

YORKSHIRE MAMMAL GROUP - ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Minutes of the AGM held at 7.30pm Thursday 14th February 2019 at St. Olave's Church Hall,, Marygate Lane, York.

Nine members (and one guest) **attended.**

- 1. Apologies for absence.** Apologies were received from Kate Wright.
- 2. Minutes of the last AGM held 9th January 2018.** The 2018 minutes had been circulated by e-mail to the Committee a year previously. The minutes were accepted with no matters arising.
- 3. Chairman's Report.** John Ray noted that since the previous AGM the group had organised around 7 talks, 7 walks and 7 surveys. He thanked all the committee members, present and absent, for their work, without whom the group would not function, nor would events occur.
- 4. Treasurer's report.** Rob Masheder presented accounts for the year ending 31st October 2018. Both the General Section (YNU and MS fees not shown) and the Bat Section had a surplus of income over expenditure in the year. Funds are available to underwrite an event. Ann Hanson had kindly given trapping/workshop time, with fees going to the group. John Drewett had kindly given consultancy/data search time, with fees going to North Yorkshire Bat Group. JD had chased members for late payment of subscriptions; several members did not re-join.
- 5. Recorder's report.** JR noted that the Recorder 6 software was no longer funded by JNCC. For continued maintenance and support an annual maintenance fee of £25 (individuals) and £250 (organisations) will be payable from April. JR to ascertain applicable rate.
- 6. Field studies report.** AH reported another busy year of traps, events and monthly walks. YMG had assisted the University of York mammal group, who came second in a campus based survey competition. Strong demand for live traps continues. A final check of nest boxes at West Tanfield had not revealed signs of dormice.
- 7. Imprint report.** Andrew Halcro-Johnston noted that RM's estimate for *Imprint* publication was accurate. No. 44 had been published and AH-J thanked contributors. He requested that material for the next edition be provided by the start of May.
- 8. Archivist's report.** Mary Youngman reported she intended to update the *Imprint* index soon. MY continues to store YMG archive material in her loft.
- 9. Secretary's report.** Natasha Hambly was not present, but had kindly offered to continue producing the monthly newsletter and organising speakers, with suggestions assistance.
- 10. NYBG report.** JD was not present and no report was available.
- 11. Election of the YMG Committee members.** The Chairman had expressed a wish to stand down, but there were no nominations for a successor. Amy-Jane Beer has stepped down as Publicity officer. Anne Carter was elected as Publicity Officer. Other committee members kindly offered to remain in position. JR to make AC an admin of Yorkshire Mammal Group Facebook group and re-direct email messages.
- 12. Suggested speakers/events.** AC will contact Askham Bryan College again regarding a potential visit there in May. A trip to Malham is intended in June; AH-J to advise date.
- 13. Any Other Business.** AH-J thanked JR for acting as Chairman. JR noted that there are 200 members of the YMG Facebook group (compared to 64 members of YMG). AH-J suggested putting the monthly newsletter on YMG Facebook group. Reciprocal membership of YMG and the Mammal Society was discussed again, but it was decided not to pursue for now. It was suggested to offer free access to YMG talks to MS members. JR, who will be away on 23rd June, asked whether anyone would attend Stillingfleet Lodge Gardens Open Day to lead owl pellet dissection and analysis. AH-J thought NH may be prepared to do so, in which case he offered to assist. Pete Richman advised he had not received a newsletter.