SOMERSET ARCHAEOLOGICAL AND NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY

Annual General Meeting 2021
Held at St Andrews Church Hall, 6 Kingston Road, Taunton, TA2 7SB
on 11th September 2021 at 10:30

MINUTES

Present
Harriet Induni (Trustee), Lizzie Induni (Trustee), Chris Jessop (Chair), Sue Goodman (Trustee), David Reid (Trustee), Chris Chanter (Trustee), Martin Salzer, Chris Sidaway, David Hawkings, Robin Cloke, Betty Cloke, David Roberts, Madeleine Roberts, Steve Parker, David Dawson (President), David Bromwich (Hon. Librarian), Nigel Pearce, Mary Siraut, Mary Ewing, Carol Dimmer, Rosanna Barton (rep. FOSA), Lindon Wooster, Janet Fulljames, Gerardine McHugh-Soliman, Trevor Rees, Anthony Porter (Independent Financial Advisor), June Cummings (visitor), Louisa Gillett (Office Manager)

Twenty-six members attended the meeting.

1. **Welcome by the Chairman**
   Chris Jessop welcomed the members to the meeting. She reported the sad death of David Rabson. She explained that he had written a book on the River Tone, which the society hopes to publish.

2. **Apologies for absence**
   John Bryant, Christine Ralph, John Page, Karen Turvey, Marilyn Crothers, David Baker, Carol and Alan Hudson, Ted Udall (on behalf of the Somerset and Dorset Family History Society), John Townson, Bryony Coles, John Strickland, Ian Clarke

INDUCTIONS

3. **Induction of David Dawson as President for the year 2021 – 2022**
   David Dawson was inducted as President for 2021/2022.

4. **Induction of Julian Orbach as Vice-President for the year 2021 – 2022**
   Julian Orbach was inducted as Vice President for 2021/2022. He has recently completed a review of Pevsner and will start researching Taunton for the Victorian County History society.

MINUTES

5. **Minutes of the Annual General Meeting dated 10th October 2020**
   The Minutes were put to the AGM for approval. The Minutes were approved by the meeting and signed by the Chairman.

TRUSTEES REPORT

6. **Chairman's Report 2020**
   The Chairman gave an expanded version of her report, which had been previously circulated. Martin Salzer has been nominated as Hon. Treasurer. The Chairman thanked him for putting himself forward for the role. The £5.00 charge for webinars cannot be implemented because the society will be in breach of copyright. The issue of charging for webinars will go back to the trustees for more discussion. The loan of SANHS artefacts to Hadspen Estate was not taken up because the venue did not open in 2020. There were two visits to Wyndham Hall. The condition of the hall has been deteriorating since 2005 and there is a hole in one of the walls. Nigel Pearce will carry out a survey and report to the trustees. The complaint made to the Charity Commission was about the administration of the society

which arose because there were not enough volunteers to do all the work. Three new trustees will be elected at the AGM, and it is hoped the society will be able to do more. This includes bolstering the relationship with the Associated Societies. The members area of the web site will be useful for that. Tours of Castle Garden for Associated Society members are planned. Associated Society representatives have been offered training to run webinars.

David Bromwich proposed a vote of thanks to Chris Jessop for her work during the pandemic. Unanimously adopted by the members.

Robin Cloke asked if Somerset County Council is responsible for the repairs to the roof of Wyndham Hall. Nigel Pearce explained that some of the roof issues have been repaired by the council, but they take a reactive, rather than planned approach to maintenance of the building. Chris Jessop explained that the society does not want to alienate the council over the matter of costs.

7. **Annual Report and Annual Accounts 2020**
Both reports were circulated prior to the meeting. There were no questions about the Annual Report. David Dawson would like to continue the discussion on the designation of the Museum Exhibit Replacement Fund. Anthony Porter will discuss the matter with David Dawson.

Proposed: Trevor Rees
Seconded: Martin Salzer
Proposal adopted.

8. **Report of the Heritage Grants Committee 2020**
A report was circulated prior to the meeting. David Dawson reminded members of the criteria for applying to the Gray and Maltwood Funds and encouraged more applications. Sue Goodman reported that information about applying to the funds is being published in the e-bulletin and newsletter. Chris Jessop reminded members of the other SANHS funds.

ELECTIONS 2021/2022

9. **Election of Trustees to the Board**
Harriet Induni, Martin Salzer, Gerardine McHugh-Soliman, and Christine Webster were elected as trustees. Christine Webster was unable to attend the meeting and was elected in her absence. Their terms will run for three years until the AGM in 2024.

Proposed: David Bromwich
Seconded: Lizzie Induni
Proposal adopted.

10. **Election of Executive Officers**
Chris Chanter was elected as Chairman.
Chris Jessop was elected as Vice Chair.
Martin Salzer was elected as Hon. Treasurer.
The position of Hon. Secretary is vacant.
Chris Chanter explained that he will stand down as Chairman at the 2022 AGM as he will have served six years as a trustee.

11. **Election of Committee members**
Committee members were elected *en bloc.* Chris Chanter thanked all those who serve on committees.

12. **Appointment of Independent Financial Examiner**
Anthony Porter of Amherst and Shapland was appointed as the Independent Financial Advisor.

13. **Appointment of Honorary Librarian and Deputy Honorary Librarian**
David Bromwich was appointed as Hon. Librarian and Sue Goodman as Dep. Hon. Librarian.

14. **Appointment of Proceedings Editor**
Rob Webley was appointed as Proceedings Editor.

REPORTS ON SUBJECT COMMITTEES, COLLECTIONS AND OTHER ACTIVITIES

15. Reports were circulated prior to the meeting. There were no questions. The Somerset Record Society did not submit a report.

Next years AGM will be held on Saturday 7th May 2022.

The meeting ended at 11:40