British Myriapod and Isopod Group

Minutes of 24th AGM Friday 5 April 2024 Plas Tan y Bwlch

Present:

Keith Alexander **Tony Barber** Kay Dinsdale **Kevin Clements** Martin Frost **Steve Gregory** Nicola Garnham **Paul Harding** Joan Hardingham Sue Harvey Tom Hughes Inez Januszczak Adam Jenkins Dafydd Lewis Angela Lidgett Janet Lister Warren Maguire Annie Northfield Dominic Phillips Helen Read

Paul Richards David Scott Langley
Duncan Sivell Jess Thomas Thorpe

Maaike de Voogd Matt Vosper

1. Apologies

Paul Lee

2. Minutes of the 23rd AGM held on 14 April 2023

These were agreed as accurate and were proposed for adoption as a true record by Martin Frost and seconded by Nicola Garnham.

3. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

4. Secretary's Report - Helen Read

See separate report.

5. Treasurer's Report - Paul Harding

See separate report.

6. Recording Scheme Reports

a. Centipedes – Steve Gregory

See separate report.

b. Millipedes - Paul Lee

See report.

c. Woodlice – Thomas Hughes

See report.

d. Intertidal Isopods - Warren Maguire

See report.

7. Bulletin Report - Helen Read

See report. Any further copy welcome.

8. Newsletter Report - Warren Maguire

See report. Note that items for the newsletter can be sent in at any time.

9. Library and collections update - Steve Gregory / Dafydd Lewis No update.

10. Events and Exhibitions update - Dafydd Lewis

See report.

11. Social Media update - Warren Maguire

See report.

12. Website Report - Steve Gregory

The website is being kept up-to-date.

13. Field meetings update

In 2025 the target area is Cumbria but looking for suitable accommodation. There are a few areas where there are few records so these will be back up areas.

Normally meeting date is the weekend after Easter. Next year Easter is late and accommodation might be challenging at this time so potentially the meeting could be in late March. If this is likely to be a problem for anyone please let us know.

14. Election of Officers

Many people on the Committee have more than one job so if anyone would be interested in standing to help it would be much appreciated. We can co-opt people on to experience how the Committee operates if anyone would like.

Treasurer – Paul Harding would like to stand down if possible, however no one else offered to stand so Paul agreed to be elected for one more year (as long as he did not have to handling the bookings for the field meetings). Paul was proposed as Treasurer by Helen Read and seconded by Sue Harvey.

Bulletin Editor – Helen was willing to stand. Proposed by Nicola Garnham and seconded by Dafydd Lewis.

Website manager -Steve Gregory was willing to continue. Proposed by Warren Maguire and seconded by Tom Hughes.

Training Officer – Paul Richards was willing to stand again. Proposed by Nicola Garnham and seconded by Angela Lidgett

Conservation Officer – Annie Northfield had expressed an interest in taking on this role. She was proposed by Sue Harvey and seconded by Thomas Hughes.

Librarian and project officer role – currently unfilled but Dafydd Lewis and Steve Gregory have been keeping an eye on them.

Project officer –This is also currently vacant. The aim of this role is to facilitate projects, these could be field meeting orientated, citizen science projects or anything else. The role is open to development!

15. Date of next AGM

This will be the Friday evening of the next field meeting, probably late March or April.

16. Any other business

Paul Harding – There are free copies of Paul Richards' CDs in the lab in a box. Please help yourselves.

Receipts – Paul Harding can provide receipts on request.

The international Myriapod Meet-up online is being organised by Paul Marek (from the US) on 30 April. Anyone can attend, its free but you need to sign up to get the link. It's a series of short talks so well worth attending.

Logo – Annie and Tom put together some different options and these were shown and everyone asked to give a show of hands to give an indication of preference.

Option 1 (centipede) - 10

Option 2 (pill woodlouse) - 0

Option 3 (woodlouse) - 3

Option 4 (four different beasties) - 16

Option 5 (multiple woodlice) - 2

Thanks were expressed to Paul Harding and Kevin for organising the meeting.