



**2024 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE NUFFIELD FARMING SCHOLARSHIPS TRUST
AT THE ASSEMBLY BUILDINGS, BELFAST
ON THURSDAY 21 NOVEMBER 2024 AT 8.15 – 9.15 a.m.
MINUTES**

Serial	Resolution
1.	Welcome. The Chair welcomed all attending.
2.	Apologies for Absence. It was noted that the Director had a list of those unable to attend and for whom apologies were recorded.
3.	To remember Members who have died during the year. The Members of the Nuffield Farming Scholarships Trust stood in silence to remember those who had died during the last year.
4.	Minutes of the 21st AGM of the Trust held on Thursday 16 November 2023 The Minutes of the 21st Annual General Meeting of the Trust were approved: Proposer: David Rose; Seconder: Mary Munro with a clear majority voting in favour.
5.	Matters arising from the Minutes of the Previous Meeting There were no matters arising.
6.	Chair's Report The Chair spoke to his report which is published in the Annual Report and on the website.
7.	To Receive the NFST Trustee Directors' Report and Financial Statements for the Year Ended 5 April 2024 The Vice Chair presented the NFST Trustee Directors' Report and Financial Statements for the Year Ended 5 April 2024 noting that these had once again been prepared by Moore Scarrott LLP who had acted as Auditors and who were, again, very content with the Nuffield Farming Scholarships Trust accounting procedures and had commended these. The NFST Trustee Directors' Report and Financial Statements for the Year Ended 5 April 2024 were adopted: Proposer: Ali Capper; Seconder: Jim Baird with a clear majority voting in favour.
8.	To appoint Accountants for the Trust who will also act as Independent Auditors The meeting noted that Albert Goodman, who have indicated their willingness to serve, be appointed as Accountants and Independent Auditors to the Trust. This recommendation was approved: Proposer: Lucy MacLennan; Seconder: Dorothy Fairburn with a clear majority voting in favour.
9.	To accept the Retirement of the following Trustee Board Members The Meeting noted that the following Trustee Board members are due to retire at the AGM; - Wyn Owen NSch, on completion of two years as Chair and seven years as a Trustee Board Member. - David Gardner NSch, on completion of six years as a Trustee Board Member.
10.	To Elect a Chair of the Trust to succeed Wyn Owen NSch The Meeting noted that the Trustee Board had recommended that: Tom Rawson NSch, who has indicated his willingness to serve, to be confirmed as Chair of the Trust for a two year term. This recommendation was approved: Proposer: Campbell Tweed; Seconder: Bill Young with a clear majority voting in favour.
11.	To Elect a Vice-Chair of the Trust to succeed Tom Rawson NSch The meeting noted the Trustee Board, following an election by its members, recommended Jim Baird NSch, who has indicated his willingness to serve, be confirmed as Vice-Chair of the Trust for a two year term.

	<p>This recommendation was approved: Proposer: David Gardner; Seconder: Chris Graf Grote with a clear majority voting in favour.</p>
12.	<p>To Elect Members to Serve as Trustees of the Trust The Meeting noted that the Trustee Board had recommended that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Jo Speed, having completed 5 years as a Trustee, be co-opted as a Trustee until the 2025 AGM in accordance with the Memorandum & Articles. - Extend Lucy MacLennan (2020 NSch) Anna Bowen (2021 NSch) and Chris Taylor (2022 NSch) as Returning Scholar Trustees to be co-opted for a second year to serve until the 2025 AGM. - Roisin Taylor (2023 NSch) having been chosen by an election of her year group will be co-opted as a Returning Scholar Trustee in accordance with the Memorandum & Articles. <p>This recommendation was approved: Proposer: Kendra Hall; Seconder: Vicky Robinson with a clear majority voting in favour.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To elect Three of the following as Board Members following a vote conducted during this meeting: Trevor Alcorn NSch, Olivia Champion NSch, Izak van Heerden NSch, Jamie McCoy NSch and Mary Munro NSch - each being invited to make a two minute presentation. - The following were elected to the Trustee Board: Trevor Alcorn NSch, Olivia Champion NSch, and Jamie McCoy NSch. <p>This recommendation was approved: Proposer: Tanya Robbins; Seconder: David Rose</p>
13.	<p>To Elect Members of the Selection Committee to serve from 1st January 2024: The Chairman noted that of the current Selection Committee (Chairman, Vice Chairman, Diana Allen NSch, Christine Snell and Richard Soffe), Richard Soffe was retiring at the end of 2024. The Chairman commended Richard Soffe for his excellent contribution to the Selection process over six years during which he had been a great asset on the committee. He went on to explain the thorough process that had been conducted to choose a new Selector and recorded the recommendation of the Nominations Committee, as endorsed by the Trustee Board, that Prof Jo Price be elected for a three year term with effect from 1st January 2025. These recommendations were approved: Proposer: David Gardner; Seconder: Chris Taylor and a clear majority voting in favour.</p>
14.	<p>To Award Honorary Scholarships The meeting noted that the Trustee Board had not nominated any individuals for the Award of an Honorary Nuffield Farming Scholarship.</p>
15.	<p>To Receive the Minutes of the 2024 Scholars Selection Committee The minutes of the 2024 Nuffield Farming Scholars Selection Committee proceedings were received and endorsed: Proposer: Izak van Heerden; Seconder: Jim Baird with a clear majority voting in favour.</p>
16.	<p>Date and place of 2025 Annual General Meeting Proposed Thursday 20 November 2025 at P&J Live in Aberdeen.</p>
17.	<p>Any other business The following was raised: Matt Swain: With regards the new Nuffield DEI direction, can the Trustees assure the members that NFST continues to support equality of opportunity and not equality of outcome. Stephen Fell: How has the situation developed that a third to a half of Scholars are submitting reports late or not at all? Looking Forwards: In 2025 new Trustee appointments will be made for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - One Non-Scholar External Advisor. - Up to four new Trustees (two trustees retiring, two current Trustees eligible for re-election). - One 2024 Returning Scholar Trustee.