

Minutes of AGM held via Zoom at 10.00 am on 23rd February 2022

Invitees: All members of the MelaNoMore Support Group (MSG) were invited to the meeting via an email on 8th February and all documentation concerning the meeting was attached. The AGM was also publicized on the Website, Newsletter and at the previous Virtual Café.

Attendees: Aga Kehinde, Doug Hollis, Sarah Pleass, Pam Walls, Neil Harrison, Chris Caswell, Vibeke Dewar, Delia Sworn, Kelly Smith

Introduction and Welcome

1. Annual Report and Accounts

The Annual Report was read and documented. Acceptance of the Annual Reports and Accounts.

2. Committee Membership

Acceptance of the following nominees to join the Committee:

Aga Kehinde and Sarah Pleass. Merry Gibbons to be co-opted at next Committee Meeting.

All tenures shall have a commencement date of 23rd February 2022 and shall last for 3 years.

3. Voting

The following motions were sent out to all members of MelaNoMore 14 days prior to the AGM. All members are eligible to vote. The results of the voting are as follows:

Motion 1	Acceptance of the Annual Report and Accounts		
Proposer	Doug Hollis		
Seconder	Pam Walls		
Voting	For	Against	Abstention
	9	0	0
Result	Motion Accepted/Rejected		

Motion 2	Acceptance of Aga Kehinde to join the MSG Committee		
Proposer	Chris Caswell		
Seconder	Neil Harrison		

Voting	For	Against	Abstention
	9	0	0
Result	Motion Accepted/Rejected		

Motion 3	Acceptance of Sarah Pleass to join the MSG Committee		
Proposer	Pam Walls		
Seconders	Chris Caswell		
Voting	For	Against	Abstention
	9	0	0
Result	Motion Accepted/Rejected		

*Motion 4	Acceptance of Merry Gibbons to join the MSG Committee		
Proposer			
Seconders			
Voting	For	Against	Abstention
	Deferred until later		
Result	Motion Accepted/Rejected		

The following motion was sent out to the Lay Committee Members of MelaNoMore 14 days prior to the AGM. In accordance with the MSG constitution only the Lay Committee Members are eligible to vote for the Chair. The results of the voting are as follows:

Motion 5	Acceptance of Aga Kehinde to become Chair of the MSG Committee		
Proposer	Chris Caswell		
Seconders	Neil Harrison		
Voting	For	Against	Abstention
	9	0	0
Result	Motion Accepted/Rejected		

* Co-opted at the next Committee Meeting

4. MelaNoMore Future Plans

4a. Lisa Roberts Memorial Celebration

Wednesday, 27 April at Loseley Park. Progressing well. Pam is speaking with all the membership re the event. Speeches and seated buffet. Questionnaire to be raised – feedback on the event itself and what attendees would like to see from the group going forwards.

4b. Face 2 Face

Hope to start Face 2 Face meetings with patients again. Thoughts to be given to an outside venue, pub garden / barbeque.

4c. New Health & Wellness Programme for Virtual Cafes

In the absence of a Health and Wellbeing Lead Aga advised of the topics put forward for the Virtual Cafes. The first talk in 2022 was given by Ralph Manders, Lecturer of Exercise Physiology, Surrey University, which was very well received. Further talks scheduled with the clinicians, Dr Pakzad in March and Aga will be holding a session on stress and resilience. A full programme to be scheduled for the year.

4d. Buddy System

The Buddy system has reached a peak. We have a transient membership and a transient need for as long as support is needed from a buddy / friend. Once people move on, we need new people joining the scheme and are looking for more pairings. Delia is no longer involved in the day to day CNS work at St. Luke's, however leaflets are handed out to patients in clinic.

Further leaflets requested for Ashford & St.Peters, Frimley Park Hospital and St Luke's as they are running out. Also requested by Simon Bailey for their Golf Day.

5. Open Forum

Delia talked about her Masters Dissertation which has been funded by Melanoma Focus. The research will be looking at patients' experiences while they are going through immunotherapy treatment and the support offered at the time. Delia will be going through MelaNoMore or Melanoma Focus to recruit patients and will be approaching MelaNoMore to give a talk at the end of one of the Virtual Cafes or ask Doug to put the information about the research on our website. The research will be conducted on teams or over the telephone, a 30 – 60 minute interview with patients who have completed immunotherapy.

6. Closing remarks

Doug advised that although 15 people had logged into the last Virtual Café, it was the same people who attend on a regular basis. Aga advised that as the session was recorded it should be put online after the event and tracked to see how many more people logged in. Doug to see if feedback on the last session could be used for future publicity on social media.

Vibeke spoke about the MelaNoMore Facebook page and how more members are needed. By making the page public we can build relationships within the page tagging other groups.

A thank you from Aga for all the work being conducted for the MelaNoMore Support Group and Aga is looking forward to seeing the Group growing as the year progresses.

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