy Group. Geoff thanked John for all his work and support over the last three years. He also highlighted the need for more trustees and asked ministers and leaders to think carefully about whether there may be people that they know who would be suitable for this role. Melvina and John were both elected to serve for a term of three years.
5. **Finance:** John Greenwood (Association Treasurer) presented an overview of the SCBA finances for 2013. A summary report had been circulated at the AGM which is also attached to the minutes and a full set of the accounts is available from the Charity Commission website or from the SCBA office. During the presentation the following points were noted:
 - a) There have been discussions nationally at BUGB about the distribution of Home Mission funds and over the next 3 years the operational funding from HM will return to the 2011 level, although this year the same reduction will be applied as for 2013, which equates to £21,000.
 - b) Our general funds are significant and we have a small amount of designated funds. Not all of this money is sat in a bank, but is distributed in other areas, including housing.
 - c) The largest expenditure relates to the staffing costs. We only spend about £3,500 on non-charitable expenditure.

- d) The miles covered by the Regional Ministers have been significant and we are grateful, with God's covering, that these have all been safe. Part of this increase is due to the new Partnership meetings with WEBA, SWBA, and SWeBA.
 - e) Since 1st July 2014 we have received £5,000 towards the Church of the Year fund for Wolvercote Baptist Church. For the 2013/14 appeal for Freemantle Baptist Church we received £7,347.
 - f) The accounts have been audited and adopted by the trustees.
 - g) Thanks were given to the churches for their giving to Home Mission and it was explained that our total is slightly down on last year; though this will hopefully improve towards the end of the year.
6. **Regional Ministry Team Leader Report** – Grenville Overton began by saying how great it was to have one of the biggest gatherings for this occasion and how it shows that there is a surge happening in the sense of the expectation of what God is doing in our Association.

Grenville introduced Stella Charles, his Personal Assistant, thanking her for all the work that she does behind the scenes. He explained that Ali Boulton's induction will be done as a designated service on Sunday 25th January at 3pm at Newbury Baptist Church and hoped that people would be able to join us for the occasion. We are hopeful that Lynn Green will be coming to preach.

Grenville then asked those who had taken a new role as a Leader in SCBA to stand at the front and introduce themselves. This included: Cid Latty (Winchester), Richard Lane (Three Counties), Beth Allison-Glade (John Bunyan), Nigel & Val Ford (Canford Heath), Robin Wilding (Datchet), Zoltan Biro (Eynsham) & Steve Rodda (King's Sutton). Thanks were expressed to our Association trustees, who Grenville described as unsung heroes, especially Geoff Coop, John Greenwood & Jon Spiller.

SCBA have taken the decision to move the Ministers' & Leaders' Conference to Cheltenham Park Hotel for 2015 after being dissatisfied with the last hotel, which will be 23rd to 25th February. Grenville encouraged everyone to put the date in their diary.

Geoff Coop expressed his thanks to Grenville for all his work, along with the rest of the Regional Ministry Team.

7. **Any Other Business** – no items were raised.

The AGM finished in prayer.