

**British Myriapod & Isopod Group**  
**Minutes of the 11<sup>th</sup> AGM**  
**Held on 15 April 2011.**  
**University of Kent at Canterbury**

**1. Apologies**

Glyn Collis  
Dawn Collis

**2. Minutes of the 9<sup>th</sup> AGM**

These were agreed as a true record (proposed by Eric Philp and seconded by Peter Nicholson) and there were no matters arising.

**3. Secretary's Report**

Membership currently stands at 301 and there was a net gain of 6 over the year. We have been successful in gaining two Opal grants during the last year. The first was for completion and publication of the identification CDs produced by Paul Richards. When completed these will be sold by Pisces publications and BMIG will have some discounted versions for circulation to members to encourage people in their local area. The CDs are intended to be used as a series of stand-alone talks or parts of them can be used in identification workshops.

The second grant is for the purchase of equipment. We will receive enough money to purchase a microscope and camera system that can be used for taking photographs and also a laptop computer and digital projector for use in identification workshops to view specimens in real time. We hope the equipment will be useful for field meetings as well as training events. We haven't been able to buy it in time for this meeting and have only just received the paperwork for completion.

We were unable to have stand at the AES exhibition at Kempton Park last year. This year the date is 1<sup>st</sup> October. If anyone would like to help man the stand please contact Helen.

We have received several items of correspondence from Buglife over the year including an invitation to the members day which unfortunately clashed with this meeting.

**4. Treasurer's Report**

A report was tabled. John Newbould has checked the accounts. The current account looks very high at the moment which is due to the inclusion of the first Opal grant which is soon to be drawn down. The field meeting payment for accommodation is also included but this will soon be paid to the University.

**5. Woodlouse Recording Scheme**

The atlas is still for sale. Records are trickling in and there have been a good number from Scotland including *Oritoniscus flavus* a long way north of its previous limit. Records are still welcome, please continue to send them in.

## **6. Millipede Recording Scheme**

The situation is similar to the woodlouse scheme. A small number of records are still being received including a batch from Scotland. It is hoped that the records of *Polyzonium* will be boosted as a consequence of this meeting.

## **7. Centipede Recording Scheme**

Records are still being processed and Tony is still chasing up older information. Please continue to send them in. In the long term Steve Gregory will be taking over the scheme but in the meantime records and specimens should be sent to Tony.

## **8. Librarian's Report**

A few regular publications are still coming in, for example the millipedes of Leicestershire & Rutland and the CIM Bulletin.

## **9. Collection Report**

John Harper is still compiling specimens but wishes to hand over the collection entirely to Steve Gregory now. It is hoped this will happen this summer and the current collection at Dinton Pastures will also be checked.

## **10. Newsletter**

Two issues were produced this year as usual. A reasonable amount of material is available for the next issue but more is always welcome. Ideally it is good to have a wider range of contributors.

## **11. Bulletin**

It had been unfortunately not possible to produce the Bulletin in time for the field meeting but sufficient copy had been received to publish a volume this year. It was hoped that the Bulletin could be published by June.

Tony added that there have been problems getting field meeting reports published and some guidelines will be produced to try and help this situation.

Back numbers are still available from Paul Harding.

Paul Harding announced that he had some withdrawn library books available at the meeting in exchange for a sensible donation for BMIG.

## **12. Website**

CEH have done a lot of work on the website in the last year but more is still required. If anyone has any comments please feed them in to Committee members.

## **13. Election of officers**

### ***Chairman***

Paul Lee announced that he was willing to continue as Chairman. He was proposed by Eric Philp, seconded by Ken Hill and duly elected.

### ***Officers***

The following officers and committee members had indicated that they were happy to continue on the Committee:

Vice chairman – Tony Barber

Secretary – Helen Read

Treasurer – Paul Harding

Librarian/curator – Steve Gregory

Webmaster - Glyn Collis

Committee Members (up to five)

Paul Richards

Peter Nicholson

Mike Davidson

Imogen Wilde

Jim Flanagan

Co-opted member of Committee

Angela Lidgett

There were no other proposals.

The Committee were proposed & seconded *en bloc* by Paul Lee and a show of hands indicated all present were in favour.

### **14. Appointment of financial adviser**

John Newbould had fulfilled this role in previous years. It was proposed by Paul Lee and seconded by Ken Hill to ask him again. This was agreed by all present.

### **15. Future meetings**

#### ***Autumn 2010***

An autumn meeting will be held in Dundreggan, Glen Moriston, Scotland September 10-17 organised by Glyn Collis. All those that expressed provisional interest in attending should confirm with Glyn now. There are still spaces so please contact Glyn asap if you would like to attend.

#### ***Spring 2011***

An offer had been received from Graham Proudlove for a meeting in Lancashire to include a visit to Darwen where the Brade-Birks' did much of their work and also Manchester Museum Myriapod collection. Should it not prove possible to find suitable accommodation an alternative might be Barnsley.

### **16. AOB**

a) Buglife circulated a request for lead partners for BAP species and BMIG expressed an interest. Nothing has been heard recently but it seems likely that this will start moving

again soon so it we should be informed what being a lead partner is likely to entail. No other organisations have expressed an interest in 'our' species.

b) Information had been received about an artist (Cath Hodsman) and new member of BMIG who has an exhibition in Tetbury 22-25 April and Nailsworth 2-14 May. If anyone is interested in attending HR has details.

c) A field trip to the Isle of Wight had taken place looking for *Trachysphaera* and attempting to evaluate the distribution. Specimens had been found that will be used for genetic and morphological analysis by Thomas Wesener to see if the British specimens are the same species as those in France.

#### **17. Records from the field meeting.**

Please send all records to Paul Lee who will also circulate to the owners of sites visited. Please send information about all species, not just rare ones.

#### **18. Thanks**

Thanks were expressed to Paul Harding for organising the finances of the meeting and liaising with the University and to Paul Lee for organising the site visits and the paperwork in relation to *Polyzonium*.