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Bath Geological Society

AGM on Thursday 3rd February 2022

(via Zoom)

Attending:

PB	Philip Burge (Treasurer)
LD	Linda Drummond-Harris (Committee member)
MF	Mellissa Freeman (Journal editor)
AH	Anne Hunt (Lecture programme secretary)
GH	Graham Hickman (Chair)
SH	Sue Harvey (Field Trip programme secretary)
JM	James McVeigh (Webmaster)
KM	Katie Munday (Secretary)
RM	Bob Mustow (Field trip health and safety officer)
PS	Polly Sternbauer (Membership secretary)
MT	Maurice Tucker (Committee member)

1	Apologies for Absence
	Peter Larkin and Glenn Davies
2	Minutes of last AGM
	Agreed
3	Matters arising
	Hybrid lectures – discussion about how members feel about hybrid lectures. Committee is proposing that lectures be held on Zoom only over Winter and then in-person over Spring/Summer. We need to decide if these in-person lectures would also be hybrid.
4	Chairman's report
	<u>Chairman's Report for 2021</u>

2021 has been a bit of a roller coaster year as we have moved through the Covid19 pandemic. At times it had been hard to keep track of the change in Lock-down rules, the latest Tier system and the spread of new variants! The good news has been the early and efficient rollout of the Covid-19 vaccine. The strong vaccine take-up seems to have reduced the hospitalisation associated with the virus and allowed the country to start getting back to normal. Despite all the uncertainties the Society has been able to deliver a full programme of lectures, albeit remotely using Zoom and during the second half of the year a significant programme of field meetings. Our membership currently stands at 69 which is a healthy number and reflects the enthusiasm that the committee have shown in putting together the programme. The committee has continued to meet remotely to conduct the business of the Society. In February we held the 2021 AGM over Zoom appointing and welcoming Katie Munday as our new Secretary.

Lectures

Our lecture programme has covered a wide range of geological topics and we hope you have found them stimulating. We have received positive feedback and we are grateful to the speakers who have provided some excellent and interesting presentations. Of particular note was the lecture given in February by Professor Tom Blenkinsop on “Ballistic Impacts in the Cosmos and in Combat.” This lecture stimulated discussion on the WWII bomb damage in Bath and prompted Maurice Tucker to undertake several surveys and write three articles for the newsletter. Another lecture of particular note was the one by Dr Doug Robinson on ‘The Making of the Mendip Hills’. The timing of this was particularly well planned as it preceded the field trip Doug led the following week. This model of a lecture “briefing” ahead of a field trip allows attendees to get the most out of the information being shared. Normally the Society doesn’t hold lectures in January or August as turnout has been poor due to proximity to holidays. However, the low cost and flexibility of using Zoom has enabled us to add additional lectures to the programme, this included Professor Maurice Tucker’s talk on Fossil Viruses in January 2021 and Dr Sam Medworth’s talk about his ancestor Dr Arthur Hutchison in August 2021. As restrictions were gradually lifted in September, we met physically in BRLSI to view the temporary exhibit of the Strawberry Bank Fossils and to hear Matt William’s lecture. It was an extraordinary feeling to get back together for the first time for 18 months and to clap together after the lecture. As well as a physical audience, of around 30 people in the lecture room, we were able to broadcast the event over Zoom to a further 11 people online. We are hoping to be able to continue hybrid meetings as we believe it will be popular to some of our more remote or elderly members. Hybrid meetings were held for September, October, November and December. The Society purchased a lapel microphone which made a significant improvement to the sound quality for those listening online.

Field Trips

We had planned to run our annual field trip and clean up to Brown’s Folly on March 6th 2021 however as the UK was in lockdown for much of the Spring and numbers

for outdoor meetings limited, we decided not to hold this event. From May 15th 2021 these restrictions were lifted and we added several additional field trips during the second half of the year. I know some people were unable to attend due to the short notice given and I apologise for this. It was felt that it was better to run a trip at short notice than risk cancelling again should the rules and circumstances change.

The 2021 Committee

I have been very grateful to the hard work and commitment of the Committee during the year. Their efforts have resulted in the delivery of a full programme of lectures and field trips. The circumstances of working remotely have required additional email communications, updating of the website and producing the newsletter/journal, communicating with new members and keeping track of our finances.

Under normal conditions the committee meets 3 or 4 times per year but under these situations we have met virtually about 6 times. The strength of a Society like ours is measured by those who volunteer their time and I am indebted to those on the committee;

Chairman: Graham Hickman, Treasurer: Phil Burge, Secretary: Katie Munday
Membership Secretary: Polly Sternbauer, Meetings Secretary: Anne Hunt Journal & Zoom: Mellissa Freeman, Field Trip Secretary: Sue Harvey, Field Trip Safety: Bob Mustow, Webmaster: James McVeigh, Linda Drummond Harris, Professor Maurice Tucker.

The introduction of a newsletter last year has been a useful tool for communicating upcoming events and news. It also provides an opportunity for members to write and share, please contribute.

If you have any comments or suggestions, we would love to hear from you. On behalf of your committee, thank you again for your support.

Graham P Hickman
chairman@bathgeolsoc.org

5 Treasurer's report

Please see the end of the document for the treasurer's report.

6 Election of officers

PS hopes to stand down from the membership secretary role. The role involves keeping membership records up to date, keeping track of payments, attending meetings, keeping track of how many people attend the meetings and sending out membership cards and letters. If you are interested in the role, please contact GH.

There is also a position on the committee with no specific role. Please speak to GH if you are interested in the role.

Everyone else on the committee is happy to stand again. The members voted unanimously to keep the current committee.

7	Any other business
	<p>Hybrid lectures – some people feel that having Zoom only lectures over Winter and hybrid lectures over Summer is a good idea as travelling in over Winter isn't always easy. The overall impression was that people would prefer hybrid lectures over Summer rather than in-person only as they could then still join if they were away on holiday or unwell. AH suggested that we limit Zoom access over Summer to only those that can't make it in to encourage people who can come to be there in person. It's a little embarrassing if a speaker comes and only a few people turn up to the room.</p> <p>If you have any further thoughts, please email GH.</p>
8	Date of next meeting
	Thursday 2nd February 2023

**BATH GEOLOGICAL SOCIETY
INCOME AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT 2021**

These accounts are prepared on a cash accounting basis. Receipts are recorded in the period when they are received and payments are recorded in the period that they are made. An end of year accrual is recorded only to show available cash if this differs from cash in bank.

		31.12.21	31.12.20	Notes
Section 1: Income				
	Membership subscriptions	£2,264.00	£1,446.00	
<i>Record income in period of receipt</i>	Visitors/Field trip and temporary members	£20.00	£96.00	
	Sales of books and publications	£0.00	£0.00	
	Zoom receipts	£68.34	£35.72	
	Field trips	£0.00	£0.00	
	Donations	£0.00	£620.00	
	Sub Total	£2,352.34	£2,197.72	
Section 2: Expenses				
	Lecturers expenses	£19.70	£147.65	
<i>Record expenses in period when paid</i>	Field trips	£0.00	£0.00	
	Room hire deposit	£0.00	£0.00	1
	Room hire balance	£0.00	£0.00	
	Zoom payments	£156.96	£129.51	2
	Administrative expense	£48.07	£0.00	
	Refreshments	£0.00	£15.00	
	Insurance	£143.94	£99.72	3
	GA affiliation	£40.00	£40.00	
	Publication stock	£0.00	£0.00	
	Miscellaneous	£2.30	£0.00	
	Other	£0.00	£0.00	
	Sub Total	£410.97	£431.88	
	Surplus/Deficit	£1,941.37	£1,765.84	
Section 3: Cash				
	Opening bank balance	£3,540.41	£1,774.57	
	Closing bank balance	£5,481.78	£3,540.41	
Section 4: Net assets				
	Cash in bank at end of year	£5,481.78	£3,540.41	
	Cash in float	£60.00	£60.00	
	Publications in stock	-	£0.00	
	Total assets	£5,541.78	£3,600.41	
Section 5: Available Cash				
<i>Cash available after considering payments due but not made</i>	Closing bank balance	£5,481.78	£3,540.41	
	Accruals	£354.36	£0.00	1
	Available cash	£5,127.42	£3,540.41	

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Notes to Income and Expense Statement 2021

Note 1	Accrual for room hire 2022 net of credit from cancelled rooms during 2020
Note 2	Includes cost of IT microphone for improved Zoom quality
Note 3	Following a review of insurance premiums the GA's insurance premium for all affiliated societies increased for 2021-2022.