Minutes of HFRG AGM held in Hursley Clubhouse 10:30 11th February 2023

Attendees

Pam, PeterN, Leif, MikeM, Ailsa, DaveS, DaveM, PaulH, SueR, SueJ, SueL, James, Ginnie, Glynn, Eric, Julie

Apologies for Absences

PaulS, SimonM, SueH

Minutes of Last Meeting

The minutes of the Zoom meeting held on 29th January 2022 were not available but will be distributed when they are.

Matters Arising from Last Meeting

We have set up a "Treasurer's account" with Lloyds, with DaveS, Eric and PaulH as signatories.

The Group has acquired a Bento – at very reasonable outlay thanks to a substantial discount and a £500 grant from the BMS.

DaveM has yet to communicate with the FCT about sharing our records.

Election of Officers

The current office holders were re-elected without objection:

Treasurer: DaveS

Chairperson/BMS Liaison/ Recorder: Eric

Program organisers: Eric, Tina

Committee Members; Paul

Summary of 2022 Activities

Eric gave a report on the 2022 activities, which is attached

Finances

DaveS presented the accounts which are attached

Membership Charges

There are no plans to change the charges of £10 for individual and £12 for family membership. Eric will send out an email with the bank details

Communication

DaveM gave a summary of the Facebook pages and group but pointed out that, since Corina has moved to Wales, there is really no-one to keep the HFRG page current as he is concentrating on the TVFG one. PeterN offered to help.

Phil has done a great job of maintaining and updating the website – but he is in Tasmania and we should look for a more local succession plan. Leif has considerable website experience and offered to look at what he could do to help.

Recording

Pam has worked very hard to record what was identified in the field and then entering them into FRDBI and would really like some help this year. Several people have offered to help out but we will need to run some education on how to enter things into FRDBI.

2023 Programme

People were requested to forward details of any new sites which might be worth considering, keeping in mind that we need to know where we could park and who to contact to arrange permissions.

PaulH suggested that we should have a meeting to discuss things once we have some ideas.

The idea of "Microscope Days" was popular and Eric will send a flyer for and early gathering.

We have agree to run an event at Hilliers on 14/15th October and will aim to run the Reptile Centre event the following week to avoid the clock change (and Halloween).

We have also been invited to join the Nature Festival at Gilbert White House on 14th May......

AOB

Sue managed to distribute most of the monogrammed shirts.

The meeting paused for lunch and finally closed at 13:30.