

CAMBRIDGE ARCHAEOLOGY FIELD GROUP

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held
at 7.15 p.m. on 25th March 2015 at the
McDonald Institute for Archaeological Research, Downing Street, Cambridge

President, Dr P Spoerry, in the Chair

Eleven members and guests were present.

Apologies for absence were received from Colin Coates, Peter Cornelissen, Michael Coles, David Oates, Dudley Pusey, Colin Shaw and William Watkins.

1. MINUTES OF LAST AGM

Copies of the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on the 23rd April 2014 and the Ordinary General Meeting on the 2nd July 2014 had been circulated and, on the proposal of Susanne Thompson, seconded by Terry Dymott, were **CONFIRMED** as a correct record and signed by the President.

2. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The chairman reported on a year in which the grey report on the Wimpole People and Places project was going forward. The chairman himself was affiliated to the McDonald Institute and he was trying to get the Group affiliated. A number of people in the Department supported the Group. The chairman thanked the president and Oxford Archaeology East for their support.

A vote of thanks was offered to Mike Coles for the massive amount of work he had done for the Group, particularly driving the fieldwork. The Group's recognition was mainly due to him.

The member questionnaire had focused thoughts. Action taken included emails about Wednesday evenings; regular updating of the website; individuals taking on projects; shadowing of roles (though more was needed); and a review of outstanding projects. More volunteers were needed to take on specific projects or tasks; but, looking at how much the Group had done and was planning to do, it was functioning extremely well.

3. SECRETARY'S REPORT

The secretary's report on the business and activities of the Group during the past year, which had been circulated, was received. Members present were happy that information should be circulated by email rather than as an occasional newsletter.

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

4. FIELD OFFICER'S REPORT

The field officer's report on fieldwork during the year had been circulated. In the absence of Mike Coles, Terry Dymott gave a brief presentation on the fieldwork programme. There had been:

- 24 fieldwalking Sunday mornings (5 more than the previous year)
- 9 days digging test pits at Wimpole
- 7 days digging test pits at Oily Hall
- 2 days excavating greenhouse foundations and heating system at Wimpole

Fieldwalking had been at:

- Childerley in spring 2014 & 2015. Half the estate had now been walked; a set-aside area might now be available
- Eight Elms Farm, Arrington in spring & autumn 2104. Five fields had been walked, with a vast amount of Roman material on field E. Metal detecting had also yielded results.

- Gravel pit field, Wimpole in autumn 2014
- Wild Barns field in winter/spring 2014/15
- Lower Valley Farm, Fulbourn in winter/spring 2014/15. Most finds had been rough flints and post-medieval pottery

The test pits at Wimpole, once again in very hot weather, had achieved some of the objectives. There had been too much rubbish over the potential water pipeline to trace it by test pits. Further work would be done on this.

All involved had enjoyed the test pits at Oily Hall and had found some wonderful worked flints.

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

5. **TREASURER'S REPORT**

The unexamined accounts had been circulated. Two figures had not printed, so it was noted that total expenditure for 2013-14 had been £10318.16 and the net difference between income and expenditure for that year -£9431.76. Ordinary income and expenditure had been similar over the two years.

On the proposal of the committee, seconded by Susanne Thompson, it was **RESOLVED** that the overspend of £50.10 on the Wimpole People and Places project, being VAT not allowed for, be met from ordinary income.

On the proposal of Robert Skeen, seconded by Susanne Thompson, the accounts were **ADOPTED** subject to examination.

The current schedule of assets had also been circulated, and **APPROVAL** was given for the disposal of unwanted items – largely old surveying equipment.

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

6. **SUBSCRIPTIONS**

On the recommendation of the committee, seconded by Susanne Thompson, it was **RESOLVED** that subscriptions for 2015/16 (from 1st April 2015) be retained at:

- £10 for individual membership
- £15 family membership
- Entrance to lectures for non-members £1

7. **ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE**

Mike Coles retired from the office of field officer. One nomination had been received, for Terry Dymott. On the proposal of Robert Skeen, seconded by Barrie Fuller, it was unanimously **RESOLVED** that Terry Dymott be elected as field officer for 2015/16.

As a result, there was a vacancy on the committee. One nomination had been received, for Mike Coles. On the proposal of Barrie Fuller, seconded by John Holloway, it was unanimously **RESOLVED** that Mike Coles be elected to the committee for 2015/16.

Other officers and committee members were prepared to stand again and no further nominations had been received. It was **RESOLVED** that the following be elected to the offices indicated for 2015/16 (complete list):

Chairman	Barrie Fuller, 47 Queens Edith's Way, Cambridge, CB1 4PJ
Secretary	Susan May, 94 High Street, Great Shelford, Cambridge, CB22 5EH
Treasurer	Dudley Pusey, 45 St Laurence Road, Foxton, Cambridge, CB22 6SF

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 Committee Colin Coates, 14 Humber Drive, Yaxley, Peterborough, PE7 3QB
 Mike Coles, 44 Cantelupe Road, Haslingfield, Cambridge, CB23 7LU
 Peter Cornelissen, 4 St Albans, Fordham Road, Newmarket, CB8 7AJ
 Robert Skeen, 2 Malton Lane, Meldreth, Royston, SG8 6PA
 John Waterhouse, 22 Topcliffe Way, Cambridge, CB1 8SH

8. **ELECTION OF EXAMINER OF ACCOUNTS**

Mr William Watkins had offered to take on this role for the current year. On the proposal of John Waterhouse, seconded by Barrie Fuller, it was **RESOLVED** that William Watkins be elected examiner of accounts for 2015/16.

9. **VAL WHITTAKER MEMORIAL PRIZE**

A volunteer was sought to promote this prize. John Waterhouse offered to take it on and his offer was gratefully received.

The president undertook to make contact with CBA East and the *Conduit* editor as possible avenues of publicity and come back to the chairman.

The meeting closed at 8.00 p.m.

Chairman.....

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