

British Myriapod and Isopod Group
Minutes of the 12th AGM
Held on Friday 13th April at Wentworth Castle

1. Apologies

Nick Martin
Glyn Collis

2. Minutes of the 11th AGM

These were agreed as a true record (proposed by Jim Flanagan, seconded by Tony Barber and agreed by all) and there were no matters arising.

3. Secretary's report

See attached report

4. Treasurer's Report

The statement of accounts was circulated.

There is a large outstanding amount due to Nature Bureau so the remaining balance will be roughly £2,000. The accounts have not been passed in front of an examiner this year, normally the NFBR treasurer looks at them but if he is unable to do so the Treasurer asked for authority to select another appropriate person to do this. This was proposed by Mike Davidson, seconded by Angela Lidgett and agreed.

5. Woodlouse Recording Scheme

This was 'ticking over'. It was noted that Keith Lugg had been very active in the Berkshire area.

6. Millipede recording scheme

The field meeting last year in Kent was very productive with *Polyzonium* being found quite widely and the important rediscovery of *Metaiulus*. The Scottish meeting in contrast was rather poor for millipedes.

A new species had been found on mainland Britain – A Royal Horticultural Society project had discovered *Anamastigona pulchella*, formerly only found in Ireland. *Polydesmus barberi* had also been found from a cave in Devon, this species was previously considered to be synanthropic in Britain but it is a cave species in Italy – was it overlooked previously in the UK?

Adrian Summer had produced lots of records whilst collecting molluscs; more records *Polyxenus* had been sent in recently than normal.

7. Centipede recording scheme

A presentation was given after the AGM outlining progress with the atlas and issues with the maps.

Keith Lugg had found *Pachymerium ferrugineum*, a widespread species but with only 4 British records from 1950's. It is found in shingle and the UK is on the edge of its range.

8. Librarian's Report

Several items had been accessioned and had been placed on the spreadsheets but not yet at Dinton Pastures. This included copies of the new e-books.

9. Collection manager's report

Nothing in particular to report

10. Newsletter Report

Two editions were published. Thanks were given to Helen Roy and Charlotte Coombes for distributing them. Copies were also placed on the website very promptly. The latest issue makes use of the new logo (which was created by Paul Richards as part of the Opal project). The last newsletter was only three pages so more material would be helpful so that the normal 4 pages can be resumed. Short notes on unusual species are very welcome even if they are also going to be written up in the Bulletin as a fuller report later.

It was noted that extra copies of newsletters are available from BRC for handing out at training workshops.

11. Bulletin report.

A good range of papers and reviews had been received for the Bulletin but the number of pages was a bit low. The editors will decide by the end of the field meeting if there is sufficient copy to produce an edition this year.

12. Web report

Glyn was not present to make a report. BRC have taken over the hosting of the website (as they have done for some other groups). It currently looks quite empty and some tabs don't go anywhere. PL, PH and HR went to meet BRC and had some productive discussions and agreed to provide content for the site. We understood that we would all have access to change things but details were only sent to Helen (now PL has access too). We also discovered that we were working on the test website which was not live. We hope to get this completed in the near future. Glyn has provided all the electronic material. There have been offers of help from various people – anyone else would be welcome.

13. Election of Officers

The Chairman stood down and the vice chairman took the floor. PL was willing to continue to stand as chairman and he was proposed by Paul Richards, seconded by Peter Nicholson and elected unanimously.

The officers had all indicated their willingness to stand again and no other nominations were received. Accordingly they were proposed *en bloc* by Keith Alexander, seconded by Wallace Arthur and elected unanimously as follows:

Vice Chairman – Tony Barber
Secretary – Helen Read
Treasurer – Paul Harding
Librarian/collections manager – Steve Gregory
Webmaster – Glyn Collis

All the current ordinary and co-opted members were willing to stand again as follows:

Mike Davidson
Jim Flanagan
Peter Nicholson
Paul Richards

Imogen Wilde

Angela Lidgett (co-opted)

They were proposed *en bloc* by Desmond Kime and seconded by Keith Lugg and elected unanimously.

14. Future meetings

Spring 2012 – Jim Flanagan is investigating Lincolnshire, especially the lime woods area, but the University of Lincoln is only available in summer and another potentially suitable venue with 18 rooms is a bit expensive. Other leads are now being explored and JF is working with Imogen to explore a few other options. Lincolnshire is relatively under recorded for all three groups.

There are some back up plans if necessary.

15. Any other business

None.

16. **Records from this meeting** – all records of ANYTHING to Paul Richards please, using his new email address. Please send asap and they will then be distributed to those that need them.

17. **Thanks** to Paul Richards for organising the meeting. The castle was spectacular and the effort put into the organisation is appreciated.