

**THE 27th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF  
THE BRITISH DEER SOCIETY,  
A COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE  
SUNDAY 19<sup>th</sup> MAY 2024 AT 10 AM VIRTUAL**

**AGENDA**

❖ **WELCOME BY THE CHAIRMAN**

❖ **HOUSEKEEPING ARRANGEMENTS**

*Our head office team will ensure votes are only counted once. When the time comes to vote live, a screen will open in front of you at the appropriate point in proceedings and you can select a voting option.*

*Should the internet fail during voting we will use those votes as recorded in advance of the meeting.*

*This meeting is being recorded for voting and note taking purposes only.*

❖ **APOLOGIES**

❖ **DEATHS NOTIFIED BY MEMBERS TO THE SOCIETY**

❖ **APPROVAL OF THE COMPANY MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS AGM**

❖ **ORDINARY RESOLUTION IN RESPECT OF THE FOLLOWING SPECIAL BUSINESS OF THE SOCIETY**

1. To authorise the holding of the AGM on the basis set out in this notice and in particular as detailed in the notes set out notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the Society's Articles of Association.

❖ **ORDINARY RESOLUTIONS IN RESPECT OF THE FOLLOWING ORDINARY BUSINESS OF THE SOCIETY:**

2. To adopt the Annual Accounts, the Directors' Report and the Independent Examination Report of the Auditors thereon for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023.
3. To reappoint Messrs Fletcher & Partners Chartered Accountants as Auditors, if required, to hold office until the conclusion of the next AGM at such remuneration as is determined by the board of Trustees.
4. To re-elect Lord Andrew Hay as the President of the Society until the next AGM.
5. To re-elect Hugh van Cutsem as Chairman of the Society until the next AGM.
6. To approve the re-appointment of the following trustee of the Charity:
  - (a) Simon Gibson

❖ **SPECIAL RESOLUTIONS:**

7. THAT with effect from the conclusion of the meeting the draft articles of association produced to the meeting (the "New Articles") and, for the purposes of identification, initialled by the Chairperson of the meeting be adopted as the articles of association of the Charity in substitution for, and to the exclusion of, the Charity's existing articles of association.

8. THAT subject to the passing of resolution [7] above and with effect from the date on which the consent of the Charity Commission and the OSCRC has been obtained to the amendments made by this resolution [8], the objects of the Charity as set out in article 4 of the New Articles be amended to read:

4. Objects

The Charity's objects ('Objects') are:

4.1 The promotion in the public interest of research into the habits of and the scientific study of deer and, as appropriate, other feral or free-ranging ungulates in the British Isles (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the Isle of Man and the Channel Islands) with particular reference to their relationship to the natural habitat, forestry, agriculture and areas to which the public have access.

4.2 The promotion in the public interest of knowledge of methods of management, humane treatment and humane control of deer and, as appropriate, other feral or free-ranging ungulates.

9. THAT subject to the passing of resolution [7] above and with effect from the date on which the consent of the Charity Commission has been obtained to the amendments made by this resolution [9], article 36.1 of the New Articles be amended by the deletion of the words "at the said Annual General Meeting" contained therein.

10. THAT subject to the passing of resolutions [8] and [9] above and with effect from the date on which the consents of the Charity Commission and the OSCRC has been obtained to the amendments made by those resolutions:

10.1 the definition of "Society" in the New Articles be deleted and the following definition be added to the New Articles after the definition of the Board:

"the Charity means the company intended to be regulated by the articles.

10.2 the words "the Society" when used as a defined term in the New Articles be changed to "the Charity" throughout the Articles.

❖ **ANY OTHER LIMITED COMPANY BUSINESS**

11. Chairman's address
12. CEO's update & TFD Presentations
13. Any Questions (Company business only)

❖ **CLOSE OF FORMAL BUSINESS MEETING**

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❖ **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

❖ **MEMBERS' GENERAL DISCUSSIONS AND QUESTIONS**

❖ **WIND UP AND THANKS**

[12.00]