



Bgen AGM MINUTES

Location:			
Date:	Wednesday 11th January 2023	Time:	Board Meeting: 4.45pm
Invitees:	All Bgen Board and Members		
Apologies:	Zoe Chapman, Chris Meakin, Gail Bromley, Frances Sampayo, Felicity Gaffney, Helen Miller		
Chair:	Ledy Leyssen	Secretariat:	Sophie Edwards

Item	Agenda Description	Led by
1	<p>Welcome / Apologies</p> <p>1.1 Welcome.</p> <p>1.2 Apologies: As above.</p>	Chair
2	<p>Minutes of the 2022 Bgen AGM</p> <p>The 2022 conference was held online in January. We welcomed 5 new board members at that meeting.</p>	Chair
3	<p>Matters Arising:</p> <p>No matters arising.</p>	Chair
4	<p>Annual Report from the Board</p> <p>Ledy introduced the Bgen Coordinator, Sophie Edwards, and thanked her for her work since May 2022.</p> <p>a. Membership & Communications As of 31 Dec 2022 membership has grown by 55 members to 380. These are from 37 organisations and 44 individual members.</p> <p>Bgen provides networking opportunities, helps promote events, training and job opportunities. We are looking at increasing our social media presence.</p> <p>Bgen has a number of Reciprocal Memberships.</p> <p>Bgen delivers training events which are currently all online. As well as an annual conference. This will now be held online on alternate years.</p> <p>In Sept 2022 we reviewed membership fees. We agreed a new structure and pricing to reflect the diversity and size of organisations and individuals and provide a fairer approach.</p> <p>b. Training We had one Virtual Coffee Morning. We plan to have more of these in 2023 with some being face to face and providing networking opportunities.</p> <p>Rachel gave a run down of the online training events Bgen held in 2022. Training will continue to be held online for this coming year.</p>	<p>Chair</p> <p>Rose Froud</p> <p>Rachel Godfrey</p>

7	<p>Election, Re-election and Resignations of Board Members</p> <p><u>Resignations</u> Jill Baker, RHS Garden Hall. With Bgen since 2007, thank you.</p> <p>Judy Ling Wong, Honorary President of Black Environment Network, has agreed to become an expert advisor to Bgen, as such, is stepping down as Trustee.</p> <p>Rachel Godfrey, Royal Horticultural Society, ending her cycle, thank you.</p> <p><u>Re-election</u> Helen Miller, Botanic Gardens Conservation International – Voted In Favour</p> <p><u>For Election</u></p> <p>The chair proposed Steve Nash, from Wild Planet Trust as new Trustee.</p> <p>Steve has a passion for nature and a clear vision for how zoos and botanical gardens can engage with their visitors in meaningful ways. He has wealth of experience in nature conservation and public engagement, starting as a zookeeper, then curriculum leader for undergraduate and postgraduate programmes in animal science and zoo biology. He joined Wild Planet Trust for many years and is now Head of Campaigns and Programmes. Steve holds a PFCE, a Master of Science in Interpretation Management, and is Senior Fellow of the Higher Education Academy.</p> <p>Members Voted in favour of Steve Nash becoming a Bgen Trustee.</p>	Chair
8	<p>Any Other Business</p> <p>None</p>	Chair