

**British Myriapod & Isopod Group**  
**Minutes of the 6<sup>th</sup> AGM**  
**Held on 7<sup>st</sup> April 2005**  
**At SAC, Ayr**

**1. Apologies**

John Lewis, Desmond Kime, Peter Nicholson and Paul Richards.

**2. Minutes of 5<sup>th</sup> AGM.**

The minutes were agreed as a true record of the meeting.

**3. Secretary's report (Helen Read)**

- BMIG currently has 234 members on the mailing list. Most are individuals but there are a few institutional members. We have many worldwide members as well as those from the UK.
- The Group had been commissioned by Buglife to write the text and help with pictures for a free leaflet in a series about invertebrates and conservation. Hopefully these will be available by the next meeting.

**4. Treasurers report (Paul Harding)**

A record of the accounts for 2005 was presented; the balance at the end of the year was £966.63. Thanks were expressed to PH for his work in keeping us financially in order.

**5. Woodlouse recording scheme (Steve Gregory)**

This year has been another quiet one. Records are still coming in; please continue to send them.

**6. Millipede recording scheme (Paul Lee)**

The atlas is due for publication soon, the text is more or less finished and the first proofs have been seen. BRC is printing the atlas in Bulgaria and will include colour photographs. Planning is now being done for the future of the recording scheme.

**7. Centipede recording scheme (Tony Barber)**

TB is currently trying to get all outstanding records into the system so please send any in asap. At least three new species have been found from the Eden Project (one in the National Botanic Gardens in Wales too). More name changes are likely.

Thanks were given to all three national scheme organisers

**8. Librarian's report (Steve Gregory)**

The library now has a good range of publications and many off prints have been received. Several hundred articles are waiting to be databased before moving

them to Dinton Pastures (Excel is being used for databasing so that there is stock control and searching is possible).

The library is open when the BENHS has open days (regularly during the winter) and by appointment, in reality it is possible to go most weekends. SG can send round a spreadsheet of what is held on request.

**9. Collections managers report (John Harper/Steve Gregory)**

John Harper has assembled an impressive reference collection which is being handed to SG for housing at Dinton Pastures. It consists of a 'reference collection' and also a 'research collection', in total amounting to approx. 600 tubes. Further details were given in a separate presentation by JH.

Thanks were expressed to John for his hard work with this.

**10. Newsletter (Paul Lee)**

Two editions had been published over the last year with 4 pages each. The deadline for the next edition is 13 September. A request was made for someone to write up a short piece about the field meeting.

**11. Bulletin (Tony Barber, Helen Read & Steve Gregory)**

Many thanks to all those who sent in articles and who helped with the refereeing. The good news is that a Bulletin will be published this year and the copy has been sent to Pensoft who have quoted a price we believe is realistic. Copies will be sent to all those that have received them previously and have paid for them. If anyone else would like a copy of this year's Bulletin please let Tony know. Volume 20 is almost sold out.

John Harper asked if past Bulletins could be scanned and available on CD. Steve Hopkin agreed that eventually they should also be available on the website.

There was a further discussion on unrelated items which is reported on under any other business.

**12. Election of Officers**

Steve Hopkin was proposed for the post of Chairman by Eric Philp, seconded by John Harper and elected unanimously.

The remaining officers were proposed 'en bloc' by Steve Hopkin, seconded by John Harper and elected unanimously:

Vice chairman – Tony Barber  
Secretary – Helen Read  
Treasurer – Paul Harding  
Librarian – Steve Gregory  
Ordinary members – Eric Philp  
Paul Richards

Wallace Arthur  
Desmond Kime

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

The organiser of the next AGM is usually co-opted to the Committee but it is unclear at present who this will be for 2007.

### **13. Financial examiner**

The treasurer of the National Federation for Biological Recording (John Newbould) was proposed as financial examiner of the accounts by Paul Harding and seconded by Tony Barber.

### **14. Future meetings**

Mark Winder had offered to look into the possibility of a meeting in south Wales for 2007. No definite booking had been made although he had made some investigations about Dale Fort. Paul Harding had agreed to follow the situation up and would keep everyone in touch via email.

A provisional date had been proposed of 1<sup>st</sup> October for a day meeting at Wisley Gardens in Surrey. The proposed meeting in Manchester Museum had been put on the back burner.

### **15. AOB**

- a. Thanks were given to Glyn and Dawn Collis for organising such a successful meeting.
- b. Website – Thanks were expressed to Craig Slawson for acting as webmaster for the group. Glyn Collis had offered to look at methods for improving the website.
- c. Records of species collected during the field meeting should be sent to the scheme organisers by 1<sup>st</sup> October. They will then be passed to Glyn for distribution to site owners etc. and this should give time for an article to be written for the Bulletin.
- d. Yahoo discussion group – This had been set up in the last year and was working well. The address is: [bmig@yahogroups.com](mailto:bmig@yahogroups.com). If anyone would like to join they should send an email to Steve Hopkin ([steve@stevhopkin.co.uk](mailto:steve@stevhopkin.co.uk)) to say what email address they would like to receive the emails on. Steve will then arrange for an invitation to be sent (this reduces the chance of spam emails). It should then be straight forward to join the group via this invitation email but if anyone has problems let Steve know. Remember that if you ‘reply’ it will be sent to everyone in the group. There are 36 members at the moment. Steve will put an item in the next newsletter about this. **ACTION: SH.**