

British Myriapod and Isopod Group
Minutes of 19th AGM
Held on Friday 26 April 2019
The Bruce Hotel, Newton Stewart

1. Apologies

Dafydd Lewis, Paul Richards

2. Minutes of the last AGM

These were proposed for adoption by Keith Alexander, seconded by Keith Lugg and agreed as a true record.

3. Matters arising

There were no matters arising

4. Secretary's report

This had been circulated in advance. The Secretary had no additional comments to make and there were no questions.

5. Treasurer's Report

The report and statement of accounts had been circulated in advance and there were copies available at the meeting. The Treasurer had no additional comments and there were no questions.

6. Recording Scheme Reports

a. Woodlice

The report had been circulated in advance but the scheme organiser added that Tom Hughes had found *Stenophiloscia* in Cornwall.

b. Millipedes

Since writing the report it had been discovered that *Chondrodesmus c.f. riparius* had previously been reported to FERA with records from Manchester and the West Midlands so the recent finds were not the first for the UK.

c. Centipedes

In addition to the report a request was made that, if people use iRecord to submit their records please add more details of the location where the species was found because the standard options on iRecord are quite limited

7. Librarian and collection manager's report

There were a couple of recent acquisitions, including the European Julid atlas. The collection of *Philoscia* had been checked through and *P. affinis* had been found in tubes from 2012 in Wales. It was noted that this is a good example of why the collection is useful and also why it is important to keep even common species.

8. Election of Officers

Graham Proudlove and Dafydd Lewis have come to the end of their 3-year tenures and both had indicated that they were happy to continue. No other proposals for these posts were forthcoming. Appointment of Dafydd and Graham was proposed by Tony Barber and seconded by Keith Alexander. There were no objections so both were duly elected.

Alex Pearce has had to resign as Social Media Officer due to lack of time. She has done a great job getting BMIG onto social media and her contribution was greatly appreciated. Calum Urquhart indicated that he would be interested. It was agreed to co-opt him in this position for a year.

The Chairman then outlined the unfilled roles which are:

Conservation Officer – currently covered by Paul Lee or Duncan Sivell where they can. Keith Alexander attends Invertebrate link meetings and indicated he would be willing to circulate the notes if no one else is able to attend.

Projects Officer – still vacant

Field meeting organiser – The group is currently managing without this post being filled for a few years, with lots of help from Paul Harding. It was pointed out that it is not necessary to live close to the location of the meeting and often finding meeting locations is not necessary. There are two main parts to this job a) liaising with the venue and b) sorting out the sites to visit and getting permission.

The Chairman urged regular attendees at the field meetings who are not currently on the Committee to consider helping out.

There were no offers for any of the vacant posts so all three were left vacant.

9. Appointment of financial examiner

It was agreed that this is not strictly necessary since we are not a registered charity. It was agreed that Paul Harding would explore options and select someone to look over the accounts to check them, although there has never been any concern expressed by previous financial examiners. It was also agreed that this item could be removed from future AGM agendas.

10. Future meetings

Spring 2020 – As the venues usually alternate between north and south, next year we were looking at Dorset. However, a venue in Somerset had been discovered that that would be suitable. Cannington College in Somerset is vacant in student holidays and was proposed by the Committee as favoured option.

In the absence of a Meetings Organiser Paul Harding agreed to deal with the bookings and Keith Lugg to sort out a list of sites and gain permission.

Spring 2021 – A location in Scarborough used by the Dipterists' Forum was currently the favoured option with an alternative being a location in Derbyshire that Paul Harding has found.

11. AOB

None

12. Records from this meeting

All to be sent to Steve Gregory (asap) please. Lists should include all species, not just Myriapods and Isopods. In addition, if anything noteworthy has been found please let Steve know before the end of the meeting (or very soon after) so that it can be fed back to the land owners immediately. Remember that owners/managers have given permission so we need to feedback information to them after our visit.

A question was asked about using iRecord for submitting records – are the recording schemes able to access them once they are on. It was confirmed that it is possible to get

the information out of iRecord but we need to know that records are on it. Please do this by letting Steve Gregory know. As mentioned earlier please put in extra habitat information and not just the minimum.

Paul Lee is collating Records from last two meetings in Morecambe and Longtown. If records were put on iRecord for these meetings and not sent to Paul or the scheme organisers please let Steve know.

13. Vote of thanks

Paul Lee proposed a vote of thanks to Paul Harding for organising the meeting, this was seconded by Helen Read and Paul was thanked with a round of applause.

Thanks were also given to the Bruce Hotel staff for their help during our visit.