Minutes - Annual General Meeting,
17.09.16, London

Present (* indicates current committee member):
Louise Freeman*, Roberta Hewitt*, Jenny Holmes*, Angelika Luehrs*, Clive Morgan*, Mahomed Saleh* and 5 DSN members

Present (via Skype):
Wendy Reid* and 4 DSN members

Apologies:
Howard Allmark and Sally Mason

AGM 2015 minutes
The minutes of the 2015 AGM were circulated prior to the meeting and were accepted as a true record without amendment.

Chair's Report
Delivered and accepted. DSN notes with sadness the departure of Sally Mason and Ajay Mirakhur from the committee and thanks them for their long and valuable service.

Treasurer's Report
Summary points delivered. Report accepted.

Questions from audience following the reports:
Q The DSN website looks smart and ‘slick’. Are people aware that we need donations?
A Louise Freeman replied to this and stated that the website has a ‘Fundraising’ page.

Q Has the suggestion to contact the chief executive of the Royal College of Psychiatrists re having a free stand at next year’s congress in Edinburgh been followed up?
A Not yet but will be forthwith.

Discussion followed on Jenny Holmes’s idea of providing a service user viewpoint session at the 2017 RCPsych congress. It was agreed that Malcolm Kinnear and Caroline Ritchie would follow this up with a view to co-opting others.

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Election of Committee & Officers (‘O’ denotes officer posts)

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Howard Allmark, Susan Atcheson, Jenny Holmes, Malcolm Kinnear, Clive Morgan and Helen Plowman were all nominated as committee members by Louise Freeman and seconded by Angelika Luehrs and Mahomed Saleh.

**Trustees**
Under Charity Commission regulations all committee members must be trustees.

**Any Other Business**
- Cross border charity registration of DSN with the Scottish Charity Regulator – constitution amendment

*Throughout this constitution ‘charitable’ means charitable in accordance with the law of England and Wales provided that it will not include any purpose which is not charitable in accordance with section 7 of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005. For the avoidance of doubt, the system of law governing the constitution of the charity is the law of England and Wales.*

AGM attendees unanimously voted to include the above wording in the DSN constitution in order to permit DSN to register as a charity with the Scottish Charity Regulator.

Louise Freeman stated that new members of the DSN committee would need to complete the mandatory disclosure forms for the Scottish Charity Regulator and that these would be forwarded to them after the AGM.

- Scotland doctors’ health developments
  Malcolm Kinnear updated the meeting on the reinstatement of the working group to set up a Managed Clinical Network for sick doctors in Scotland, with funding available, involving a variety of organisations headed by Royal College of Psychiatrists including Scottish Executive & NHS24.
- &me anti stigma project

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Kevan Jones MP has kindly agreed to sponsor the launch of the anti stigma project planned for the week of the 2017 Time to Talk event in early February.

The 2016 AGM was declared closed at 12.20.
The time and place of the 2017 AGM are to be confirmed.