

**The ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING for
THE CHURCH ASSOCIATION FOR SUDAN AND SOUTH SUDAN**
Registered Charity No1180881
THE SUDAN CHURCH ASSOCIATION Registered Charity No. 290607
was held on Wednesday 23 September at 10.30

and was conducted by 'Zoom' from 97 Canterbury Close, Yate, BRISTOL, BS37 5TU

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AGM – CASSS

Present 31 attendees

Ian Wallace (honorary chairman) reported that he had just received news from Janet Perrson that Andrew Perrson had been rushed into hospital with breathlessness and heart failure. Although he is doing well he will not be able to do any work for CASSS for the foreseeable future. Janet and Andrew have asked to be remembered in our prayers.

1. Welcome and apologies – The chairman Ian Wallace welcomed all the attendees to the AGM and opened the meeting with a reading from Acts Chapter 17 and a prayer. Apologies were received from Peter Marshall, Peter Gibbons, Beryl Cole, Joanna Saunders, Kath Taplinlan Munro, and Andrew Persson (membership secretary).

2. Minutes of 2019 AGM for CASSS and SCA (available on the website). The minutes from 15 June 2019 were unanimously accepted as a record of the meeting and were signed by the chairman.

Matters Arising - There were none.

3. Chairman's Report :-

Ian Wallace co chairman reported on the year 2019. He thought that 2019 had been a good year for CASSS due to the following reasons:-

- There is an improved political situation in Sudan which has given new freedoms.
- There is a new archbishop in South Sudan who has a clear and consistent vision and he is happy to work with CASSS. Pauline Walker and Ian Wallace (the CASSS co- chairs) had had an initial meeting with Archbishop Justin in Salisbury in 2018. This was followed with a visit to Juba in November 2019 of a group of 4 representing CASSS. The group arrived when the Archbishop had a training meeting for area archbishops and bishops which was led by a team from the Anglican Communion. The focus of the meeting was on building disciples. The archbishop noted that though the churches were full of people they were not full of Jesus. The meetings that CASSS held with the Archbishop and bishops clarified the relationship with the ECSSS. The relationship issues that had been experienced are now addressed and CASSS can provide the necessary support.
- CASSS now has its new constitution and policies inline with the Charity commission and has new trustees coming forward.

2020 has been more of a challenge with the trustees meetings being via 'ZOOM' and the concern for both Sudan and South Sudan with the Covid 19 epidemic and the flooding in both countries.

Pauline Walker (co chair) – had little else to add. She left South Sudan in March just as the country was shutting down because of the Covid epidemic. She reported that Archbishop Justin was focusing on discipleship training for leaders and that CASSS would like to help the church in its desire to become self sufficient. The church needs continual prayer. There were no questions

4. Financial Report for year ending 31 December (the accounts were available on the website). John Poole (Treasurer) noted the following points from the 2019 accounts:-

- Donations were up in 2019 and this is partly the result of John Inglis Jones and Andrew Persson contacting members and also more people are gift aiding their income.
- The income from trading was up. Len Whittaker had a final fling with postcard sales and trading stamps did well. He foresees with Len giving up and stamp sales down, because of Covid 19, that this will not be so in 2020.
- The investments were up in 2019 but this will be different in 2020 because of Covid 19.
- The annual grants had been given to the ECS and ECSS and also to BGC and Cairo. John Poole thanked all who had worked on sorting out the gift aid, the post cards and trading stamps.

The chairman also thanked John and Sue Inglis Jones for their work on the website and publicity and Andrew Persson for his hard work on getting the membership lists up to date.

As there were no questions the members were asked to approve the 2019 accounts which were approved and accepted unanimously.

5. Election of Independent examiner – John Poole informed the meeting that Stephen Cutler was willing to continue as the Independent Examiner and as he has a good knowledge of CASSS accounts John was proposed that he continue as the independent examiner for CASSS. This was seconded by Michael Paget Wilkes and was accepted unanimously.

6. Election of Committee Member - Ian Wallace pointed out that under the new constitution trustees needed to be re elected every 3 years. To start this rolling the 3 to be re elected are the Rev'd Ian Wallace, The Rev'd Andrew Wheeler and Mrs Joanna Hunt. He proposed that they were elected on block and this was agreed.

They were proposed by Wendy Fry, seconded by The Rev'd Derek Waller and agreed unanimously. The chairman introduced Elizabeth Newport as a new candidate for a trustee. She briefly gave her background of working for the Summer School of Linguistics in Juba and now from the UK.

She was proposed by The Rev'd Pauline Walker and seconded by Ms Barbara Cottier and agreed unanimously. Elizabeth was thanked for being willing to stand.

8. There was none

SCA AGM

Ian Wallace explained that SCA is dormant but still exists because of money gifts and legacies that are still in the name of SCA.

1. **Welcome and Apologies** – as in CASSS AGM above
2. **Minutes of 2019 AGM** (were available on the website) – passed as in CASSS AGM above

3. **Chairman's report** – As in CASSS AGM above
4. **Financial report for year ending 31 December** – Passed as in CASSS AGM above. John Poole (treasurer) added that SCA and CASSS are gradually merging with the transferring of the names on the accounts being almost complete but SCA still receives donations and legacies.
5. **Election of Independent examiner** - Stephen Cutler was proposed by John Poole, seconded by Canon Ian Woodward and agreed unanimously.
6. **Election of Committee Membership** – The Committee members for SCA and the Trustees for CASSS are the same and Ian Wallace asked that himself, Joanna Hunt, Andrew Wheeler and Elizabeth Newport be elected en bloc for SCA. This was agreed and they were proposed by Mrs Wendy Fry and seconded by Ms Barbara Cottier and agreed unanimously.
7. **Date of 2021 AGM - 16th June 2021**
8. **AOB** – The following questions were raised.
 - What are the new bank details for CASSS. It was pointed out that these are in the Sudan Church Review.
 - There was a query over whether the trading stamps was still operational in Covid 19. Jill Parry assured the meeting that the team is going well. Ian Wallace took this opportunity to thank Jill Parry and her team for all their hard work.
 - A question was raised over the number of members. As Andrew Persson was absent it was estimated that there are around 230 members with 180 standing orders. Ian Wallace thanked Andrew Persson for all his hard work in getting the membership lists up to date.