

## **British Myriapod & Isopod Group**

### **Minutes of the 2<sup>nd</sup> AGM Held at Youlgreave Community Hall – Derbyshire Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2002 at 8.30**

#### **Present:**

Jim Flanagan, Ken Hill, Wallace Arthur, Paul Lee, Derek Whitely, David Scott-Langley, Steve Gregory, Paul Richards, John Lewis, Paul Harding, John Harper, Steve Price, Alex Ramsay, Helen Read, Tony Barber, Glyy Collis, Dawn Collis.

#### **1. Apologies**

Dick Jones, Keith Alexander, John LeCorney.

#### **2. Minutes of the last meeting.**

A correction was needed to the date but otherwise the minutes were accepted as an accurate record.

#### **3. Secretary's Report (Helen Read)**

The mailing list now numbered 158. New members were contacting us most through the web site.

#### **4. Treasurer's Report (Paul Harding)**

The accounts were circulated. There were no queries or comments.

#### **5. Woodlouse Recording Scheme (Steve Gregory)**

No cards had been received since October 2001 but Martin Cawley has promised some soon. Records were preferred in Excel spreadsheets rather than Word but any format was better than nothing!

#### **6. Millipede Recording Scheme (Paul Lee)**

Records have been received from G. Corbet, K. Alexander and a few others but it has generally been a quiet time. BRC have recently started to look at the data ready to start inputting later this year. Any outstanding records should be sent to Paul L asap.

#### **7. Centipede Recording Scheme (Tony Barber)**

No records were received from the Irish meeting. Records are preferred on card rather than electronically. If sending electronic records to BRC please send a copy to Tony too please. *Geophilus carpophagus* and *G. easoni* need to be separated in the records. If anyone can sort out their specimens please do so. Also please return to regular collecting sites (e.g. gardens) to check which species are present. It seems that there are some changes going on and it would be useful to document these.

**NBN** – A meeting of the National Biodiversity Network was organised to which all our scheme recorders attended. PH will write a report on it for the newsletter.

**ACTION: PH**

#### **8. Newsletter Report**

One newsletter has been sent out since the last meeting. It was very short so please send in some copy for the next one. The deadline is the end of September. It should

include a report of this meeting. As from the last newsletter it is only being sent to those on the newly compiled mailing list and not the older original one.

Records for this meeting should be sent to Paul Richards (preferably on cards) and they will then be sent on to scheme organisers. PR will compile reports for the site managers. (NB records for other groups to be sent to Derek Whitely please).

### **9. Bulletin Report**

Bulletin 18 is now available for £5.50 including postage. Some back issues are also available. Paul Richards will either do or organise a report of the Derbyshire meeting for the next Bulletin. The deadline for the Bulletin is 1<sup>st</sup> January.

### **10. Election of Officers**

Derek Whitely wished to stand down from the Committee.

Paul Richards was proposed as a Committee member by Helen Read and seconded by John Lewis.

It was proposed that the Committee were elected on bloc by David Scott-Langley and Seconded by Ken Hill. The officers elected therefore are:

Chairman – Tony Barber

Vice chairman – John Lewis

Secretary – Helen Read

Treasurer – Paul Harding

Librarian - Vacant

Ordinary members – Wallace Arthur, Dick Jones and Paul Richards.

Paul Lee and Steve Gregory remain as Recording Scheme Organisers for millipedes and woodlice respectively.

### **11. Appointment of financial adviser**

Ken Hill agreed to ask Richard Gutteridge (auditor for the Ray Society) to see if he might be prepared to look at our accounts.

**ACTION: KH**

### **12. Future meetings**

13<sup>th</sup> October 2002 – Kew Gardens

Spring field meeting 2003 to be linked with indoor memorial meeting in the Manchester area. Proposed dates 24-27 April (to be confirmed).

A request for suggestions for spring 2004 was made and Aran was proposed. Alex Ramsay agreed to investigate the field centre there.

**ACTION: AR**

No progress had been made with a possible meeting in Spain.

### **13. AOB**

- Affiliation to the BENHS is being investigated in order to get the benefits of insurance for meetings.
- Invertebrate Conservation Trust – Alex Ramsay was asked to say a few words about the formation of the Trust, which has started some interesting projects. Alex would welcome suggestions or ideas for other projects.
- Some items from Mr Blower had been brought and were available to be taken away if of use. A donation to the Group funds would be appreciated.

A vote of thanks was proposed to Derek Whitely and Paul Richards for organising such a successful meeting.