



MARX MEMORIAL LIBRARY

MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

APRIL 23TH 2022

1. Present

Mary Davis, Alex Gordon, Meirian Jump, Simon Renton, Ann Field, Tony Briscoe, Philip Chambers, Richard Clarke, Marija Anteric, Ruth Hayes, Harsev Bains, Preet Bains, Myra Hunter, Jim Jump, Adrian Weir, Claire Weiss, Leonard Weiss, Keith Williams, Adam Sach

2. Apologies

Vivien Giladi, Marika Sherwood, Greta Sykes, Tony Conway, Joginder Bains, John Haywood, Kathryn Rimmington, Flo Kenna, Marco Humbel, Anita Wright, Denise Taylor, Bruni de la Motte, John Foster, John Hendy, Philippa Clark, Sean Kettle

3. Minutes of the AGM held in April 2021

Approved

4. Matters arising

- President & vice-presidents were **reaffirmed**

President: David McLellan

Vice Presidents: Maxine Peake, John McDonnell, Joginder Bains

- Thatcher statue in Grantham now complete but not yet erected – much local protest although Labour Party in favour

5. Guest speaker: **Brinda Karat**_(live streamed from India)

Brinda gave details of the long standing women's struggle in India (led by the CPI(M) against imperialism, patriarchal ideology and now toxic Hindutva. Women's struggle in India has always been linked with class struggle of workers & peasants – against class and caste. The All India Women's Democratic Association (AIDWA) has 10m women members. It oppose class, caste and patriarchy and leads the struggle against women's super-exploitation and oppression. It is at the forefront in the fight against brutal sex crimes tolerated by the BJP rulers and their fascistic ideology. She ended her contribution with a quote from Clara Zetkin calling for 'audacity, audacity and more audacity'



6. Report of Work & Accounts

Thanks were recorded to Sarah Crompton & Joseph Dance for their work during Meirian Jump's maternity leave. Thanks also recorded to all MML volunteers
The report of work was **approved** and several highlights noted including the welcome affiliation of FBU, NEU & CWU. In discussion it was suggested and agreed that MML organises an event to mark the 50th anniversary of Pentonville.
The financial report & accounts were received and **approved** noting the revenue raising contribution of book sales and our education courses and lectures

7. Theory & Struggle

Thanks were given to those working on the design & proof reading of T&S.
Problems with downloading the journal would be investigated

8. Approval of trustees

The following trustees were **re-elected** unopposed

Alex Gordon	nom. Marj Mayo	sec. John Foster
Jane Rosen	nom. B.de la Motte	sec. Harsev Bains
Marj Mayo	nom. Ann Field	sec. Richard Clarke
Jim Mowatt	nom. John Foster	sec. Harsev Bains

9. Appoint an auditor: Arnold Hill

10. AOB (to be notified to the Secretary in advance) NONE