Macrobiotic Association
AGM Minute

MACROBIOTIC ASSOCIATION

Meeting date | time *2022.May.30 | 18:37* **| Meeting location** *Online*

Melanie Waxman (Chair)
Katerina Mlejnkova (Treasurer)
Simon Brown (Website)
Marion Price (Past Chair)

Filipa Silva (Secretary)
Anna Mackenzie (Accreditation)
Oliver Cowmeadow

Agenda of the meeting:

A. Voting to agree the minutes of the previous AGM
B. Main changes of the year
C. Website report
D. Financial report and number of members
E. Social media report
F. Accreditation report
G. Vote for the new constitution
H. Vote for the new directors
I. Other considerations

Developments of the topics in the agenda:

A. Voting to agree the minutes of the previous AGM

- **(voted)** All participants agreed with the minutes of the previous AGM

B. Main changes of the year

- Melanie presented the main changes of the year, such as the new logo, some developments in the website; the work to increase the number of membership in both the community and the professional members, namely with online seminars given by our professional members and two schools that have been ratified by the MA, meaning that all the students, upon completion of their studies, will have the opportunity to become part of the professional MA team; the higher presence on Facebook and Instagram; and start thinking on how to align with organisations that support the earth in different ways; and some changes in the newsletter, which continues to grow in popularity.

- Referred the goodbye to some wonderful macrobiotic teachers and friends and that in celebration of their lives, the MA will have a tree planted for each one, trough the https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/features/plant-a-tree to do this.

- Melanie also thanked those who have submitted articles and recipes for the newsletter

C. Website report

- Simon reported the changes made in the website, namely the website will start having the minutes and the list of the past directors, to make it easier for the members to search for information.
- It will include the list of the members that passed away and their recognition for the macrobiotics
- Oliver Cowmeadow suggested that the role of the directors should be in the website

D. Financial report and number of members

Members report: until February 2022
- Total community members: 30 (17 last year)
- Total professional members: 22 (12 last year)

Financial report: until February 2022
- Total income: 2163,43
- Total expenses: 1627,11
- **Surplus**: 536,32 pounds

Sponsorship:
- Clearspring
- Lu-ma

E. Social media report

Marion presented the number of members:

- Facebook page: 2001 followers
- Group page in facebook: 1 700 members (1 500 last year)
- Instagram: 2 318 followers (1 929 last year)

F. Accreditation report

Anna suggested the increase of the number of members and that might be due to the non-payment for partners, among others.
Lots of members ask how to pay trough the website – need to think of ways to make it easier.

G. Voting to accept for the new constitution

- 6 votes in the meeting
- 10 votes *online*

In order to pass, 11 positive votes would be necessary.
The new constitution was accepted.

H. Voting for whom wants to continue with the direction position

All the current directors voted on maintaining their positions

I. Other considerations

Oliver Cowmeadow suggested that the MA should start the Summer Gatherings again.