

**REPORT OF THE 179th HIGH COURT HELD AT
THE RIVIERA INTERNATIONAL CENTRE, TORQUAY
FROM SATURDAY 16 JUNE 2018 TO MONDAY 18 JUNE 2018**

**High Chief Ranger Cheryl Eagleson
Chairman John Instance**

A total of 285 Delegates representing 153 Courts assembled for the 179th High Court in the Society's 184th year, to consider and vote on the elections and Propositions as listed on the AGM agenda in accordance with the Society's Rules.

A summary of the election results, resolutions passed and presentations is given below:

Election Results

Candidates Elected	Position	Term	Votes Obtainable *	Votes Received
Rachel Hardy	Executive Director ¹	3 years	276	254
Graham Setterfield	Non-Executive Professional Director ¹	3 years	276	268
Andrew Pooley	High Chief Ranger ²	1 year	n/a	253
Michael Charlton-Hubble	High Sub-Chief Ranger ³	1 year	279	187
Karen Preston	Membership Committee ⁴	3 years	276	75

* Votes Obtainable refers to the number of voting papers issued to registered Delegates.

¹ There was only one candidate for the position. The election was carried out by paper ballot and in accordance with Society Rule 13.5, as each candidate received over 50% of the Votes Obtainable, they were duly elected.

² There was only one candidate for the position. As the election to the position is not subject to receiving a minimum percentage of the Votes Obtainable, the election was carried out electronically. 262 delegates registered an electronic vote.

³ There were two candidates for one position. The election was carried out by a separate paper ballot and in accordance with Society Rule 19.1; the vacancy was filled by the candidate obtaining the most votes providing they exceeded 50% of the Votes Obtainable.

⁴ There were six candidates for one position. The election was carried out by paper ballot and the vacancy was filled by the candidate obtaining the most votes.

Resolutions

The following Propositions were submitted by the Board and voted on electronically facilitated by LUMI AGM UK Solution:

Propositions		For	Against	Abstain
1.	High Chief Ranger's Remuneration That, as from 1 July 2018, the High Chief Ranger's remuneration shall be £5,650 per annum.	264	3	1

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2.	High Sub-Chief Ranger's Remuneration That, as from 1 July 2018, the High Sub-Chief Ranger's remuneration shall be £3,100 per annum.	265	3	1
3.	Members of the Membership Committee Remuneration That, as of the 1 July 2018, the Members of the Membership Committee remuneration shall be £2,300 per annum.	262	8	0
4.	2017 Directors' Remuneration Report That the 2017 Directors' Remuneration Report be approved on an advisory basis.	261	1	10
5.	Annual Report and Accounts That the Annual Report and Accounts 2017 be received and noted.	264	3	6
6.	To Appoint External Auditors That Grant Thornton be appointed as Auditors for the 2018 Annual Report and Accounts and that their remuneration be set by the Board.	263	2	5
7.	Convalescent Home Benefit Fund Levy That the Board be authorised to make a call upon each Court for payment of a levy of 8p per each £100 of the net assets as shown in its 31 December 2017 year end accounts received at Head Office for the Convalescent Home Benefit Fund, such levy to be remitted to Head Office or deducted from the Courts' Investment Fund Account no later than 1 April 2019.	264	3	3
8.	Yorkshire Foresters Convalescent Home That in 2018 the Board be authorised to pay £3,250 from the Convalescent Home Benefit Fund to the Yorkshire Foresters Convalescent Home.	261	4	3
9.	Foresters Homes, Bexleyheath That in 2018 the Board be authorised to pay £3,250 from the Convalescent Home Benefit Fund to the Foresters Homes, Bexleyheath.	261	3	8
10.	Portsmouth and District Friendly Societies Homes That in 2018 the Board be authorised to pay £3,250 from the Convalescent Home Benefit Fund to the Portsmouth and District Friendly Societies Homes.	263	6	2
11.	Foresters Heritage Trust Levy That the Board be authorised to make a call upon each Court for payment of a levy of 5p per each £100 of the net assets as shown in its 31 December 2017 year end accounts received at Head Office to help pay for the running costs associated with the Foresters Heritage Trust, such levy to be remitted to Head Office or deducted from the Courts' Investment Fund Account no later than 1 April 2019.	255	10	5
12.	Management Charge That in the year 2018 each Court shall be required to pay a Management Charge equal to £1.65 per £100 of the net assets as show in its 31 December 2017 year end accounts received at Head Office. The charge is to be deducted quarterly in arrears from the Courts' Investment Fund Account.	255	10	0

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13.	Rule Change Add new Rule 8.9A: Every Court shall appoint as least two Trustees who shall be Court Officers. The Court Secretary shall not be a Trustee.	266	2	3
14.	Rule Change Rule 11.2, Line two, after the word "maximum of" delete 'nine and insert "ten"	255	11	5
15.	Rule Change Rule 19.5 Delete 'Nominations for High Chief Ranger and High Sub-Chief Ranger shall be passed at the annual general meeting of a Court, be signed by three Members, and delivered to the Registered Office no later than three months before the High Court Meeting each year' and insert: "Nominations for High Chief Ranger and High Sub-Chief Ranger shall be passed at the Annual Court Meeting of a Court, be signed by three Members, and delivered to the Registered Office no later than eight weeks before the High Court Meeting each year."	162	84	17

Additional Proposition submitted by the Board

Special Management Charge The Board be authorised to make a special management charge of no more than £312,500 a year from 2019 for a period of 4 years to cover the cost of developing and implementing a new Court and Membership IT system that will enable each individual member to interact with the Society and his or her Court in the way that he or she wants	195	50	18
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Presentations

Presentations were made by the Membership Committee on the Membership Strategy, Project Acorn representing the Society's younger members, Stewardship, Caring for our Members, Communications, Future Development and Member Consultation. The Chairman reported on the Society's Strategy and the Chief Executive reported on 'How well the Society's was doing against Business Plan'.

The recently appointed Chief Investment Officer, Corrado Pistarino provided an overview of the Society's Investment Strategy.

Peter Nixon, Curator of The Foresters Heritage Trust Museum, gave a presentation on the restoration work being carried out and plans for the official opening of the Museum at its new Tunstall location.

Charity Donation

UK Air Ambulances was the chosen charity of the High Chief Ranger from June 2017 to June 2018. During this time, Society members raised a total of **£68,000** and a cheque for this amount was presented to Liz Campbell on behalf of Association of Air Ambulance (Charity) Ltd at the close of High Court.