



Minutes of the Annual General Meeting Hampshire Field Club and Archaeological Society Hampshire Record Office - Thursday 30th May 2019

Dick Selwood, as Chair of the AGM until the 'Election of Acting Officers' – Item 4, welcomed members to the AGM and thanked them for their attendance.

1. **Apologies:**

Apologies from Pauline Blagden, Phillipa Harrap and Alex Lewis.

2. **Minutes of the last meeting**

The minutes were read. Acceptance was proposed by Sandy MacKenzie, seconded by Dick Selwood and **agreed**.

3. **Matters arising**

No matters arising not dealt with elsewhere on the agenda.

4. **Election of Acting Officers**

President: The nomination of Jo Bailey, who had taken over as Acting President at the December Council Meeting, was proposed by Julia Sandison, seconded by Chris Sellen and **agreed nem con**.

Treasurer: The nomination of Valerie Archibald, who had taken over as Acting Treasurer on 1/1/19, was proposed by Julia Sandison, seconded by Don Bryan and **agreed nem con**.

Secretary: The nomination of Jane Wheeler, who had taken over as Acting Secretary at the December Council Meeting, was proposed by Roger Ottewill, seconded by Chris Sellen and **agreed nem con**.

5. **President's Report**

Jo Bailey, thanked Dick Selwood for his role as temporary Chair of Council after the 2018 AGM, and gave the following report:

(i) *I would like to start this report to the AGM by thanking Dick Selwood for agreeing to stand in as 'chair' following the conclusion of Chris Elmer's three-year term as President at the last AGM on 23 May 2018. As one of the Field Club's former presidents, Dick returned to chairing the quarterly Council meetings and continued to carry out many other tasks for the Field Club with such unstinting commitment.*

(ii) *Halfway through the year I agreed to stand in as 'Acting President' until today's AGM and am grateful to Chris and Dick for their support. Having chaired two Council meetings, I am impressed, but not surprised, by the depth and diversity of skills, knowledge and experience amongst the people who volunteer their time and expertise to promoting interest in Hampshire's heritage. I can now more fully appreciate just how much energy and enthusiasm goes into maintaining the events programme, producing the publications and running the society across all the sections and within the Council.*

(iii) *Jane Wheeler has been acting as General Secretary since November, skilfully taking on many of the responsibilities Mike Broderick has been performing whilst the Field Club has been without anyone formally in this position. We are grateful to Mike for doing this at the same time as juggling the roles of Programme Officer, Web Secretary and Chair of the Landscape Section. Steve Kirby, who was elected as General Secretary at the last AGM was not able to take up the post due to ill health.*

(iv) *As Chris Elmer reported at last year's AGM, Sandy MacKenzie is standing down as Treasurer after 26 years. I echo Chris's comments by thanking Sandy for conducting her role with such integrity and thoroughness. This has meant that the Field Club has been able to conduct its affairs in a thoroughly ethical and correct manner. Valerie Archibald has been Acting Treasurer over the last few months working closely with Sandy to ensure a smooth transition. Valerie is a Chartered Accountant with previous experience as a charity treasurer and trustee.*

(v) *I would also like to record a special thank you to Jane King for implementing the changes to the membership rates this year which has led to a significant increase in her workload.*

(vi) *The level of activity remains high across the society despite the changeover in Council officers. Recent initiatives, including the Hampshire Graffiti Project, the new series of Hampshire Papers (two published in the last 12 months with a third in the press) and digital access to our publications, along with an extensive programme of activities organised by all Sections. We have also been working on some new marketing initiatives: a new flier and display panels have been produced and are being put to use at events; a new Facebook page will be launched shortly and the Newsletter and Hampshire Studies*

mailings are being reviewed to make them more manageable and to reduce paper and postage.

6. Treasurer's report

Valerie Archibald introduced item 6 and handed over to the retiring Treasurer to give the report:

(i) Sandy McKenzie, who officially stood down as Treasurer in December 2018, presented the 2018 accounts. Beginning with the Membership Account, it was noted that there was an overall deficit.

* Income: it has become increasingly difficult to get a good return. Gift provided a small but steady income stream.

* In 2018, £4,756 was awarded in grants. Notes to the Accounts listed the grants provided during 2018.

(ii) Editorial Board: expenditure was higher than income but the carry-over of expenses from 2017 was responsible for the size of the deficit.

* On the 31/12/18, the balance was £35,131.

(iii) Sections had a total of £18,832 in all accounts. An increase in free events reduced overall surpluses. However, all Sections are in a good financial position.

(iv) £3,000 is committed to expenses in 2019. The overall balance of £68,206 showed a decline for the fifth year in a row - increased membership subscriptions should help redress this.

(v) SM expressed her thanks to Geoff Smith for his role as Independent Examiner of the Accounts.

(vi) In response to a question about insurance: SM explained that costs have been reduced by purchasing insurance through the British Association of Local History.

(vii) The 2018 accounts were proposed by Julia Sandison, seconded by Techer Jones and **accepted**.

Presentation to SM: DS thanked Sandy for her 25 years as Treasurer.

7. Election of Officers

See item 4 above.

The following positions were re-elected *nem con*:

Chair of Editorial Board – Dave Allen

Membership Secretary – Jane King

Programme Secretary & Webmaster – Mike Broderick

Publications Stockholder – Julia Sandison

Librarian – Jenny Ruthven of Hartley Library, University of Southampton.

8. Election of Ordinary Members of Council

4 Ordinary Members of Council were stepping down: Jane Wheeler, Jo Bailey, Haighleagh Winslade and Pauline Blagden. Thanks for their work was minuted accordingly.

2 Ordinary Members were continuing their terms: Alex Lewis and Sam Butcher.

3 members had volunteered to fill the remaining four positions:

Karen Wardley: Proposed *Valerie Archibald*, seconded Roger Ottewill – Elected

Philippa Harrap: Proposed *Jane Wheeler*, seconded Chris Sellen – Elected

Alison Spaul: Proposed *Julia Sandison*, seconded Chris Sellen – Elected.

9. Motions

MB confirmed that no motions had been received.

10. Any Other Business

There were no items of AOB.

The AGM was followed by The President's Lecture given by Richard Osgood: "A wicked Noah's Ark. Excavations at Rat Island".

After questions a vote of thanks was given by Jo Bailey.
