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(year of election in Present position: 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.
- Minutes of the 1986 AGM at Cambridge were unavailable for reading. Item deferred to next AGM. Ex-Secretary to be contacted again.
- Steve Garland as Chairman's Report. 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 ${\rm BM}({\rm NH})$ charging policy for entrance to the museum. Carried by a majority vote.

- Adam Wright Treasurer's Report. circulated a report on the accounts which was accepted. Prop I Evans, sec J. Mathias.
- Editor's Report. John Mathias read the Editor's report (to be published in the Newsletter).
- 7. Election of Officers and Committee

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

- 8. Date and place of next AGM. Bolton, 15th April 1988
- 9. Any other business

John Mathias reported on the Reg Harris. 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.