



MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD AT 8.30PM ON THURSDAY 14th FEBRUARY 2019 AT THE BRLSI

Present: Henry Lowe (Chair), John Richards (Secretary), Amelia Allen, Terri Bell, Rick Buettner, Laurence Chadd, Sybil Cook, Owen Dicker, Steve Drew, Bob Ford, David Hall, Les Hayes, Sandra Heward, Chris Higgs, Helen Hobson, Dawn Hodgson, John Knapper, Selma Lavender, Guy Lockton, Bob Mordle, Margaret Nuth, John Oswin, Sharn Pepperell, Janet Pryke, Lawrie Scott, Janet Slack, Oliver Stanley, Maurice Tucker, Roger Underhill, Roger Vaughan, Gillian Vickery, Bob Whitaker, Roger Wilkes, Anne Workman.

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from the following members: June Beere, Terry Harris, Sophie Hawke, Robin Holley, Tim Lunt, Stella Maddock, Michael Ocock, Les Phillips, and Jacqueline Thompson.

2. MINUTES OF THE 2018 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Minutes were taken as read. The acceptance of the Minutes was passed *nem con*. The Chairman asked if there were any matters arising from the Minutes and there were none.

3. NEW MEMBERS

In accordance with Clause 4a, new members were announced by posting a list of their names, and the attention of all was drawn to this. The Membership Secretary said the number of members was 163, up 30 from last year.

4. MOTION

The Committee proposed the motion:

"Subscriptions will run from 12 months from the date of first joining or renewal, and the Constitution amended accordingly."

The relevant changes to the Constitution are:

In 4b: replace "on 1 January each year" with "annually"

Delete 4c.

In 9a: replace "at 31st March in any year" with "three months after renewal date"

The Membership Secretary explained that the current system of memberships running from 1 January to 31 December caused anomalies for people joining halfway through the year. This motion would simplify matters. He would start applying the change from the beginning of 2020.

The motion was passed *nem con*.

5. ACCOUNTS FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2018

Copies of the accounts were handed to members and questions were invited in regard to these. The Honorary Treasurer ran through the accounts highlighting changes and providing explanations. The financial position was significantly better than the year before. There had been an increase in membership income of £1297.

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The position would be even better if more members consented to Gift Aid. Lectures income was up by £211, but excursions income had decreased by £123. Donations amounted to £1060, and he thanked the donors. We had received a £5,000 grant for excavation at Durley Hill from the Association for Roman Archaeology. Ignoring the latter, the result was a surplus of £2,839 compared to the previous year's surplus of £1,332.

The reserves stood at £9,584 (excluding the ARA's grant). However, the Treasurer pointed out that our equipment was aging with most of it being over ten years old. A replacement programme was needed.

The accounts were approved *nem con*.

6. INDEPENDENT EXAMINER

Adam White has agreed to act as Independent Examiner of the accounts.

7. ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE

In accordance with the Constitution, the Officers and Members of the Committee resigned and offered themselves for re-election.

The following Officers and Members of the Committee were standing down: Lawrie Scott, Honorary Treasurer; Les Hayes, Director of Operations. The Committee is proposing Roger Underhill for Honorary Treasurer, and John Knapper for Director of Operations. Les Hayes has agreed to retain his Excursions Co-ordinator brief. All other Officers and Members of the Committee were standing for re-election to their current posts.

The Chairman said that the proposed Committee would consist of:

Henry Lowe (Chairman), John Richards (Honorary Secretary), Roger Underhill (Honorary Treasurer), Robin Holley (Director of Archaeology), Bob Whitaker (Archaeological Advisor), Laurence Chadd (Membership Secretary), John Knapper (Director of Operations), Les Hayes (Excursions Co-ordinator), Janet Pryke (Projects Co-ordinator), Rick Buettner (Communications),

Roger Underhill was proposed for Treasurer by Roger Wilkes and seconded by Janet Pryke. John Knapper was proposed for Director of Operations by Les Hayes and seconded by Fiona Medland. Both appointments and the rest of the committee posts received approval *nem con*.

8. CLIVE PEACOCK MEMORIAL AWARD

The Chair, Henry Lowe, said that the Clive Peacock Memorial Award was given annually to the nominated Society Member who is considered to have made the most important contribution to the Society during the previous year. The Chair said that this year the award would be going to Robin Holley, our Director of Archaeology and gave the following address:

“Robin has been involved in archaeology for many years, and has a BA in Archaeology. He has been active professionally in excavations, surveys and other specialities, He helps to run the Archaeological Landscape Research Group (a semi-professional group with several qualified archaeologists) active mostly in North East Wiltshire and West Berkshire and currently excavating at Wolfhall (where Jane Seymour lived), also in Bedwyn Brail where they are excavating a Neolithic to Iron Age ovoid enclosure. He is very interested in local Wiltshire history and currently collecting place-names of Wiltshire which hopefully will be published.

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He joined BACAS in the late eighties and was involved in the excavations at Upper Row Farm and other locations, and he was co-director at the Peart Villa excavation. He is now the society's Director of Archaeology and gives advice on all aspects of our work. He is the Project Director for the ARK (Archaeology of Roman Keynsham) project, and he is also the overall Project Director for LEAP (Lansdown Environs Archaeological Project). He has for several years worked with Bob Whitaker on the identification, location and significance of Roman Roads in the South and South-west of Britain.

During the Archway Project with BANES, Robin carried out document, plans and other written source research from material held by the Roman Baths archive for Cotswold Archaeology, the main contractor. He is currently working with South West Archaeological Trust, who are acting as archaeological advisors to BANES, on missing and incomplete entries in the BANES HER."

Unfortunately, Robin was unable to be present on this evening. At a future date, Henry will present Robin with two books by Guy de la Bédoyère: *Dominia* and *Roman Britain: A New History*.

9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There was no any other business.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.05pm.