

SELRC COMMITTEE MEETING 13.3.03

EH Offices, Bristol

Members attending

Rick Turner

Vanessa Straker

Julie Jones

Richard Brunning

Steve Rippon

Apologies of absence

Elizabeth walker, John Allen, David Haigh, Paul Davies, Nigel Nayling, Bob Jones, Rob Iles

1. Distribution of ASE pamphlet

RT reported that 10,000 copies of the pamphlet have been printed. A grant of £914 has been received from English Heritage towards the printing costs. It was hope that committee members would help distribute the leaflets to their local museums, visitor centres, archaeological societies etc. SR took two boxes to pass on to the CBA SW for distribution. RB took 1 box and 200 extras for Somerset, VS and JJ took 3 boxes for Bristol, BANES and S. Gloucs. The Severn Estuary Partnership had agreed to take 1,800 to distribute with their newsletter.

2. Newport boat

RT briefly outlined the financial situation and the difficulties between the local council and their archaeological contractors.

3. Editor's report

PD provided a short emailed report as follows;

- ASE 12 appeared shortly after the November AGM. Apologies for attributing the forthcoming Chair of SELRC to the wrong person.
- Grant aid from CADW (£279) has now been confirmed for the Bell, Redwick paper in ASE 12.
- ASE 13 is full. There are 5 papers and 7 notes. All papers have been refereed and returned to authors. All bar one have been returned to the editor following any amendments. Production of page proofs is well under way. The issue should be ready by June/July at the latest (bar injuries).
- For ASE 13 one paper and one note should attract grant aid from CADW. One paper and one note are being funded by Wessex Archaeology. One note is being funded by Forest Research.
- Several potential papers/notes are being followed up for ASE 14.
- Many thanks to all contributors and all referees, all of whom have helpfully kept to requested timeframes.

4. Severn Estuary Partnership Interreg Projects

RT reported the SEP had put in a bid for Interreg money (£200,000 over 1 year) incorporating 'Trans Estuary Maritime Links' as a theme. A decision should be made

by end March. Match funding would be required for projects for this theme. RT outline a potential £12-14,000 of work on small coastal harbours in Wales which might qualify in this respect. Smaller project could include developing methodologies and best practice, and other training. In 2004/5 there is meant to be promotion of the theme via different methods including a travelling exhibition.

ACTION: JA needs to provide comment on behalf of SELRC and be put on the steering committee

5. 2003 AGM

Bristol had been decided as the venue. BJ had provided details of costs at '@Bristol' which were £750 (+VAT) for a 50 seat room and £1,000 (+VAT) for an 85 seat room. VS provided details of the Universities Kingsdown Conference Centre which had played host to recent EH training events. This would cost £10 per head (min. 50 people) which would include tea, coffee and lunch (buffet) and a portering fee of £70. That would suggest that a fee of £12 would be required to break even and that a more realistic fee should be £15 per head to cover visiting speakers expenses etc. That option was considered to be the best way forward.

RB reported that Tony Firth had agreed to speak at the conference on his recent work with Wessex. RT suggested that Tom McErlean should be asked to speak about Strangford Lough which has recently been published (at a very cheap price).

ACTIONS: VS and JJ to confirm a conference fee (provisionally £14 on the door and perhaps £10 if booked in advance? Non-members £16 (in advance) or £20 on the door?)

RB to invite TM to speak

ALL to check dates in November so that other events can be avoided

6. 2003 field trips

VS suggested a visit to Porlock and Halcombe Head. RB mentioned possibility of visiting wetsite excavations in Somerset in the summer.

ACTION: VS and RB to confirm dates

7. Accounts

JJ presented some draft accounts for 2002/3. Total balance at 12/03/03 was £1082, membership 157. JJ underlined the fine line SELRC treads between income and expenditure and the need to maintain grants for published articles and trying to break even for the AGM.

8. AOB

SELRC has been invited to be part of the Severn Estuary European Marine Site Advisory Group. The group would consider issues re the development and implementation of a management plan and monitoring of the management schemes. Any SELRC member who would be willing to represent SELRC on this group please contact RB

The position of Martin Bell regarding the Steering committee required clarification. RB suggested that he be co-opted onto the committee as honorary member. This was agreed.

ACTION: RB to invite MB to be a SC member on this basis

UPDATES

- RB has contacted Tom McErlean and he would be happy to speak (cheap flights available between Bristol and Belfast)
- RB suggests Saturday 15th November for the AGM. There is a CBA SW event on the 8th and a Somerset Archaeology Society conference on the 22nd.
- RT reports that the SEP Interreg bid was successful.