

**Draft minutes of the Extraordinary General Meeting of the North of Ireland Veterinary Association**

**T3 Conference Centre and Zoom, Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> September 2024 at 3:30 pm**

**1. Welcome**

The president, Sharon Verner, extended a warm welcome to everyone.

Attendees (online): Sandra Dunbar, Pat Hart, Charlie Hart, Maria Guelbenzu, Aurelie Moralis, Quirine Tetelaar, Fiona McFarland.

Attendees (in person): Sharon Verner, Esther Skelly Smith, Mark Little, Sam Strain, Michael Pratt, David Torrens, Susan Cunningham, Andy Mayne, Mervyn Dunlop, Paul Colville, Dermot Mackie

**2. Apologies**

Written apologies have been received from: John J O'Brien

Verbal apologies have been received from: Seamus O'Kane

**3. EGM purpose:**

Mark explained the purpose of the EGM is to make a rule change so that if an officer cannot fulfil their role throughout the membership year, the council can appoint a person to take this role until the next AGM.

**4. Proposed rule amendment**

The attendees debated the proposed wording for the rule change and the following was settled upon as this was felt to be comprehensive as to cover all eventualities.

- To point 18, add 18.1

18.1 – If an officer resigns or is unable to complete a current role throughout the membership year, the President and Council have the right to appoint another person to fulfil this role until the next AGM whereupon it shall be formally ratified.

- After point (vi), add a Deputy Treasurer role to the current list of 6 officers and amend the subsequent numbers.

These changes to the NIVA rules were **Proposed by:** Fiona McFarland. **Seconded by:** Susan Cunningham. This was then ratified by the members via a show of hands.

**5. Enactment of rules if adopted (election of Treasurer and Deputy)**

Nomination for Treasurer received – Michael Pratt

**Proposed by:** Andy Mayne. **Seconded by:** Aurelie Moralis. This was then ratified by the members via a show of hands.

Sharon congratulated Michael on the new appointment and everyone agreed.

Nomination for Deputy Treasurer received – Fiona McFarland

**Proposed by:** Esther Skelly Smith. **Seconded by:** Susan Cunningham. This was then ratified by the members via a show of hands.

Sharon congratulated Fiona on the new appointment and everyone agreed.

**6. Close**

Susan thanks the attendees and hoped that everyone would enjoy the afternoon and evening CPD to follow.