



VOX 52nd Board Meeting
Monday 5th October 2015
The Renfield Centre, 260 Bath street Glasgow

1. Present

John Sawkins	Member Director
Chris Evans	Member Director
Gordon Johnston	Member Director
Laura Caven	Member Director
Donald Grant	Member Director
Amanda O'Connell	Member Director
Chris White	Member Director
David Atiyah	Member Director
Pauline Bradley	Member Director
Dr. Alison Thom	Co-opted Director

In Attendance

Wendy McAuslan	Development Coordinator
John Steel	Administration Officer

Apologies

Dianna Manson	Member Director
Richard Norris	Co-opted Director
Alex Davidson	Co-opted Director

1. Election of Office Bearers

Wendy asked the board how they would like the election of office bearers and non-member directors to be carried out. Dr Alison Thom stepped out of the room whilst the discussions took place around non-member directors.

Issues relating to gender balance were asked to be kept in mind when electing office bearers.

Factors around skills gaps were highlighted as key components of how we should choose our non-member directors.

The following Office Bearers were elected:

Gordon Johnston	Chairperson
Amanda O'Connell	Vice Chairperson
Secretary	John Sawkins
Treasurer	David Atiyah

Dr. Alison Thom was re-elected as a Co-opted Director (non-member) and the two other places for Co-opted Directors were left vacant. It was decided that the position of Co-opted Directors should be discussed at a later date when we can understand what areas we feel we may need support in (in relation to work strands).

2. Welcome

Gordon Johnston took the opportunity to welcome everyone present with a very special welcome to the five new Directors who were elected at the Annual General Meeting.

3. Declaration of Interest

Chris White commented on the fact that he is an employee with the Mental Health Foundation. Dr. Alison Thom also commented on a project she was involved in, this was decided not to be a conflict of interest.

4. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 24th august 2015 which had been previously circulated, were formally adopted on the motion of Chris Evans and Donald Grant.

5. Matters Arising

John Sawkins commented that the item recorded in the last minute as "Restraint" should have been more fully explained.

6. Directors Induction

The following items were fully discussed:

- a) Code of Conduct for Directors
- b) Social Media Protocol
- c) Internal Communications
- d) Training/ Support Needs
- e) VOX Away Day. Discussions took place regarding the possibility of holding an away day in Glasgow. Wendy McAuslan and John Steel were charged with finding a venue.

Action: WM, and (email policy group) to start updating VOX policies.

Action: WM and J Steel were charged with finding a venue/progressing the away day.

7. Development Coordinator Update.

The following items were discussed:

- a) Comic Relief Grant- Wendy explained that Comic Relief had part funded VOX for a period of seven years which was very unusual and the funding would officially finish on 31st October.
- b) Memorandum of Understanding and budget, this was felt to be helpful in clarifying how spending is divided between the mental health foundation and VOX, and any comments/clarifications were to be sent back to Wendy.

Action: Board to send back any comments to Wendy

- c) Human Rights

It was discussed how that Human Rights would be integral to our work plans, future developments and the Scottish Government funding bid.

- d) Spending Cuts

As mentioned earlier the survey monkey would be the initial step, and we would also utilise the VOX collective to gather narratives.

- e) Stigma- See Me

Action: VOX to build on current links with See Me, and progress the rights for life work.

- f) Survey Monkey Repeat

Action: Work should commence to revisit the survey monkey

- g) Website Update

Action: final amendments based on our members' feedback are being made.

- h) Social Media Policy

As mentioned previously.

8. Representative Roll for VOX, who/what/how

It was felt that we should first of all revisit the priorities set by our members, and look at this in more detail to see where/when we should represent VOX, to be considered at our away day.

9. AOB, Laura asked for a summary of the AGM evaluation to be pulled together.

Action: WM to pull together AGM evaluation.

10. Next meeting Monday 23rd November 2015