

MHIST, Mental Health Independent Support Team

**Annual General Meeting held at Bolton Parish Hall Wednesday 28th
November 2007 at 6pm**

Present: Ian Taylor (Chair), Sandra Clarkson (director), John Sumner (Treasurer), Peter Worsley, Bobby Pattison, Dolorez Niazzi, Gary Partington, Judith Sumner (director), Gary Monks, Hilary Mercer (director), Barbara Eastham (director), Joanne Walker, Lilian Chamberlain, Aileen Holt, Joe Leech, Ellen Hodson, Halima Akram, Gary Partington, Steve Lenehan, Flo Standish, Sandra Ashman.

In Attendance: Melvin Bradley, Tracy Williams, David Procter (independent examiner)

Apologies: Julie Larkin, Enid Barlow, Steve Hartley, Sylvia Dobinson, Diana Leigh, Champa Mistry, Karen Brady

Welcome.

Ian opened the meeting by introducing himself and welcoming everyone to the meeting.

Confirmation of the minutes of last meeting.

Were proposed by Lilian Chamberlain and seconded by John Sumner.

Matters Arising from the minutes of last meeting.

There were no matters arising from the last meeting.

Election of directors

Damon Bachegalup has stood down.

Ellen Hodson has been elected by the craft and social group.

Michael Hope has been elected by the self harm group.

This leaves spaces open for directors to represent the following groups:

Advocacy

Depression group

Chairs Report

Ian read his report which is wholly contained in the accounts.

Independent examiners report

David Procter presented the accounts and gave his report which is wholly contained within the accounts. There were no questions.

Appointment of independent examiners

John Sumner proposed and Lilian Chamberlain seconded the reappointment of 'David Procter Accountancy Services Limited' as the independent examiners for the ensuing year.

AGM Format

A recent change in the law means that (after appropriate changes to the memorandum and articles of association) MhIST could dispense with the formality of an AGM. Directors wanted to know the views of the membership before taking any further action.

After discussion the following course of action was agreed.

- A formal business meeting would continue to be held in the autumn, but that in future it would be at the office on Chorley New Road.
- A half yearly social meeting with no business element would be held in the summer. This may comprise a party, barbeque or some other appropriate event, to which all members would be invited.

Any other business

- Newsletter naming competition.

The following 4 entries were received and the members voted.

Suggested Name	Number of votes received
Silent 'H'	1 vote
Seasonal greetings	0 votes
MhISTIC Mag	4 votes
1 in 4	9 votes

It was therefore agreed that '1 in 4' would be the name of the MhIST newsletter and that the prize of a £20 gift voucher would be given to Lindy Shaw who had proposed the name.

Date of next meeting

To be advised.