

HFRG AGM 29 Jan 2022 via Zoom

Present:

Eric J, Corina M, Marina, Stuart S, Ginnie C, Mike H, Sue R, James M, Ailsa M, Paul H, Dave S, Anna, Paul S, Kieran A, Pam F, Laura D, Phil H, Sue H, David M, Colin P, John S.

Comments on 2021 Minutes:

Election of Officers:

EJ - Bank account finally set up with Lloyds Bank. Current a/c being closed. Explaining to bank about Steering Group was not easy, not compatible with banks. EJ suggested named roles and committee members provide ID for financial regulations. Committee can then co-op members.

Proposed EJ as Chairman/Recorder; Dave S as Treasurer; no objections, PH and TF seconded.

SR happy to help as survey organiser but not named.

Committee members: Duncan stepping down, Phil going back to Tasmania.

Steering Group: EJ, PH, TF. No objections. EJ suggested Corina as social media member, Marina happy to help with website etc.

Finance:

EJ was keeping eye on A/C in the absence of the Treasurer. More money was going in than out. We received £2000 fee for Franchises. Balance to be corrected to 2021.

Equipment bought: Group graticule, plus other bits, electrode, extra pack of codes.

No further questions on the accounts, EJ will send DS his spreadsheets.

Group bank account: Set up 3 signatories, currently EJ and PH.

SR asked about paying membership online. EJ confirmed it will be set up after AGM and election of officers.

Expenses policy - currently if a member attends more than one day, it will be 25p per mile.

There were no further comments.

Review of year:

35 surveys, mostly Franchises

4 outings with TVFG

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3 external events: Hilliers went well with good advertising; Rufus Stone had lots of interest but then the weather and fuel shortage intervened.

Reptile Centre was under advertised but a good handful of people turned up.

EJ said that Franchises was a lot of work. Lots of DNA result, some new to science.

There is a need to balance out our activities vis a vis education, microscopy, hands on DNA sessions. As EJ doing most of the work with DNA, it would be useful to spread it around. Paying £5 for preparing sequencing.

Website:

It was pointed out that Phil did a fantastic job of updating the website.

SR suggested we keep FRDBI on our site. Phil confirmed it can be left but mapping function removed.

SS indicated that old FRDBI was shut down which need transferring. He is happy to run separate zoom session to show how to search FRDBI.

Phil looking for ideas on the website. Marina happy to use social media more to link in to website.

EJ - Identikit enhancement (not Tombio); load pictures of microscopy making it much better? Anybody else want to get involved?

Membership:

New members -

Facebook - Corina suggested post more in BMS page about our activities?

DS writing trip reports - welcome return to the site.

Membership fees remain the same.

2022 Activities:

Educational events - FRXBI zoom

DS - ID genus on surveys?

SJ - once a month educational survey?

There followed a lively discussion on ID.

Recording:

EJ mentioned that Pam F did lots of these. She said she learned a lot but can be chaotic.

CM - used recording dictaphone?

Use two recorders?

Publicise who the recorder is for each foray?

MH - recorder to enter into FRDBI?

Phil - can add photos. EJ - only works if entered in HFRG, need password.

EJ - GDPR - CATE allows very minor access, unregistered.

Further discussion ensued. Any objections to HFRG records to CATE.

Sharing records with Kew and RHS?

DNA:

Are people still interested in getting to grips with processing and analysis - all computer work. EJ suggested

anyone talk to him about it. James M can help with DNA analysis data on computer.

PH - there is a book - Standard Operation Procedure - he will send to group.

Brian D - think about getting our own kit? Who's paying? HFRG most prolific.

Replacement Bento £1400. EJ look into grant from BMS.

Posters:

Corina and Marina gathered stuff together. Showed diagram. Marina to give rough poster this weekend. Can produce for printing.
C will fill in gaps with write up of 2-3 sentences.

Special events:

Microscopy sessions once allowed, EJ will book rooms.
UK Fungus Day - 09 Oct.
Hilliers - beginning Nov.
Gilbert White - 15 May.
Reptile Centre not booked yet. SR and SH to sort.
BBQ - SR if she has moved to new place.

SS suggested invite people to give talks as we have sufficient funds. SR will talk to Emma Williams.

AOB:

Pete Thompson - HFRG records on CATE. EJ says no fundamental issue. CATE be imported? SS says GUID (Global User ID) no problem with recording same fungi on same day by multiple people. DaveM, as a member of both organisations offered to look at the options.

Discussion on abundance of fungi, long term trends,

John S - rare fungi on apple trees - any way of spreading it?

SR - Logowear- £20 to get new embroidery. Group will pay this cost if more people want to order.

Honorary members - who are they?

Data Protection UK - email, phone no. Useful to have? SR