

ACTION FOR CHILDREN'S ARTS
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday 22nd June 2016 at 3.30 p.m.
In
Committee Room G, House of Lords, Westminster.

PRESENT

ACA Board David Wood (in the Chair), Grainne Powell, Marlena Schmool, John Shanley, Philip Spedding, James Tarbit, and Judy Vereker

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Vicky Ireland.

2. OPENING WELCOME.

The Chairman welcomed Baroness Floella Benjamin, other Patrons Lynne Reid-Banks, Malorie Blackman and Joanna McGregor and all members of ACA who had accepted the invitation to attend the meeting.

3. Minutes of the June 2015 AGM

These were approved.

4. PRESENTATION OF ANNUAL ACCOUNTS FOR YEAR ENDING 29TH FEB 2015

These were presented by John Shanley, who had been appointed a Trustee during the year. The accounts had been approved by the Trustees at their meeting in April 2015,

5. ANNUAL REPORT

The Chairman formally presented that report and added that, in the course of the year, Jenny Agutter had joined ACA as a Patron and Nichola McAuliffe had resigned.

6. AOB

The Chairman thanked Baroness Floella Benjamin for her help in organising the venue and for all her support of ACA. He thanked all trustee for their contribution to ACA over the past year and welcomed the dozen or so ACA members

After the formal business there was a Question and Answer session with those Patrons present where they together with Trustees and ACA members addressed the issue of the importance of arts to children's development.

The valuable position of the JM Barrie Award was stressed and the BBC was thanked for its support. It was felt that this relationship should be encouraged and possibly strengthened through having the event outside London, in Northern England.

The policy-disconnect between the government departments of Culture and of Education was noted and it was suggested that ACA should look at local cultural partnerships between schools and cultural organisations.

The place of music in the school curriculum was addressed and the patchy provision in schools was noted.

Susan Stranks spoke about the problems current in children's radio. The need to lobby on issues such as the BBC Charter Renewal was stressed.

The meeting closed at 5.30 p.m.