

Minutes of the OAHS AGM
Held via Zoom
12th June 2021 at 10.30 am
(Registered Charity No. 259055)

The President, Geoffrey Tyack, took the chair. 49 members had booked to attend the event. The average attendance at the AGM was 44.

1. Apologies

No apologies were received.

2. Minutes

a) The 2020 AGM had been cancelled due to the Covid-19 pandemic. The arrangements for necessary business had been given in the Newsletter.

b) Emergency Amendment to OAHS Rules.

To make it possible for the OAHS to move its meeting to Zoom in an emergency such as the pandemic the following change was proposed:

Additional Rule VI d) Where required for reasons of safety, participation in AGM and EGMs may be facilitated using postal or electronic means.

There were no objections, and the Rule was adopted.

3. Reports of Officers and Subcommittees.

These had been circulated and no questions were raised. The President said that it showed that the Society had continued to be active despite the Covid-19 restrictions.

4. Finance

a) Report of Hon. Treasurer

The Treasurer explained that although income had risen slightly the overall position showed a loss. This was due mainly to the high cost of Oxoniensia and the up-front editorial costs for the Monograph. A reduced cost for the journal has now been negotiated and the income from the Monograph will appear in the 2021 figures. The value of assets had fallen because of the stock market reaction to the pandemic, but were recovering well.

The President recommended the Monograph, which he had found to be an interesting and high-quality publication.

b) Adoption of accounts and balance sheet.

The accounts were commended to the Society and were adopted.

c) Appointment of Examiners

The Treasurer expressed his thanks to Jim Moore, of Chapman, Robinson and Moore, for his services as Examiner. It was proposed that he be reappointed and there was no dissension.

5. Election of Officers

a) Peter Steere has left Oxfordshire and has resigned as Membership Secretary and has handed over to Beverley Lear.

- The President registered a vote of thanks to Peter Steere for all his hard work, including making numerous changes to the system. The Society currently has ~400 active members.
- b) Two nominations had been received for Ordinary Members of the Committee.
John Stevenson Nominated: Bob Crabtree Seconded: David Clark
Eugene Coyle Nominated: Jill Hind Seconded: Becky Peacock
These nominations were accepted by the meeting. Eugene Coyle was present and introduced himself briefly.
 - c) All existing Committee members were all prepared to restand.
These officers were approved by the meeting.

6. Any other business

- a) The President announced that a Library Subcommittee had been instituted to look at all the Society's Collections, which includes Casts, Brass Rubbings, Books and other material. OAHs is about the oldest county society working in this area and one of the very few, if not the only one, to retain its collections. These are important and need to be protected although they are somewhat dispersed. Another meeting will be held in the autumn. The hope is to raise awareness of the material and to improve access.
- b) The President thanked the Committee for their work and support. He reminded attendees that the society had lost two long-standing members. Anne Spokes Symonds had been a loyal supporter and a very knowledgeable local historian. Chris Day had been Geoffrey Tyack's predecessor in his office. As well as working hard for OAHs Chris Day had been an important part of the Oxfordshire VCH project. More information is in his obituary in the Newsletter.
- c) The programme for the next year was in the planning stage. Talks will resume in the autumn and events will return to face-to-face when practicable. Meanwhile the walks programme had begun and will continue subject to the Government's Covid-19 restrictions.

The meeting closed at 10.47 am.