Shores of South Devon (marine life interest association)

Steering Group Minutes

16th Meeting

2nd November 2021 19:30 h, by Zoom

1. Present: Toby Sherwin (Chair and Secretary), Mike Puleston, Sue Watson-Bate, Gavin Watson-Bate, Pete Jonas; Chris Bryan
2. Apologies: Anne Gwynn, Rob Morgan (Treasurer),
3. Minutes of last Meeting and Matters arising:
The minutes were accepted.
4. Membership and Chairman’s update report (**TS**):
10 existing or new members joined at the AGM for the year to 31 Dec 2022 and one new member had earlier joined to this year end. For 2022 we will revert to charging membership at £10 p.a. with live talks at £3 for members and £4 for visitors. Zoom talks will continue to be free to all.
5. Treasurer’s report (**RM**):
The Treasurer’s report is appended to these minutes. It shows that our balance before expenses stands at £268.
6. Facebook
There are no issues with the Facebook site.
7. Talks and speakers
**MP** is still negotiating a date in November for a Zoom talk by Steve Hawkins. Jules Agate, MCS, who had agreed to give a Zoom talk in December has had to pull out for the time being for personal reasons. It is hoped that she can give her talk in the New Year.
**TS** has had trouble in contacting Torquay Museum to arrange a series of live meetings in the New Year and will now look for a suitable alternative venue in Torbay. Several possibilities were discussed. The question of whether live talks should take place in the evening or during the day remains unresolved but it was agreed to trial evening talks to start with. Georgie Bull, who could not give her live talk to the AGM, will be asked to give a live talk in Torbay once we have a venue. Other live speakers are mentioned in the previous minutes.
8. AGM
The AGM on October 28th at the Teign Heritage Centre was chaired by **TS** who thanked all members of the Steering Group for the way in which they seamlessly collaborated to make the evening run smoothly. There was a reasonable turnout but unfortunately the guest speaker, Georgie Bull, had to pull out because of the horrendous driving conditions between Plymouth and Teignmouth on the night. **MP** stepped into the gap to give a fascinating talk with anecdotes about some of his photographs. In view of Georgie’s absence non-members were not charged to attend. Members unanimously approved the Constitution and reinstatement of the existing Steering Group. Chris Bryan came forward to join the Group. Minutes of the AGM are being produced by **PJ** who also kindly offered to underwrite this year’s refreshments.
9. Future events
The Rockpool project mini-blitz will be at Bundle Head, Shaldon on Saturday 6th November. LW is 0.5 m at 1303 h and we will meet at the entrance to the Smugglers Tunnel at 1045 h. **SW-B** will handle the data.
**MP** was asked to follow up his suggestion to find a time and place for the SG to meet socially before Xmas.
10. Banners and advertising material
**TS** was reminded that he had said he would find about applying for a small grant from the Teign Estuary and Coastal Partnership – Small Grants Scheme organised by Teignbridge District Council to fund the purchase of some display boards etc. **MP** suggested asking **AG** to design a logo. Action **TS** and **MP.**
11. **S-WB** volunteered to raise money for SoSD by organising a raffle for a 2022 calendar by Georgie Bull.
12. Next meeting
The next meeting will be at 1930 on 7th December.
13. The meeting ended at 2050 h.

## Appendix - Treasurer’s report

**Shores of South Devon – Treasurer’s Report 2 November 2021**

At close of business on 31 October 2021, the balance of the bank account stood at £174.87 and the cash holding was £93.15, making our total holding **£268.02**. Income since the last report presented at the AGM has been £105.00 from membership fees (detailed below) and £5.30 from donations. Expenditure has been £19.20 for the Square payment device and £0.20 for payment fees, totalling £19.40.

Membership fees received since the last report are:

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| C Bryan | £5 |  |
| RS Wotton | £10 |  |
| KJ Hixon | £10 |  |
| N Allbrook | £10 |  |
| S Greenslade | £10 |  |
| M Foden | £10 |  |
| M Puleston | £10 | R |
| R Morgan | £10 | R |
| P Jonas | £10 | R |
| K Sherwin | £10 | R |
| F Hutchinson | £10 | R |

R = renewal of existing membership

Robert Morgan