**Norfolk Tortoise Club – AGM minutes**

**Date: 18.10.23 Time: 19.00**

**Location: Online**

**Meeting opened: 19.00**

**Committee present:** Eleanor Chubb, Danielle Broom, A J O’Connor, Jackie Foulger, Gary White**,** Bill Rhodes

**Committee apologies:** Koren Weyand, Katie Mackender, Ray Morter.

**Other Apologies:** Sophie Denhan, Lindsey Duckham.

**Welcome**

Meeting opened by Eleanor Chubb, thanks to all for attending.

**Confirm Quorum (min 10%)**

26 members were needed to make the 10%, 35 members present, including 6 committee making this a valid A.G.M

**Minutes of previous meeting**

Previous AGM minutes approved and seconded.

**Message from chair**

Eleanor spoke on behalf of current chair, Koren, who sends her apologies due to work commitments. The club has had a busy year with tortoises rescued and rehomed. The new unit built for unwell tortoises needing extra support is well underway, but in 2024 the club will launch another fundraiser to complete the unit.

We’ve had a successful year, holding and attending events, helping owners with tortoise husbandry, health checks & advice, and the club thanks all the volunteers for their support, both at the centre, and events and those who help with extra admin, behind the scenes. Your help is essential, and without it we wouldn’t be able to continue.

**Treasurers report**

Katie was unable to attend, so Jackie spoke on her behalf. The club accounts are all up to date and any members wishing to see them may do so on request. The club finances remain stable, though electricity price increase has had a huge impact on the club, keeping the tortoises warm pre & post hibernation. The club continues to look for fundraising opportunities and suggestions.

Jackie added that re-homing has reached over 100 tortoises, a record amount going to new homes.

**Current committee Stand down**

Thank you to all the current committee, and special thanks to Katie who will not be re-standing.

**Confirm those standing for coming term /any conflicts of interest declared**

Persons standing for new committee was circulated to members before the meeting.

New committee as follows, Gary White, Ray Morter, Danielle Broom, Bill Rhodes, A.J O’Connor, Jackie Foulger, Eleanor Chubb re-standing, new committee Sophie Denham & Lindsey Duckham.

**Vote - count/confirm**

35 Members swear in new committee

**Welcome new committee**

New committee is welcomed!

Sophie Denham-Chair

Jackie Foulger-Treasure

Eleanor Chubb-Secretary

General members- Koren Weyand, Gary White, Ray Morter, Danielle Broom, Bill Rhodes, A.J O’Connor, Lindsey Duckham.

**Date of next AGM**

TBC