

CAMBRIDGE ARCHAEOLOGY FIELD GROUP

DRAFT Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held in the McDonald Institute,
Downing Street, Cambridge
at 7.30 p.m. on 8th June 2022

Dr Paul Spoerry, President, in the Chair

13 members were present.

Apologies for absence were received from Martin Bacon, Peter Cornelissen, Susanne Thompson and Robert Skeen

1. MINUTES OF LAST AGM

On the proposal of Barrie Fuller, seconded by Mike Coles, the minutes of the meeting held on the 2nd June 2021 were **CONFIRMED** as a correct record and signed by the President.

2. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The chairman, Barrie Fuller, commented on the inability to meet in person indoors for the last two years, during which time, however, he had been ill. Covid restrictions had now been relaxed, both at Bar Hill and at the McDonald Institute, with whom he had agreed the new rules. Thanks were offered to both Oxford Archaeology East, particularly Dr Paul Spoerry, and Cambridge University archaeology, including Simon Stoddart, for their support and allowing access to the Group once more.

Mike Coles and Terry Dymott were thanked for keeping activities going in the field, and the committee for putting together the programme. Mike had taken on some extra duties from the secretary and co-ordinated volunteers for the various roles. The chairman then thanked Susan May for her many years as secretary and presented her with flowers from the committee.

The chairman expressed the hope that a Group dinner could once again happen.

The Val Whittaker memorial prize had been in abeyance but would again be awarded this year, new conditions having been agreed with the University.

The chairman concluded with thanks to the committee for keeping going; advice to look at the website for information; and the hope of seeing all at future activities.

The full report is appended to the minute book copy of these minutes.

3. SECRETARY'S REPORT

The secretary's short report on the business and activities of the Group during the past year had been circulated and was accepted.

The report is appended to the minute book copy of these minutes.

4. FIELDWORK REPORT

The report on fieldwork during the year, compiled by Mike Coles and Terry Dymott, had been circulated. Mike Coles further reported that excavation this year at Ickleton was unlikely, but the Group had been invited to dig test pits on a potential Iron Age site at Wimpole and a further site was a possibility. It was hoped to start fieldwalking in September. The fieldwork

report was accepted.

The report is appended to the minute book copy of these minutes.

5. **TREASURER'S REPORT**

The accounts for 2021/22 had been circulated and the treasurer reported that they had been examined and certified as correct, together with those of the previous year. He expressed thanks to Rob Noble for this work.

On the proposal of Mike Coles, seconded by Barrie Fuller, the accounts were **ADOPTED**.

The accounts are attached to the minute book copy of these minutes.

6. **SUBSCRIPTIONS**

As recommended by the Committee it was unanimously **RESOLVED** that subscriptions for 2022/23 be retained at:

- £12 individual membership
- £18 family membership
- Entrance to lectures for non-members £1

7. **ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE**

All officers and committee members, other than the secretary, were willing to stand again, but Robert Skeen had expressed an interest in standing down. A nomination had been received for Martin Bacon to sit on the committee.

Of the secretary's roles, Martin had offered to take on membership and Colin Coates, communication. Someone was still needed to organise meetings. The chairman offered an invitation to Susan May to be co-opted onto the committee and asked if she could shadow whoever took over the meetings role.

The following were therefore unanimously **ELECTED** to the offices indicated for 2022/23:

Chairman	Barrie Fuller (bf202@cam.ac.uk)
Secretary	vacant
Treasurer	John Waterhouse (john.waterhouse@aru.ac.uk)
Fieldwork Coordinator	Mike Coles (michaelcoles741@gmail.com)
Committee	Martin Bacon (martinbacon@hotmail.com) Colin Coates (ccoates060@gmail.com) Peter Cornelissen (peter@cornelissen.org.uk) Terry Dymott (terry.dymott@btinternet.com) Susanne Thompson (shirathompson@yahoo.com)
Co-opted members	June Woodfield (jel.woodfield@gmail.com)

8. **ELECTION OF EXAMINER OF ACCOUNTS**

On the proposal of John Waterhouse, seconded by Colin Coates, the meeting **RESOLVED** that Rob Noble be elected examiner of accounts for 2022/23, subject to his agreement.

Addendum: Following the meeting, Rob recommended an invitation to other members to take on the role, but would be willing to continue in the absence of another volunteer.

Further Addendum: By general consent, following a nomination and a poll by email, it was RESOLVED that Robert Skeen be elected examiner of accounts for 2022/23.

9. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

The chairman warned that he could not guarantee being able to carry out all his functions, but hoped to be fit by October and able to carry on. A member of the University Archaeology Department would step in for him if necessary for access to the McDonald. The President wished him well.

The intention to revert to April for the AGM was confirmed.

The meeting closed at 8.00 p.m.

Chairman.....

Date.....