

British Myriapod & Isopod Group
Minutes of the 4th AGM
Held on 16th April 2004
At Green Park, Buckinghamshire

1. Apologies

John Lewis Gordon Corbett
Paul Richards

2. Minutes of 3rd AGM.

These were agreed but the spelling error of *Armadillidium* was noted.
Thanks were expressed to HR for organising the 2003 meeting.

3. Secretary's report (Helen Read)

- BMIG currently has 204 members.
- A short report was submitted to the British Entomological and Natural History Society for their annual report although no one had been able to attend any of the BENHS committee meetings.
- The BENHS have opened up their grants so that they were now available for work on myriapods and isopods (see website or contact the Secretary for details). There had been some confusion with Monks Wood over the mailing list and how to update it when additional members joined but this had now been sorted out.
- Correspondence in the last year had included various items concerning the 2004 meeting, and a request for help regarding a millipede swarm in a house in Northern Ireland.
- A reminder was given about sending in records from the Cheshire and Kew meetings.
- A very successful additional meeting was held in Galicia (Spain) in March 2004 – Thanks to PL for organising this.
- Information had been received regarding international Myriapod meetings in 2004 in Gorlitz and 2005 in Bergen.
- Concern was expressed over the low numbers of people at field meetings.
- Notice was given of the BENHS exhibition in November.
- Thanks were given to Craig Slawson for running the BMIG website.

4. Treasurers report (Paul Harding)

A provisional record of the accounts was presented and there were no questions.
The full accounts have since been completed and are appended to the minutes.

5. Woodlouse recording scheme (Steve Gregory)

There has been a steady trickle of records. *H. montivagus* had recently been recorded from Derbyshire and Devon. This species is either expanding its range or collectors are looking more carefully! Correspondence in the last year has included requests from Sussex and Cornwall record centres for information. The long term aim is to produce an atlas.

6. Millipede recording scheme (Paul Lee)

There was a flurry of records just before the deadline last year. All the records are now computerised. Output is now being awaited from Monks Wood but various other projects have 'got in the way'. There have been various initial ideas about the format and contents of the atlas and it is hoped that the final version will be out by the end of the year. Further cards have been received since the cut-off date for the atlas. Please keep sending cards in.

7. Centipede recording scheme (Tony Barber)

Records continue to come in from certain people but details from the field meetings are not getting through. Please send in those from Cheshire. The draft Aidgap key has been out as a test version. Feedback has been received and TB is about to go through and update it.

8. Newsletter (Paul Lee)

Two editions have been published over the last year as usual. Thanks were given to Gavin Broad at BRC for ensuring a quick turn round of the last one. Please send copy for the next issue.

9. Bulletin (Tony Barber & Helen Read)

Volume 19 (report of the Manchester meeting) and volume 20 have been produced by Richmond Publishing, in a different format to previous Bulletins. The cost of production is higher but the quality is better. It was pointed out that there are several copies that have to be sent out free of charge (e.g. for copyright reasons) so this adds to the cost.

It was noted that almost all articles are received AFTER the 1st January deadline which means that it is very difficult to get articles peer reviewed and revised in time for Easter publication. Thus the editors have decided to alter the copy deadline to 1st February and the publication date to 1st June in order to allow more of the winter for authors to write and hopefully ensure a less frantic period prior to publication for the editors.

10. Election of Officers

Tony Barber gave notification that he wished to stand down at the next AGM and therefore he considered it desirable to elect a vice chairman who would be prepared to progress to the position of Chairman in 2005.

The officers elected were:

Chairman – Tony Barber
Vice chairman – Steve Hopkin
Secretary – Helen Read
Treasurer – Paul Harding
Librarian – Steve Gregory
Ordinary members –

John Lewis
Paul Richards.

Paul Lee, Tony Barber and Steve Gregory remain as Recording Scheme Organisers for millipedes, centipedes and woodlice respectively.

It was agreed that the following be co-opted to the Committee:

Val Standen – As organiser of the field meeting for 2005

Wallace Arthur – As Irish representative

John Harper – Assisting with the reference collection and Welsh representative

Desmond Kime – As European representative

11. Financial adviser

BENHS should be able to examine the accounts (**ACTION: PH**).

12. Future meetings

Next field meeting in 2005 will be in Durham (organised by Val Standen) when there would be opportunities to visit some of Bagnall's localities. It was agreed to distribute details of the meeting to those interested in Collembola who are on S. Hopkin's email list. The field meeting in 2006 will be in Ayrshire (organised by Glyn and Dawn Collis).

13. AOB

- a. S. Hopkin asked if the BMIG had any grants – No, not at present, perhaps this is a job for the vice chairman!
- b. BEHNS were holding their annual exhibition in November, all were welcome to attend, (offers of help to HR please).
- c. Date of next Committee meeting – Provisionally 30 October at Dinton Pastures.