

ESSEX ROCK AND MINERAL SOCIETY

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held at HOPWA House, Hornchurch, on Tuesday 14^h November 2017

Draft Minutes:

Present: 29 members and 1 guest

1. Apologies for absence – Becky Stamp, Lisa Nunn.

2. Approval of minutes of AGM held on 8th November 2016

All were in favour of the approval the minutes of the 2016 AGM and they were duly signed by the Chairman.

3. Annual Report by Chairman, Ian Mercer

Copies of the Annual Report written by the Chairman were distributed and the Chairman recalled the highlights. There were no comments or questions. The report was then unanimously received by those present. A copy has been sent to the GA for inclusion in their Annual Report as ERMS is a Local Group.

4. Financial Report and Statement of Accounts

Copies of the accounts were distributed to those present and briefly commented upon by the Treasurer, John Lacy. The large increase in funds is due to income from sales of the Pebble Poster of £1972.24, which is ring-fenced for future publications. Notwithstanding this, income had increased over expenditure. Income from the Show had increased by £222 and members were reminded that its success keeps the subs down. Speakers fees and hall hire were up slightly, but this included the new Stanway group whose numbers contributed to the rise in membership income. Posters for the Show 2018 had already been paid for in this financial year so the overall result was very good.

The treasurer thanked Alistair Rickards for his very thorough examination of the accounts.

Adoption of the Financial Report and Statement of Accounts was unanimously agreed by those present and voting. The Chairman thanked the Treasurer.

5. Subscriptions 2015

No increase in membership annual subscription was proposed by the committee and so it would remain at £12 for the forthcoming year.

6. Election of Officers: Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer

All existing officers were willing to stand for a further year and were nominated and seconded by members present. There were no other nominations for these posts so all were duly elected unopposed.

Chairman: Ian Mercer, Vice-chairman: Jeff Seward, Treasurer: John Lacy, Secretary Ros Mercer.

7. Election of Committee Members - up to 5, taking on roles of Field Visits Secretary, Membership Secretary, Librarian.

David Turner and Gerald Lucy offered to re-stand. Rowley Collier who was co-opted to represent the Stanway branch was nominated to be a full committee member, Mark Matthews offered to look after membership and Jonathan Spencer offered to join the committee to help at meetings. These five were elected unopposed.

Roger Coleman, Doreen White and Bob Williams stood down accordingly and were thanked for their past contributions to the running of the Society, especially responding to the plea two years ago.

The Chairman added that help was being sought for small jobs at meetings such as meeting and greeting and setting up the tables etc.

8 Appointment of an Accounts Examiner

Alistair Rickards, the current post holder agreed to continue in this role. All voted in favour and he was thanked for his work in examining and checking of the accounts.

9 Suggestions from members

Venues for Field Visits and Speakers for talks were requested. Suggestions made would be followed up.

Attention was drawn to the Facebook page, which has received a good number of “likes” and is a handy way for members to communicate.

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 8.38pm.