



SMP Annual Gathering and AGM 2019 with special guests Lazarus Chigwandali and Minister Ben MacPherson MSP

Saturday 5th October 2019

Royal College of Physicians of Edinburgh, 9 Queen Street, Edinburgh EH2 1JQ

Minutes

1) DOORS OPEN, NETWORKING AND MARKETPLACE

The 2019 AGM opened its doors to guests at 1:20pm at the Royal College of Physicians of Edinburgh, where delegates were given a tote bag containing useful SMP information. Delegates were also encouraged to take part in the Malawi Quiz which was being run live via online platform Mentimeter. Delegates were then invited to network over teas, Malawian coffee and Mandazi whilst browsing the Marketplace of 17 stalls. Live music was provided by Davie Luhanga. In attendance was special guest Lazarus Chigwandali, the rising star of world music from Lilongwe. Since being brought to the attention of the wider world by Mumford & Sons and Baaba Maal producer Johan Hugo, Lazarus has recorded an album, featured in a documentary film about his life and become a spokesperson for Africans with albinism – a group that suffers persecution, violence or death as a result of myths and superstitions surrounding the genetic condition. Lazarus was assisted on the day by his friend and translator, Spiwe Zulu.

2) WELCOMING REMARKS

HEATHER CUBIE AND DAVID HOPE-JONES

Delegates moved to the auditorium, where they were formally welcomed by the Chair of the Scotland Malawi Partnership, Heather Cubie, and the Scotland Malawi Partnership's Chief Executive, David Hope-Jones.

3) TEAM HIGHLIGHTS

SMP STAFF

SMP team members each took turns to briefly introduce themselves and discuss their most memorable highlight of the year.

4) GREETINGS FROM MaSP

DR ANN PHOYA

Visiting from Malawi, Dr Ann Phoya, the Chair of the Malawi Scotland Partnership, gave an overview of the progress that MaSP has made, and their current priorities.

David then introduced a livestream from Malawi where the Chief Executive Officer of MaSP, Vera Kamtukule, and new SMP Director, Moira Dunworth, engaged in a light-hearted conversation with Their Royal Highnesses, The Duke and Duchess of Sussex. While this was quickly revealed to be our friends at MaSP in clever disguise, we were assured that Vera had met HRH The Duke of Sussex during his recent visit to Malawi.

Heather Cubie introduced the AGM Core Business for the afternoon.

Approval of 2018 AGM Minutes

The minutes of the 6th October 2018 AGM were approved by the membership. Proposed by Paul Garside, University of Glasgow, and seconded by Jeremy Bagg, University of Glasgow.

Director Elections

Director elections were unanimously approved by all members.

- Six Directors had their three-year term end at the 2019 AGM: Malcolm Fleming, Andrew Goudie, Gillian McMahon, Colin Reilly, Ben Wilson and Douglas Young. In addition, two Directors chose to stand down for personal reasons at earlier stages: Vincent Mzembe on the 23rd of October 2018 and Lilian Haire on the 31st of July 2019. This left eight places on the Board at the 2019 AGM.
- Andrew Goudie, Gillian McMahon and Douglas Young all stood for re-election.
- Malcolm Fleming, Colin Reilly and Ben Wilson were thanked for their time and dedication on the SMP Board.
- Over recent months, all members had been invited to stand for election to the Board. Eight applications had been received, from: Fiona Anderson, Charlie Bevan, Chimzy Dorey, Moira Dunworth, Andrew Goudie, Gillian McMahon, Rachel Phillips and Douglas Young.
- As the number of applicants standing for the Board was equal to the number of vacant places, the Board proposed a slate of nominees to the membership at the AGM.
- On a vote being taken, members unanimously elected Fiona Anderson, Charlie Bevan, Chimzy Dorey, Moira Dunworth, Andrew Goudie, Gillian McMahon, Rachel Phillips and Douglas Young to the Board.

Adoption of 2018/19 Accounts

A summary of the 2018/19 accounts was presented by Claire Martin as Chair of the Audit and Finance Committee.

Proposed by John Burton, LUV+ (Leprosy at Utale Village PLUS) and seconded by Fiona Anderson, Dunblane Likhubula Partnership.

Appointment of Independent Examiner

Martin Aitken & Co, Chartered Accounts, were reappointed as independent examiners for a further twelve months.

Proposed by Caroline Beaton, Kenyawiki Kids, and seconded by Jane Gebbie, Kondanani UK.

6) 2020-23 STRATEGIC PLAN

DAVID HOPE-JONES

David Hope-Jones discussed the 2020-23 Strategic Plan, which has been developed using the Theory of Change model. This led into an interactive session where the audience used Mentimeter to share their thoughts on the Strategic Plan.

7) YOUTH TAKE-OVER

SMP YOUTH COMMITTEE

The SMP Youth Committee announced that they would be taking control of SMP social media for the duration of the event and announced the winner of the Malawi Quiz, Elise Smith of the Dalitso Project. They then introduced the rest of the competitions that would be happening throughout the day. These included Best Tweet, Best Facebook Post, Best Networking and Best Stall.

8) COFFEE BREAK, MARKETPLACE, NETWORKING ACTIVITY AND LIVE MUSIC

Delegates once again entered the Marketplace and networking area, where they were encouraged to browse stalls and take part in our Networking Activity, over tea, coffee and Mandazi, with further music from Davie Luhanga. During this time, Lazarus was introduced to and spoke with many of the delegates.

9) SCOTTISH PREMIERE OF AWARD-WINNING 'LAZARUS' SHORT FILM

Guests were invited back into the auditorium, where David introduced the Scottish premiere of the Madonna-backed short film 'Lazarus,' which follows the journey of our special guest and the difficulties that people with albinism face.

10) DISCUSSION AND Q&A WITH LAZARUS

CHIMZY DOREY

Following the film, Lazarus entered the auditorium and took part in Q&A with new and youngest SMP Director Chimzy Dorey, with translation provided by Spiwe Zulu. Chimzy thanked Lazarus for joining us and asked about the struggles of those with albinism and Lazarus's views on solutions to these issues.

The Q&A was then opened to the audience for further discussion.

11) MUSICAL PERFORMANCE BY LAZARUS, BRAVE MNYAYI & DAVIE LUHANGA

After the Q&A, the audience was treated to a musical performance by Lazarus, who was later joined by Brave Mnyayi and Davie Luhanga for a very special collaboration. The audience was very engaged by this fantastic performance, which had everyone on their feet and dancing by the end.



12) FINAL PRIZE GIVING YOUTH COMMITTEE WITH MINISTER

Final tourism prizes were awarded by the SMP Youth Committee, with assistance from Minister Ben MacPherson MSP and our Youth and Schools Officer, Gemma Burnside. Prizes were awarded as follows:

- Winner of the Malawi Quiz:
 - Elise Smith of the Dalitso Project
- Winners of Best Tweet:
 - LUV+
 - Caroline Beaton from Kenyawi Kids
- Winner of Best Facebook Post:
 - David Livingstone Trust, collected by Markus Stitz
- Winners of Best Networking:
 - Three pupils from The Mary Erskine School
- Winners of Best Stall:
 - STEKASkills, collected by Emma Wood
 - Tearfund, collected by Hazel MacIver and Graeme McMeekin

13) CLOSING ADDRESS

MINISTER BEN MACPHERSON MSP

The Minister kindly thanked guests for coming and offered a message of support, discussing the importance of international development. Heather Cubie then thanked all those who helped to make the event a success, and all guests were invited to stay and continue their conversations over a Brewgooder craft lager and Mandazi.