

British Myriapod & Isopod Group
Minutes of the 9th AGM
Held on 17 April 2009.
Cornwall

1. Apologies

David Bilton
Dawn Collis

Desmond Kime
Paul Richards

Steve Gregory
Stelios Simiakis

2. Minutes of the 8th AGM

These were agreed as a true record (proposed by Tony Barber and seconded by Keith Alexander).

3. Secretary's Report

See attached report. Acceptance of the report was proposed by Eric Philp and seconded by Glyn Collis and was agreed.

4. Treasurer's Report

This was tabled in the absence of the Treasurer. Acceptance of the report was seconded by Eric Philp and accepted.

5. Woodlouse Recording Scheme

The attached report was read in the absence of the scheme organiser and was accepted by all.

6. Millipede Recording Scheme

The attached report was read in the absence of the scheme organiser and was accepted by all. The possible *Cylindroiulus truncorum* found recently in Buckinghamshire has meant that those for Northern Ireland need to be checked.

7. Centipede Recording Scheme

A report was tabled and various aspects of it highlighted.

Tony expressed gratitude to Rebecca Farley and John Carruthers of FSC for help in producing the Aidgap key. Tony has made contact with a large number of record centres recently and has found them to be very helpful.

Eric Philp congratulated Tony on the completion of both the Aidgap key and the Synopsis in the last year.

8. Librarian's Report

A report was read in the absence of the Librarian. Concern was expressed over the potentially missing books at Dinton Pastures and the Librarian requested to check the current situation.

9. Collection Report

The report was read in the absence of the collection manager. The collection is now at Dinton Pastures and available for consultation.

10. Newsletter

The report was read in the absence of the newsletter editor. Two have been produced during the year as usual.

11. Bulletin

Currently there was considered not enough material to produce a volume for 2009 but several other articles were promised. It was agreed that the Editors will decide at the end of April if an edition would be published. The editorial process was currently running smoothly.

12. Website

Glyn Collis reported that there had been problems with the website over the last year. It was initially set up by Craig Slawson, when Glyn took this over the website was using free webspace provided by Orange but Orange have now removed this service. Craig offered us space on his webserver, but Glyn was unable to manage that system. At the moment an interim situation was being used, that of google pages. Various options were being explored regarding the website and one of these is with BRC. Glyn has also set up a new discussion group with Google to replace that run by Steve Hopkin (yahoo) that we had been unable to do anything with.

13. Election of officers (update from here)

The Chairman expressed thanks to all members of the Committee for their work in the last year including Jo Smith for her work in finally getting a group display organised.

The following officers had agreed to stand again and were proposed *en bloc* by Peter Nicholson, seconded by Adrian Rundle and elected unanimously.

Chairman – Eric Philp

Vice Chairman – Paul Lee

Secretary – Helen Read

Treasurer – Paul Harding

Librarian/curator – Steve Gregory

Webmaster - Glyn Collis (who agreed to remain in office for the time being)

There can be up to five ordinary members and the following agreed to stand:

Paul Richards

Jo Smith

Peter Nicholson

Mike Davidson

The Tony Barber remains on the Committee as an ex officio member because of his role as the centipede recording scheme organiser

The ordinary members were proposed by Keith Alexander, seconded by Jim Flanagan and elected unanimously.

14. Appointment of financial adviser

John Newbold who had fulfilled the role in previous years was suggested by the Treasurer in his report. This was proposed by Adrian Rundle, seconded by Peter Nicholson and agreed.

15. Future meetings

The next annual field meeting and AGM was proposed to be held in Flintshire from 8-11 April 2010 and Paul Harding had located a suitable venue.

There were currently no proposals for future years and various suggestions were made:
Northern Ireland (perhaps Crom Castle) – Mark Telfer agreed to make inquiries
Isle of Man
Might Holiday Inns be suitable cheap places to stay?

16. AOB

Jo Smith announced that the group was intending to have a stand at the Amateur Entomological Society exhibition on Saturday 17 October from 11am-4.30. If anyone would like to help them please let Jo know.

17. Records from the field meeting.

Please send these to Tony Barber as soon as possible, ideally before the end of July, if anyone has problems over identification then Tony would be happy to help. He also reminded everyone that the staff at the Eden project would be very happy for recorders to visit again and that they should get in touch to ask for permission. Adrian Rundle had agreed to put together a reference collection for the staff there.

Thanks were expressed to Tony Barber and Sue Scott for organising the field meeting.