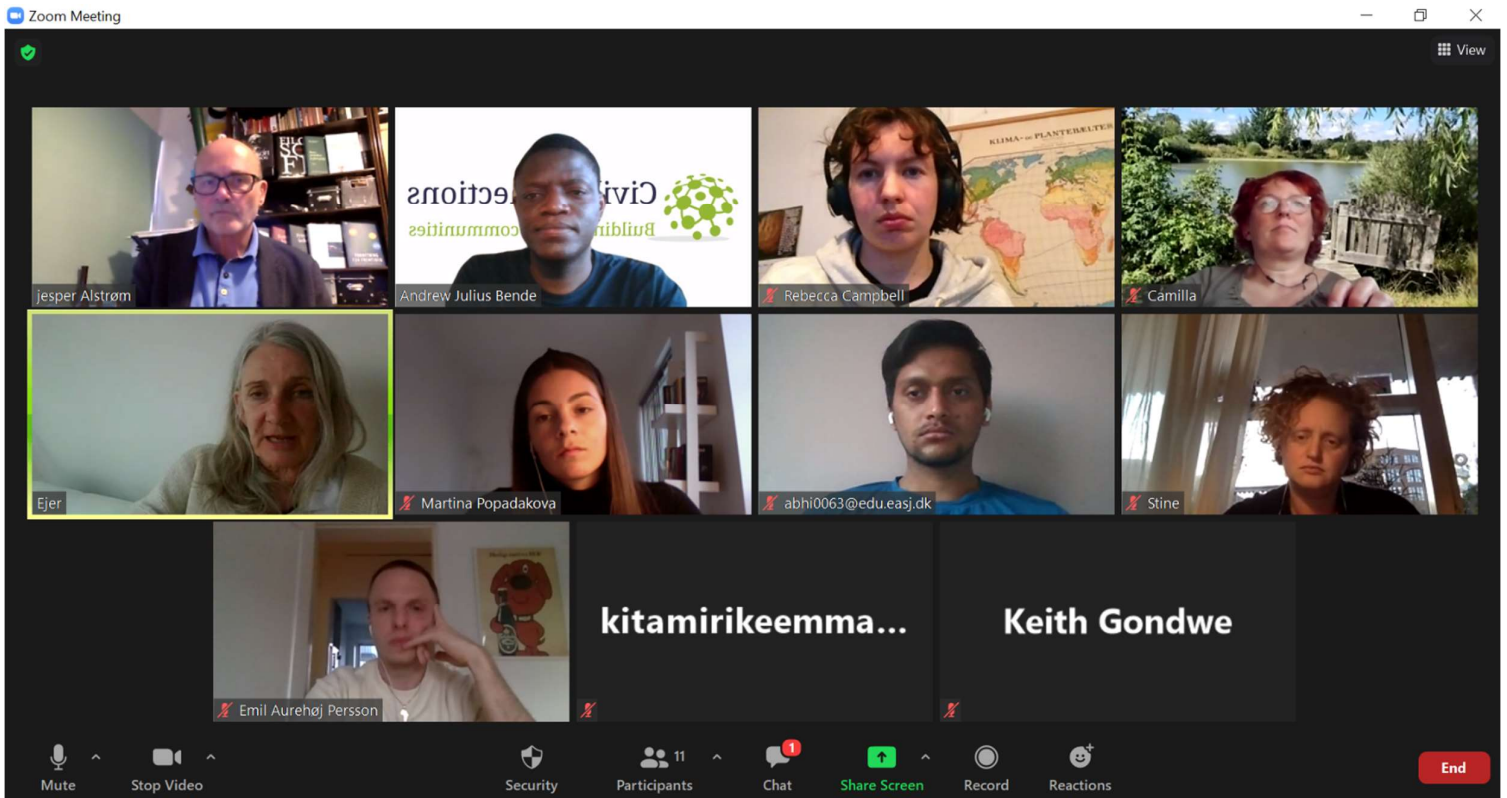




Minutes of:

# Annual General Meeting (AGM)

For the year 2020  
Held on 26<sup>th</sup> April 2021  
Time: 19.00 – 21.00  
Place: Online - Zoom



## **Announced agenda:**

1. Election of chairman, Secretary, and election conductors.
2. Board's report on the organization's operations and strategies for the coming year.
3. Presentation of Financial report, Audited accounts, and budget for the coming year.
4. Discussion and decisions on incoming proposals.
5. Election of members to the Executive Board
6. Election of the auditor.
7. Other Issues arising (AOBs).
8. Final remarks and closure.

## **Minutes:**

Starting notes:

- Generally, members showed up to the online meeting on time.

Welcome:

The AGM started with an informal session as members started logging on.

The Chairperson of the Board started by calling on people to briefly introduce themselves, where they came from, and what they do, so that all knew who was present to the meeting. This was also a good way to help people start to talk to each other.

After the introductions, the Board Chair formally welcomed everyone, thanking each and all for attending the AGM. He hoped for great deliberations.

He then went on to introduce minute 1 of the AGM in three parts as follows:

- Election of meeting conductor:  
Jesper Alstrøm was suggested as the meeting conductor and he was seconded by all.
  - Election of the meeting minute taker:  
Andrew Julius Bende – suggested himself as the minute taker as he had his computer handy. He was also seconded by all.
  - Selection of election conductors:  
The Board Chairperson announced that this being the first AGM held by the Board and members, elections be postponed to allow the current board one more year of concretizing the backbone of the organization.  
This was also seconded by all members present.
- i. Hand over to the AGM conductor:  
Having made the introductions, and that Jesper had been selected meeting conductor, Andrew handed over this role to the former.
  - ii. Legal foundation of the AGM:
    - Jesper started by announcing that the AGM was legal as an announcement had been made at least three weeks (21) days before its holding.
    - He asked members if there were any other ground to why the AGM should not be held, but there came none.
    - He went on to declare the AGM open.

- iii. Board's report on the organization's operations and strategies for the coming year. The conductor went on to invite the Board to present the previous year's annual report. This was presented by Rita Tisdal – the Board Vice Chairperson. Find the annual report here: <https://civilconnections.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/04/Annual-report-Civil-Connections-Community-Foundation-2020.pdf>  
After the presentation, the conductor called for any remarks. There was a general satisfaction with the report.  
The conductor then moved the motion to approve the report, which was approved by all members present.
- iv. Presentation of Financial report, Audited accounts, and budget for the coming year. The conductor called on Andrew (the Board Chair) to present the annual accounts. Andrew made remarks that it should have been the treasurer that presents these, but him (Andrew) having been the main contact to the Auditor, he wished to present these.  
Andrew's other remark was that although all the financial records were availed to the Auditor at least a month before the days date, the final audited accounts were delayed. He requested the AGM to allow that he presented the draft that the Auditor was working with, and then the final ones would be forwarded to the member once completed.  
The member attending the AGM also gave a go ahead on this.  
See the presented drafts on page 12 of the annual report.  
  
About the approval, with guidance from Mr. Emmanuel Kitamirike online from Uganda suggested that members of the AGM gave permission to the Board to approve the Audited accounts once they were ready, as the draft was not fit for approval.  
This was seconded by the members.
- v. Discussion and decisions on incoming proposals. The conductor then called on for discussion of incoming proposals. But there being none, apart from the suggestion of not holding a board election at this AGM, the meeting then moved on to the next minute.
- vi. Election of members to the Executive Board  
There was no election of member to the Board.  
However, there was an election of two member to be substitutes for the board.  
These were:  
a. Martina – Substitute 1  
b. Jesper Alstrøm – Substitute 2  
These two were warmly welcomed on board.
- vii. Election of the auditor.  
The conductor then moved the motion on the election of the Auditor for the organization's incoming year.  
Andrew Suggested:  
**Revision Vadestedet**, Godkendt Revisionsaktieselskab, Vadestedet 6, 4700 Næstved  
This was approved by the AGM

viii. Other Issues arising (AOBs).

The conductor then introduced an open dialogue about any other issues arising. Andrew also suggested that this was important for people to come with inputs on how Civil Connections will work in the future.

- Rita talked about the need for going into partnerships with the different small projects for example on:
  - o Issues like migrant young moving into spaces of slavery – keeping young people in their countries/local communities. Abhi added his voice and experience from the Nepalese situation to the existence of such conditions for young people, and hoped that there could be done something.
  - o Apprentice trainings and trying to get young people start their small businesses to help them stay in their communities.
- Rita, Jesper, Camilla also agreed on the need to bring small organizations together and trying to resource mobilize.
  - o E.g., crowd funding
  - o Partnership's funding
  - o Emil also suggested that people can easily connect with these and or connecting private people directly with small businesses (breaking the barrier of “its wastefully”).
  - o Spaces for joint working and cooperation (offices, processes, administration).
- Camilla came with a concrete suggestion for Civil Connections and other small organizations to join and apply for funds for capacity building from Global Fokus.

ix. Final remarks and closure.

Member joined in with a bog thanks to the Board for supporting Civil Connections. And a big thanks to all the members for joining the AGM.

The conductor then adjourned the AGM.

End

