



Minutes of the Annual General Meeting 2020

Held online via Zoom at 7pm on Wednesday 21st October

1. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from one Trustee and one member. 21 members attended on Zoom.

2. Resignation of the Chair

Stephen Young (Archaeological Director) announced that a letter of resignation as Chair of Trustees has been received from David Hayward. The business of this AGM would therefore be hosted by Salma Pervez. She read out the letter of resignation, after which SY spoke warmly of the tremendous leadership and guidance provided by DH over the years, and registered the debt of gratitude of the whole membership. Appointment of a new Chair will now pass to the Trustees. DH will continue to be an active member of CLASP.

3. Minutes of CLASP AGM 2019

The minutes of the meeting held at Harpole Bowls Club on 9th October 2019 were presented. Acceptance of these as a true record was proposed by Geoff Bovingdon, seconded by Stephen Young and passed.

4. Election of New Trustee

An application having been received from Norman Garnett, his appointment as Trustee was proposed by Margaret MacIntosh, seconded by Geoff Bovingdon, and passed. The Secretary welcomed NG on behalf of all members.

5. Annual Report to 31st March 2020

This had been previously circulated to members. Following summaries of the Chair's and the Treasurer's reports, questions were invited and a concern raised that the cost of annual excavations is still not being met. The Organising Committee will continue to look at how this issue might be resolved. The Treasurer additionally reported that the new Field Centre Club (aka "100 Club") has so far contributed £480 to CLASP funds.

5. Adoption of the Annual Report

This was proposed by Stephen Young, seconded by Colin Evans and passed.

6. CLASP Field Centre Update

Rob Close reported that, after searching widely, the best prospect to date for a new home for the Field Centre is in Nether Heyford. However, it will require the purchase and

Trustees: Angela Evans (Treasurer), Stephen Young (Archaeology Director), Jim Aveling, Marcus Lewis, Salma Pervez, Norman Garnett, Trevor Saxby (Secretary).

Organising Committee: Rob Close OBE (Chair), Jim Aveling (Secretary), Julia Johns (Membership Secretary).

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installation of a portacabin and the creation of walkways. This is currently beyond our means and will necessitate the finding of external sources of funding. A working group from the Organising Committee is looking at what we might do as a temporary solution, should notice be served to leave the current New Creation Farm site.

7. Amendment to the Constitution

Trustees have agreed a necessary amendment to the Constitution to reflect changes to Rules for Trustees that will allow for matters such as transferability of membership and appeals to Trustees in given circumstances. Ratification of this was proposed by Geoff Bovingdon, seconded by Angela Evans and passed.

8. AOB

- a) Membership can still be renewed by cheque but we now have the possibility of online renewal via the website. Both SY and AE urged members to stay with CLASP through these difficult times and to continue paying their subscription.
- b) Some members reported being unable to access the Members' Area of the website. This may have to do with the change of password. The Secretary will liaise with the webmaster about this.
- c) In the light of Covid-19 restrictions, it is not possible at this time to issue membership cards.
- d) Geoff Bovingdon gave an impassioned plea for more material to be made available, pitched at the right level, for posting on local Facebook pages and similar platforms to generate interest in CLASP's activities.

At the close of business at 7.40pm, the monthly prize draw for the Field Centre Club was held.