

FORK LIFT TRUCK ASSOCIATION

Board Meeting Minutes: 26th September 2019

Location: Suite 33, NEC Birmingham at 10:00am

Board Members Present

Duncan Nealon, Andrew Woodward, Tim Waples, Stuart Taylor, Paul Saunders, Martyn Fletcher, Derek Martin, Geoff Martin and Zoe Ferriday.

Others Present

Nanette Woodman and John Knowles (JKC)

Absent

Apologies: Prospero Girardi & Derek Anderson

Proceedings

Meeting opened by Chairman, Duncan Nealon at 10:00

Minutes of the meeting held on 28th March 2019 had been circulated and no objections were raised. It was proposed by Duncan Nealon and seconded by Andrew Woodward that the minutes were adopted as a true record.

1. Chairman Report

- **Derek Anderson** has resigned from the board, due to external commitments. The chairman gave thanks for Derek's contribution and loyalty to the Association.
- **New Website:** we are working with a website developer to replace our existing website with a modern and versatile platform with an e-commerce facility, from which we intend to grow our merchandise sales. We plan to trial the new site at the end of the year and launch early in 2020.
- **Proposed merger between BITA & FLTA**

The Chairman informed Board Members of recent discussions between the officers of both FLTA & BITA regarding the possible, formal merger of the two associations and sought the approval of the board to enter into more in depth discussions. The motion, formally proposed by Martyn Fletcher and Seconded by Geoff Martin, was unanimously agreed.

At an earlier meeting, on the same day, The BITA Board had also unanimously voted in favour to move forward and Tim & James are now tasked with identifying the appropriate mechanism for such a merger and identifying pro's, con's and potential synergies.

D.N asked for first reactions from the board members present and all responded positively.

Proposed merger would be announced to the press and shared with members attending the AGM, later the same day.

2. Chief Executive's Report

The Chief Executive's report was limited, due to the time constraints of the day, to presenting the Management Accounts for July and for obtaining the official acceptance of the 2018, statutory accounts. Both were unanimously accepted.

3. AOB. None

DONM – date to be confirmed

Meeting Closed at 11:10 am

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