



2022 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING Hampshire Field Club

Thursday 26th May 2022: 1930-2100 hours

Members attending via Zoom were welcomed by Chris Sellen (CS) and Sam Butcher (SB) who were responsible for the virtual element of the meeting. Those on Zoom were asked to turn off their video and mute themselves. There would be an opportunity for anyone to vote using the available Zoom tools.

The meeting was recorded.

The President, Jo Bailey (JoB), welcomed everyone to the AGM. She was very happy to be able to welcome members in person as well as those attending remotely. She thanked CS and SB for their work in organising the virtual side of the AGM. Unlike the previous two years, the 2022 AGM would not include Section AGMs and it had reverted to its usual slot in the calendar.

1. Apologies: None had been received either before or during the meeting.
2. Minutes of combined Annual General Meeting 2021:
Acceptance of the draft Minutes as a true record was proposed by Valerie Archibald and seconded by Philippa Harrap; the minutes were duly approved.
3. Matters arising:
There were no matters arising.
4. Election of Council Officers:
 - (i) President: JoB explained that her term of three years had come to an end. However, as there was nobody else who wished to stand, she had agreed at the request of the Executive Committee to extend her time in post for one extra year - as allowed in the Constitution. Her continued tenure was proposed by Dick Selwood and seconded by Jane King.
 - Two posts on Council require annual election: namely Treasurer and Secretary.
 - (ii) Treasurer: Valerie Archibald had agreed to continue; proposed Philippa Harrap, seconded Roger Ottewill; VA was duly re-elected.
 - (iii) Secretary: JoB explained that Jane Wheeler was standing down due to health issues; she expressed her thanks to JW for the work she had done for the Society.
JoB was grateful to Philippa Harrap for agreeing to stand; she was proposed by Valerie Archibald and seconded by Chris Sellen; PH was duly elected.
 - The non-executive officers agreed to carry on.
5. Report from the President:
As only six months have elapsed since the last AGM, this report will be short but I do want to highlight some important matters. Firstly, I want to give my sincere thanks to all the members of Council and the Section committees for the work they are doing to get the events programme back up to its usual range of activities after the easing of restrictions imposed on us by Covid-19. I also want to thank all those involved in producing the publications who have

managed to keep going despite everything. In fact, over the last few months we have seen an increase in activity because of the work Dick Selwood, Barry Shurlock, Dave Allen, Roger Ottewill and others have been doing to celebrate Hampshire's historians, our contribution to the Institute of Historical Research's centenary celebrations. Mike Broderick has been adding all this extra content to the website so do have a read of these fascinating profiles. I am also grateful to Barry Shurlock for highlighting the history and work of the Field Club through his pieces in the Hampshire Chronicle.

Many thanks too to our new Publicity Officer, Sam Butcher, who was appointed at the last AGM, for getting the News E-bulletin well established as an additional way for us to communicate with you all. The Council's Marketing Group has met regularly and is currently planning to promote the Society at a number of events this summer.

We cannot do any of this without the people who do all the other 'behind-the-scenes' work to keep the Field Club going: Valerie Archibald as Treasurer, Jane King as Membership Secretary, Julia Sandison as Publication Sales Officer and John Ashworth as Grants Coordinator. Our General Secretary, Jane Wheeler, has had to take a bit of a back seat this last year or two, due to illness, and has now decided to stand down at this AGM. I am pleased to say she is making a steady recovery and wish her well for the future. I would like to pass on all our thanks to her for everything she has done for the Field Club.

I am delighted that membership numbers have held up quite well over the pandemic and with all this activity, we need your help to keep the Society running smoothly. We have a very strong team but we do need more so called 'Ordinary Members' on the Council. Our Constitution requires us to have at least two at each Council meeting, four times a year. There are always tasks such as helping with Council events like the trip to the Isle of Wight coming up on 1 October and researching into membership numbers and profile as Roly Rogers is doing for us at the moment. This is a great way to learn how the Field Club operates and, generally, about how the heritage of Hampshire is cared for, understood and enjoyed by so many people today. As I will be going on to talk about, the Hampshire Field Club has played a very significant role in this in the past, and we need your support to make sure it remains a major player in the future. So do give it some thought. Thank you.

6. Treasurer's Report for 2021: Valerie Archibald, Treasurer

Receipts and payments account

Receipts – the total of £18,000 was similar to 2020. There was an increase in subscriptions, from chasing up members who had not increased their standing orders, more donations (including Easyfundraising) and a decrease in interest and sales of monographs.

Payments – At around £15,000 these were lower than 2020 by around £5,200. The reduction was mainly due to paying for only one part of Hampshire Studies, and for only one year of Archaeology in Hampshire. We paid out £1,000 in grants to Hyde 900.

Section receipts and payments accounts

The section accounts show their receipts and payments. Each section considers that it has sufficient funds for its future activities.

Balance sheet: The majority of the bank balances are held in interest earning bonds.

Notes

Note 2 shows that Hampshire Studies brought in more receipts than it spent.

Thank you to Geoff Smith, our Independent Examiner, for his scrutiny of these accounts.

The President expressed her thanks. Acceptance of the Accounts was proposed by Roger Ottewill & seconded by Dave Allen and the Accounts were duly approved.

7. Election of Ordinary Members of Council and Section Committee Members:

(i) Ordinary HFC Council Members: The Constitution allows for 6 Ordinary Members who can each serve for 3 years; Karen Wardley and Philippa Harris were thanked for their work over the last three years.

Roland Rogers, who became an Ordinary Member of Council at the 2021 AGM, will continue.

Mark Barden has agreed to serve as an Ordinary Member; he was proposed by Sam Butcher and seconded by Kay Ainsworth; he was duly elected.

JoB issued a request for other volunteers but none were forthcoming at the meeting. Anyone interested should contact the President or Secretary directly.

8. Motions – None received.

9. Any other business.

There were no items of AOB.

Meeting closed at 20:09.

The AGM was followed by the President's Lecture given by Jo Bailey on:

“Saving Southampton's Monuments: the role of the Hampshire Field Club”