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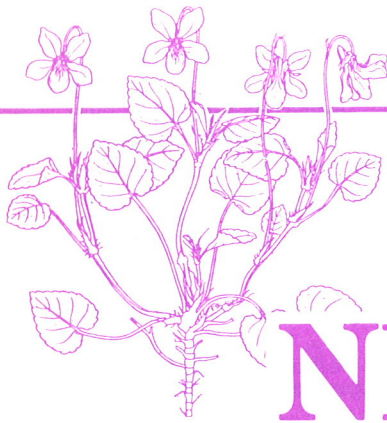
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AGM 88

AGM 1988
Town Hall, Bolton
Friday, 15 April 1988

- 10.00 Assemble and coffee
- 10.30 Welcome. Dr John Gray (Chief Museums Officer, Bolton Museum and Art Gallery)
- 10.35 Introduction. Steve Garland (BCG Chairman and Senior Keeper, Natural History, Bolton Museum)
- 10.45 Non-chemical Pest Control Techniques, Geoff Stansfield (Lecturer in Museum Studies, University of Leicester)
- 11.15 Early detection of Insect Pests. Dr David Pinniger (MAFF, Slough Laboratory). Some live insect pests will be available for viewing.
- 12.30 Lunch
- 13.15 An opportunity to view Bolton Museum's natural history collections and aquarium
- 14.00 Computer Applications in Museum Biology. Phil Philips (Liverpool Museum, National Museums on Merseyside)
- 14.45 Desk-top Publishing - talk and demonstration. Dr David Jackson (Vuman Ltd., Computer Division)
- 15.30 Tea and AGM
- 16.00 Beetle Down Campaign - an introduction. Derek Whiteley (BCG Secretary and Assistant Keeper Zoology, Sheffield City Museums)
- 16.30 Finish
- 19.00 Dinner in the Dido Suite

20.30 Biology Collections - UK
Open discussion session

Saturday, 16 April 1988

Visits to Mere Sands Wood Nature Reserve (Lancashire Trust for Nature Conservation) and Martin Mere (Wildfowl Trust).

Both these sites have visitor centres with interpretive and educational roles.

Interest has been expressed by some members in visiting Ainsdale NNR. If you require a permit to collect invertebrates for the weekend then contact Steve Garland (Bolton (0204) 22311 ext 2211) and he will arrange access.

For booking details contact Steve Garland, Bolton Museum and Art Gallery, Le Mans Crescent, Bolton BL1 1SE. Booking forms have already been sent out. The fee for the day is £2.00.

Notice of Annual General Meeting - 1988

The Annual General Meeting of the Biology Curators' Group will be held at 3.30pm on Friday 15th April at Bolton Civic Hall.

Agenda

1. Apologies
2. Minutes of the Annual General Meetings held on 16th April 1986 at Cambridge, and 3rd April 1987 at Sheffield
3. Secretary's report
4. Editor's reports
6. Election of officers and committee
7. Date and place of next meeting
8. Any other business (any business under this heading should be notified in writing to the Honorary Secretary at least four weeks before the meeting).

Nominations are invited for officers and members of the committee.

Present position: (year of election in brackets)

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

Steve Moran (1986)
Rosina Down (1987)
Geoff Hancock (1985) retires
Howard Mendel (1986)
Graham Walley (1985) retires
Phil Collins (1986)
Clem Fisher (1987)
Colin Plant (1987)

All officers are willing to stand for re-election.

The committee has the power to co-opt. Present co-opted members are Di Smith (GCG representative), Dave Bolton, Kathy Way and Geoff Stansfield.

The committee consists of nine posts of which only eight are presently filled; two members retire at the AGM.

Nominations for officers and committee members must be supported by two members of the Group. Nominations, in writing, should reach the Secretary at least two weeks before the Annual General Meeting.

Derek Whiteley (BCG Secretary)
City Museum, Weston Park, Sheffield S10 2TP

AGM 87

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held at Sheffield City Museum, Weston Park, Sheffield on Friday 3rd April at 4.00pm.

1. Apologies were received from Gordon Reid and Phil Collins.
2. Minutes of the 1986 AGM at Cambridge were unavailable for reading. Item deferred to next AGM. Ex-Secretary to be contacted again.
3. Chairman's Report. Steve Garland as Acting Chairman read a report of the year's activities (to be published in the Newsletter). The report was accepted. Proposed D Whiteley, seconded Rosina Down.
4. Secretary's Report. Derek Whiteley as Acting Secretary read a report on the Committee's activities (to be published in the Newsletter). The report was accepted. Prop S Garland, sec Adam Wright. Discussion followed on the charging policy of the British Museum (Natural History). Prop David Mellor, sec Sue Cross that "BCG Committee take steps to canvass the opinion of the membership and seek a mandate" concerning the BM(NH) charging policy for entrance to the museum. Carried by a majority vote.

5. Treasurer's Report. Adam Wright circulated a report on the accounts which was accepted. Prop I Evans, sec J. Mathias.

6. Editor's Report. John Mathias read the Editor's report (to be published in the Newsletter).

7. Election of Officers and Committee

Chairman. Tony Irwin had recently resigned. Steve Garland was elected. Prop J Mathias, sec Derek Lott.

Secretary. Derek Whiteley was elected. Prop John Mathias, sec Steve Garland.

Special Publications Officer. Steve Garland having moved to Chairman, Gordon Reid was elected. Prop Steve Garland, sec John Mathias.

Treasurer, Adam Wright; Editor, John Mathias; committee members Geoff Hancock, Graham Walley, Phil Collins, Howard Mendel and Steve Moran were willing to stand, and were re-elected en bloc. Geoff Stansfield has served three years and retires from committee.

The committee consists of nine posts of which four are filled. Three nominations were received:

Clem Fisher - prop Derek Whiteley, sec Steve Garland
Colin Plant - prop Steve Garland, sec Bill Ely
Rosina Down - prop Derek Whiteley, sec Adam Wright

8. Date and place of next AGM. Bolton, 15th April 1988

9. Any other business

Reg Harris. John Mathias reported on the recent death of Reg Harris, a founder member of the Group. The AGM wished to express its sadness at Reg's untimely death, and to minute the contribution he made to the Group, particularly in the fields of training and publication. Rosina Down had attended the funeral on behalf of BCG.

There was no other business and the meeting finished at 5.20pm.

Derek Whiteley
Secretary

NFBR

National Federation for Biological Recording

The 1988 Annual Meeting will take place at the University of Nottingham on Saturday 23rd April following the two day MDA meeting on Computers in Museums.

The NFBR meeting will take the form of a series of demonstrations of the use of micro-computers in the recording of species and site records, followed by the Annual General Meeting.