

KENT HISTORY FEDERATION

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held at 2.00pm on Friday 3 June 2016, in the Darent Room, County Hall, Maidstone

Present

Mrs Jackie Grebby (Chairman and Editor), Dr John Whyman (President), Revd Dr Peter Rowe (Vice President, Secretary and Reviews Editor), Dr Maurice Raraty (Vice President and Vice Chairman), Mr Robin Thomas (Treasurer), Dr Tim Moreton (Kent Portrait Survey) and 23 representatives of affiliated societies.

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies had been received from Dr Maurice Raraty (Vice President and Vice Chairman), Mr Bryan More (Capel), Mrs Linda Moffat (Fawkham), Mr Alan Taylor (Folkestone), Mrs Irina Fridman (Medway Archives and Local Studies Centre), Mr Peter Bainbridge (Otham), Mrs Adrienne Rogers (Sevenoaks), Mr Andrew Moffat (Shorne), Mrs Shiela Broomfield and Mrs Bronwen Sadler (Personal Members).

2. Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 5 June 2015

These were approved as drawn and signed by the Chairman.

3. Chairman's Report

Mrs Grebby recalled that two much valued members of the Federation had died during the previous year: Valerie Arrindell and Yvonne Bonham-Miller.

She reported her delight that the University of Kent had resumed making regular reports to the Federation, and thanked Dr John Whyman for his help in achieving this.

She spoke about the advent of the Federation's Newsletter which was circulated by email to all those officers and representatives of affiliated societies for which the Federation had email addresses. The Newsletter was sent out whenever there was something to draw to the attention of Federation members and their representatives.

She repeated her concern expressed on earlier occasions that nobody was volunteering to join those few already on the Federation's executive committee. She reminded the meeting that the matter had been discussed at the December 2015 quarterly meeting (cf. Minute 4, 4 December 2015 quarterly Federation meeting).

She thanked all the current officers of the Federation, those who were on the executive committee, and all who represented their societies at meetings of the Federation, and all who gave (preferably brief) reports to the quarterly meetings (the full reports being available on the Federation's website shortly after each meeting).

Finally she gave her warm thanks to Dr John Whyman who was stepping down as President of the Kent History Federation. He had been involved in the local history scene for about fifty years, longer than anybody else whom she could call to mind. Even though he had retired to Spain, he had maintained a close interest in the Federation and its affairs, attending as many meetings and one day conferences as he could, and would keep up his interest in the Federation into the future. Her remarks were greeted by affectionate and prolonged applause.

4. Treasurer's Report

Mr Robin Thomas presented to the meeting the Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2016 (attached). He pointed out that under the heading 'Accounts due for payment 2016' the figure of £1,330 represented his estimate for hall charges in County Hall, Maidstone, for which invoices had not been received for over a year.

After a brief discussion, it was proposed by Nick Hudd (Tenterden) and seconded by Tim Thomas (Headcorn) that the Accounts be approved. This was duly done, *nem con*.

5. Election of Officers, Personal Members, the Executive Committee, and the representatives of the Federation on other bodies

The nominees mentioned below (with the exception of the Executive Committee members referred to at paragraph 5.9 below) having been proposed by the Executive Committee, and the Executive Committee’s nominees having been further proposed by Jacqui Linning (Sandwich) and seconded by Sylvia Golding (Hawkhurst), the following people (except under 5.9 below) were elected *nem con* to the posts preceding their names:

- 5.1 President: Revd Dr Peter Rowe
- 5.2 Chairman: Mrs Jackie Grebby
- 5.3 Vice-Chairman: Dr Maurice Raraty
- 5.4 Secretary: Revd Dr Peter Rowe
- 5.5 Treasurer: Mr Robin Thomas
- 5.6 Editor of the *Journal*: Mrs Jackie Grebby
- 5.7 Reviews Editor: Revd Dr Peter Rowe
- 5.8 Kent Portrait Survey: Dr Tim Moreton
- 5.9 Executive Committee: Jennifer Blackburn (Rusthall)
Richard Linning (Sandwich)
- 5.10 Personal Members: Dr John Whyman
Mrs Frances Percival
Mrs Julia Page
Dr Fred Lansberry
- 5.11 KHF rep to BALH: Ms Susan Stratton
- 5.12 KHF rep to Kent History Fund: *no appointment made* *

(Note: President, Vice-Presidents and Personal Members are elected for five years. All other office holders are elected for one year.)

As to paragraph 5.9 above, Jennifer Blackburn and Richard Linning having offered their services to the Executive Committee, and their nominations then being proposed by Mrs Grebby and Dr Rowe, they were elected *nem con*.

* There was a discussion as to the Kent History Fund, in the setting up of which it was believed the Federation had had a hand, but which was administered and funded by the Kent Archaeological Society. In the past Mr Jonathan Fryer (Sheppey) had been the Federation’s rep to this fund, but as he was no longer given any details as to its doings, he had stepped down. The Secretary was asked to contact KAS to clarify the situation.

6. Any other business

In a closing discussion, Nick Hudd said that he got the impression that internal communication within some affiliated members of the Federation left a lot to be desired. His remarks were greeted with murmurs of agreement.

7. Date of the next Annual General Meeting

The next Annual General Meeting of the Federation would be held on Friday 2 June 2017, and it was anticipated that it would be in County Hall, Maidstone, as usual.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at about 2.40 pm.

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Date:

Chairman

Attachment: Annual Accounts for 2015-16 referred to at paragraph 4 above.

Kent History Federation

Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2016

| | 2016 | 2015 |
|-----------------------------------|------------------|-----------|
| | £ | £ |
| Income and Expenditure | | |
| Income | | |
| Affiliation Fees and Donations | 2,125.00 | 1,480.00 |
| Day conference | 1,998.00 | 1,179.00 |
| Bank Interest | 42.27 | 42.04 |
| Journal including advertising | 1,834.77 | 1,917.50 |
| | 6,000.04 | 4,618.54 |
| Expenditure | | |
| Administration and website | -430.14 | -139.48 |
| Hall Hire | nil | -190.00 |
| Journal | -3026.08 | -3184.31 |
| Insurance | -65.00 | -65.00 |
| Day conference | -1,315.81 | -1,483.91 |
| | -4837.03 | -5,062.70 |
| Surplus/ (Deficit) for year | 1,163.01 | -444.16 |
| Balance at Beginning of year | 8,728.36 | 9,172.52 |
| Balance at End of year | 9,891.37 | 8,728.36 |
| Held as | | |
| Santander Current Account | 4,177.46 | 3,045.61 |
| Santander Deposit Account | 35.33 | 35.33 |
| National Savings Account | 5,678.58 | 5,636.31 |
| Cash | nil | 11.11 |
| | 9,891.37 | 8,728.36 |
| Amounts due for payment | | |
| Hall Hire - estimated | -1,330.00 | -190.00 |
| Hall Hire - September | | -190.00 |
| Amounts received /paid in advance | | |
| Smarden (Elham) Visit | -1,427.00 | -1,095.00 |
| Expenses Smarden (Elham) | nil | 120.00 |
| Journal of Kent History prepaid | -350.00 | -350.00 |
| Affiliation Fees 2015/6 (2014/15) | -1,140.00 | -690.00 |
| | 5,644.37 | 6,333.36 |

Notes

The amount shown for affiliation fees is the amount received in the year

The amount shown as prepaid for the journal has been estimated

These accounts have not yet been independently reviewed

R G Thomas Treasurer

30-Apr-16

| Income | Elham | Tenterden |
|----------|-------|-----------|
| 2014/5 | 1095 | 1414 |
| 2015/6 | 571 | 84 |
| Expenses | | |
| 2014/5 | -120 | nil |
| 2015/6 | -1316 | -1336 |
| Profit | 230 | 162 |