

SELRC AGM 2004

Drill Hall, Chepstow

30.10.2004

MINUTES

1. Apologies for absence

Julie Jones, Bob Jones and Elizabeth Walker

2. Minutes of the last AGM

Accepted as true record

3. Matters arising

None

4. Chairman's report

The Chairman focused on the need to improve the SELRC website. Lampeter Univ had agreed to host a revised site and it was intended to put in an HLF bid to accomplish this within the 2005/6 financial year when English Heritage and CADW had both agreed to provide financial support. As well as publicising latest news it is hoped that the website could act as a tool to aid research (eg. by having a comprehensive bibliography) and to promote awareness of the rich heritage of the area to the wider public.

5. Treasurer's Report

The financial position was sound at the moment with a balance of £5,515 at 27/10/04. Journal sales have gone well (c.100 sold at the AGM) and the 2004 conference has been a financial success. Volume 14 cost £2,363 to print, offset by subscriptions of £1,948 and publication grants of £360 (total £2,308) and sales of journals (all volumes) of £589. However, if SELRC has to find the money for typesetting the journal for publication in the future this could cost c.£1,000 that would stretch the budget to the limit, and beyond in a bad year.

6. Editors report

The volume was shorter than last year and the print run was reduced, both of which helped to bring down costs. John Allen has agreed to organise the refereeing of articles and Paul will do the typesetting and scanning for one more year. After this someone else will have to take over the role.

7. Election of officers

No suggestions for new officers were forthcoming. No one volunteered to take over the Treasurer, Publications Officer and Editor (typesetting and scanning role).

8. Severn Estuary Partnership Interreg Projects

Richard Osgood is doing the work for the Cultural Heritage Strand on a casual basis. He has done a lot of the ground work, and will soon be drafting a planning related document which no doubt will be circulated to the group.

9. Current and forthcoming research

- Shoreline management plans (version2) will happen soon
- Alex Brown and Martin Bell will do fieldwork at the Neolithic site at Peterstone
- Dating and survey of fishing structures on Stert Flats by SCC
- Monuments at Risk in Somerset Peatlands project undertaken by SCC
- SW England regional research framework has begun (Welsh research framework on Clywd/Powys trust website www.cpat.org.uk)
- 3 new aggregates extraction licences, 2 on Welsh side and 1 in Somerset at Culver Sands

10. Field meetings 2005

Trips to see the Newport Boat (Nigel Nayling) and Woolaston/Oldbury (Alex brown) were proposed.

11. Venue and topics for 2005 AGM

Chepstow proposed as location for next year again as very successful turnout. Guest speakers touted were M. Parker Pearson on Fiskerton and someone on the Poole Harbour project.