

SOUTH OXFORDSHIRE ARCHAEOLOGICAL GROUP

MINUTES OF THE 39th AGM HELD ON 30th MARCH 2008
AT THE GORING HEATH PARISH HALL, WHITCHURCH HILL, AT 2:30 pm

CHAIRMAN FOR THE AGM: Ian Clarke
MINUTES: Dave Oliver

COMMITTEE 2007-8:

President:	Cynthia Graham Kerr	
Chairman:	Ian Clarke	Susan Sandford
Vice Chairman:	Hazel Williams	David Nicholls
Honorary Secretary:	David Oliver (co-opted Jan 2008)	John White
Honorary Treasurer:	John Gibbs	Elizabeth Lawrance
		Nancy Nichols (co-opted Jan 2008)
		Michael Green (co-opted Jan 2008)

MEMBERS PRESENT:

The Meeting started at 2:31 opened by Ian Clarke

1. Welcome from the President
Cynthia Graham Kerr welcomed all attendees and thanked them for coming.
2. Opening remarks by the Chairman
HSE instructions given first. AGM should finish in half an hour, then a short break before the lecture after which tea will be served. One problem with item 6: we should have had an EGM to appoint the examiner for the 2007 accounts so there will be two votes under item 6. IC asked if there were any objections, there were none.
3. Apologies for absence
From Patron: Malcolm Airs; from members: Janet Sharpe & Phil Carter, Tom Walker, Beryl Moffat, John Westwood, Barbara East, Diana Nicholls, Mike Green & Nancy Nichols, Sue Sandford.
4. Adoption of the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 25 March 2007
IC asked for any comments on the minutes. No comments. Any matters arising? None
Proposed by Mary Clucas Seconded by Hazel Williams.
Adopted without dissent.
5. Adoption of Reports from Officers for 2007
Chairman's report. Any comments? None.
Proposed Christine Hogbin Seconded Phillipa Wray
Adopted without dissent.

Treasurer's report. Any comments? None.
Prop Mike Fulton, seconded Anne Simmins
Adopted without dissent.
6. Adoption of the Examined Accounts for 2007
Extra item, appointment of Mrs Jenny Carpenter as examiner
Appointed without dissent

Adoption of accounts themselves
Question re "party" at beginning of year
JG: a bit of a struggle with changed format and requirement to re-align from old method. IC: any grant has to be for a specific purpose so National Lottery and Chilterns Conservation Board money is placed in a 'restricted fund', i.e. ring-fenced.

Proposed Ian Clarke Seconded Hazel Williams
Adopted without dissent

Appointment of Mrs Jenny Carpenter as Examiner for the 2008 Accounts
Proposed David Cox Seconded David Nicholls
Appointed without dissent

7. Resolution on a proposed amendment to clause 6.3 of the Constitution

IC read out full text of proposal which covers the "free" membership applicable to members joining from September with their fee covering the remaining part of that year and the whole of the next year. The new rule would result in a half annual fee payable from September. The benefit to the Society in 2007 would have been £150 which was "given away" by the "free" period, amounting to 10% of the subscription turnover.
Adopted without dissent

IC reminded the meeting that we are working on a new constitution which would be suitable if, in the future, SOAG wished to become a charity. A draft of the new constitution will be made available for comment within a few weeks.

8. Election of Officers and Ordinary Committee Members for 2008-9.

IC: all existing members of the committee have agreed to stand. Dave Oliver was introduced as Hon Secretary, but, due to commitments he would initially be limited to minuting duties.

Proposed by Catherine Clarke Seconded by Mike Fulton.
Officers elected without dissent.

Ordinary Committee members proposed by David Cox and seconded by Phillipa Wray.
Elected without dissent

9. Any other business

News on Gatehampton requested by Phillipa Wray. HW: good news in so much as the probable new landowners appear to want the excavation to continue

Meeting closed at 2:55

Signed:

Date: