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MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
HELD AT THE TOWN HALL, BOLTON ON FRIDAY
15TH APRIL 1988 AT 3.30PM

1. Apologies were received from Geoff Halfpenny, Adam Wright, Tony Tynan, Steve Moran, Rosina Down.
2. Minutes of the 1986 AGM at Cambridge were read and approved, proposed by Geoff Stansfield and seconded by Paul Richards. Minutes of the 1987 AGM were approved, proposed by Geoff Stansfield and seconded by Don Steward.
3. Chairman's Report. Steve Garland read a report on the Committee's activities (to be published in the Newsletter).
4. Secretary's Report. Derek Whiteley read a report on the Committee's activities (to be published in the Newsletter).
5. Editor's Report. John Mathias read the Editor's Report (to be published in the Newsletter).
6. Treasurer's Report. Unfortunately the accounts were not available, and the item was deferred to the 1989 AGM. The Treasurer had reported by telephone that the Group is financially sound and recommended subscriptions should stay the same.
7. Election of Officers and Committee

Chairman: Steve Garland
Secretary: Derek Whiteley
Treasurer: Adam Wright
Membership Secretary: Adam Wright
Editor: John Mathias
Special Publications Editor: Gordon Reid.

There were no other nominations. All were re-elected, proposed by Geoff Stansfield and seconded by Bill Pettit.

Committee.

Geoff Hancock and Graham Walley have served three years and retire.

Steve Moran, Rosina Down, Howard Mendel, Phil Collins, Clem Fisher and Colin Plant were re-elected, proposed by Peter Davis and seconded by Don Steward. The committee consists of nine posts of which six are filled. Three nominations were received:

Willie Milne (Kendal), proposed by Steve Moran and seconded by Derek Lott.
Jerry Lee (Exeter), proposed by Derek Whiteley and seconded by Steve Garland.
Kathie Way (BMNH), proposed by Clem Fisher and seconded by Steve Garland.

8. Date and place of next AGM: Scotland (Dundee or Glasgow). Date to be announced in the Newsletter.

9. Any other business

Affiliation to Museums Association

Steve Garland outlined the history of meetings and discussion with the MA. Discussion followed, and the general feeling of the meeting was against affiliation to MA for the time being, until the benefits become clear. Affiliation to learned societies (eg. Linnean Society, Institute of Biology, Systematics Association) is to be investigated by Committee and report back.

There was no other business and the meeting closed at 4.30pm.

Derek Whiteley
Secretary

EDITOR'S REPORT 1987/88

The teething troubles I had with Newsletter production in 1986/87 have now largely been resolved and three issues were published in 1987/88. The main difficulty now is the variable time the printing takes. I try to take this into account, but something usually crops up to cause a delay. However, the very competitive prices we are charged and the convenience of 'in house' production make any delays easier to bear. The next issue will be a 'special', containing the papers from the BCG autumn 1987 meeting at Coventry: 'Live Animal Displays in Museums : the Lower Vertebrates'.

The leaflets advertising the proposed Journal of Biological Curation have been printed. Several promises of articles have been received, if not the articles themselves, so all seems to be going well for a spring 1989 launch. Designs and costings still have to be obtained.

The Manual of Curatorship project has made some progress. Geoff Stansfield has now done some fleshing out of the outline and an application for funding the project has been made to the Museums and Galleries Commission. Further discussions have to take place, but I am very hopeful that our financing will come from this source.

Finally, please continue to support the Newsletter with your comments, notes, short articles, pictures and the like; they are all very welcome. Also, bear in mind the Journal for those longer papers you write in a fit of enthusiasm and then don't know what to do with. I look forward to hearing from you.

John Mathias
13 April 1988