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Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Biology Curators Group held at the British Museum (Natural History), 3rd April 1979.

1. Apologies received from P. Morgan, D. Erwin and C. A. B. Steel

2. Officers Reports

Reports were received from the Chairman, the Editor and the Treasurer/Membership Secretary. A vote of thanks was proposed to the Officers by G. Stansfield, seconded E. Greenwood.

3. Election of Committee and Officers for 1979/80

The list of nominees was circulated at the meeting. Michael Taylor (Perth Museum) had agreed to act as Scottish representative on the Committee, and Bari Logan will represent the Guild of Taxidermists. Proposed J. Gray and seconded that the Committee and Officers be elected en bloc.

Officers: Chairman	Eric Greenwood
Secretary	Stephen Flood
Treasurer/Membership Secretary	Kelvin Boot
Editor	Peter Davis
Asst. Editor	Geoff Hancock
Members of Committee	Geoff Stansfield, Peter Morgan, Mike Hounsome, Martin Brendell, Peter Lambley, John Matthias
Co-opted Members	Dave Erwin, Ray Ingle, Mike Taylor, Bari Logan, James Bateman

4. Manchester Meeting

The problems of taxidermy/preservation of biological specimens which had arisen at Manchester had been discussed at the last Committee Meeting with representatives of the Taxidermists Guild. A joint meeting of BCG/TG will be arranged for the near future to discuss these issues.

5. Museums Association Professional Groups Committee

G. Stansfield outlined the new proposals for the M. A. Diploma, which had caused concern at the Professional Groups Committee, and the the production of a 'manual of curatorship'. It is though essential that BCG maintain close contact with the M. A. with regard to the latter.

6. Return of Cultural Property

This will be discussed by ICOM/Museum Association and representatives of the National Museums at a Conference at the Museum of London on May 24th. It was felt that BCG should keep in touch with developments, but not make a definite statement. It was felt however, that a statement of policy from the National Museums was required. Restrictions on research in other countries was discussed.

7. Museums Association Conference

Arrangements for Portsmouth meeting were outlined. The 1980 M. A. Conference (London, 8-9-10 October) makes no provision for a 'specialist session', although the results of the M. A. questionnaire may yet influence the form of Conference.

8. Any Other Business

- i) Drew Report - this holds implications for all museums, and the views of the membership are required. The Editor agreed to place an appeal slip in the March Newsletter.
- ii) Small Mammal Exchange - Kelvin Boot raised the question of this publication, and would welcome comments from members.
- iii) Collections Research in N.W. England - Geoff Hancock reported on the availability of the Computer produced catalogue of collections in the N.W.

P. S. Davis
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MINUTES OF B. C. G. COMMITTEE MEETING: THURSDAY 26th APRIL, 1979

Members PRESENT:

Eric Greenwood (Chairman), Stephen Flood, Peter Davis, Mike Hounsome, Mike Taylor, Geoff Hancock, Martin Brendell.