

Minutes of BMIG AGM
Friday 1st April 2016
Field Studies Council Juniper Hall, Mickleham

1. Apologies

Desmond Kime, Duncan Sivell, Richard Kelly, Alex Pearce, Adrian Rundle

2. Minutes of last meeting

Agreed as a true record – proposed: Paul Harding seconded: Tony Barber

3. Matters arising

None

4. Membership Secretary's Report. Imogen Wilde

There had been 11 new members, mostly via paper application forms, including 3 from Big Nature Day. It was noted that there is a need to improve records of where new members heard of BMIG.

ACTION: IW. A question to this effect should be added to the membership form.

5. Treasurer's Report. Paul Harding

A £55 loss in 2015 was reported, and a balance of £4500 in bank.

6. Woodlouse Recording Scheme Report. Steve Gregory

A report had been circulated. Few records had been received since the last report.

7. Millipede Recording Scheme Report. Paul Lee

A report had been circulated. Three new species for Britain had been recorded in 2015.

8. Centipede Recording Scheme Report. Tony Barber

A report had been circulated. Maps were made available at the meeting with the request to inform Tony of any errors and to submit any new records as soon as possible. Much of the text of the atlas has been written. Tony also requested that people let him know of any errors they had found in the AIDGAP key.

9. Election of Officers

Secretary

There were no nominations from the floor. Imogen and Victoria were happy to carry on with the role split.

Resources Officer

Graham Proudlove had been co-opted at the committee meeting 21st September 2015 until the AGM. There were no nominations from the floor. Graham was formally elected to the role for the next 3 years.

Training Officer

No nominations from floor. Position to be kept open and reviewed after a year.

Projects Officer

No nominations from floor. Position to be kept open and reviewed after a year.

Exhibition and Events Co-ordinator

Dafydd Lewis was co-opted at the committee meeting 21st September 2015 until the AGM. No nominations from the floor were received. Dafydd was elected to the role for the next 3 years.

Conservation Officer

No nominations from floor. Duncan Sivell and Paul Lee fulfil most of the responsibilities by attending Invertebrate Link meetings and answering queries from NE.

10. Appointment of financial examiner

John Newbold was willing to examine accounts and had examined them previously.

ACTION: PH. Contact JN to accept offer.

11. Future meetings

A northern location was preferred for the 2017 spring field meeting, provisionally Lancashire and South Lake District area. The 2018 spring field meeting will be provisionally held in East Devon.

ACTION: PL. Investigate venues in NW England for 2017 and follow up information from Una Garland re Bicton College for 2018.

The possibility of an Irish field meeting in Autumn 2017 was discussed. A border location was preferred to attract participants from both countries, possibly using the FSC field centre at Fermanagh. Some funding may be available.

ACTION: PH. Investigate possible venues and funding sources.

12. Any other business

- Helen Read reported there are few XL and L BMIG T-shirts left.
- Helen Read reported that the copy deadline for the Bulletin has been extended to the end of September. All those who had previously suggested articles will get a reminder, and anyone else planning an article should get in touch.
- Derek Whiteley asked if there were PDF copies of the Bulletins available. Derek was advised all but two are on the website, which will be added shortly.
- Dafydd Lewis enquired how the Group is funded now there is no income from Bulletin. The response was that any profits from the Bulletin had been minimal. Some funds come from donations. The field meetings pay for themselves.
- There was a query on whether reports were expected from the other elected officers for the AGM and it was clarified that the constitution only includes Treasurer, Secretary and recording scheme organisers.
- Thanks were given to Paul Lee for organising the field meeting.

13. Records from meeting

Records from the field meeting should be sent to Paul Lee as soon as possible. Tony Barber would like centipede records to be copied to him.

14. Thanks to Field Centre staff

Thanks were given to the FSC Juniper Hall staff, and Paul Lee will write letter of appreciation.

Closed 20:40