

ALG

Archaeological Leather Group

Minutes

of the AGM held at 2pm on the 16th May 2015 at the café of the Portsmouth Naval Dockyard during a visit to Mary Rose Museum.

Present: Jackie Keily (Chair), Quita Mould (Secretary), Sue Winterbottom (Editor), Di Friendship-Taylor (Meetings Co-ordinator), Roy Thomson (Treasurer), Pat Thomson, June Swann, Angela Middleton, Dominique and Jean Mathieu, Susanna Harris, Margaret Broomfield, Lawrence Stevens, Tim Martin, Mike and Sue Redwood.

1. Apologies: Vivi Lena Andersen, Esther Cameron, Alain Raistrick, Fleur Shearman, Marquita Volken, and Barbara Wills
2. Minutes of previous meeting: Approved. Jackie Keily proposed, seconded by Sue Winterbottom.
3. Matters arising: No progress reported on devising a Leather Species Identification Website nor any potential location of a dedicated ALG repository of donated literature.
4. Chair's report

The Chair reported on a good year for the Group with two successful meetings held: Spring meeting at the Pitt Rivers Museum, Oxford, Esther Cameron was thanked for organising, and Autumn Meeting a two day conference 'Leather in Warfare' held in association with the Royal Armouries, Leeds, Quita Mould was thanked for organising. Chair and Secretary attended a meeting with the Royal Armouries in February and a timetable for the publication of the papers from the Leather in Warfare meeting was agreed. The meeting to be co-hosted by The Leather Conservation Centre University (LCC) and ICLT at Northampton University has been rescheduled for 2016 and Angela Middleton was thanked for organising the 2015 Spring meeting at short notice. ALG have agreed to help with the Archaeological Resource Database funded by Historic England. Committee members were thanked for all their hard work, particularly Sue Winterbottom for producing the excellent newsletters and Roy Thomson for handling the accounts. Lucy Skinner was thanked for her work supporting the ALG Facebook page with ALG getting 500 'likes'. ALG currently has 81 followers on Twitter.

5. Treasurer's report including membership

The accounts for the year were put before the meeting and were accepted: proposed by Jackie Keily, seconded by Quita Mould. The group made a cash surplus of £853.23 during 2014 resulting in a cash balance of £5290.23. Membership remained at 62 from 11 countries including the UK. All the

speakers' costs for the Leeds meeting were covered by the Royal Armouries so that the £1000 allocated for the meeting will be used to help offset publication costs. Current financial position as of 16 May 2015: £5412.98 in bank.

6. Editor's report

The Editor thanked all those who had contributed to the two newsletters produced during the year. PDFs are now increasingly preferred with 63 copies emailed and 18 paper copies sent out. CDs of all the back copies from 1986 to 2013 are still available and individual copies can be supplied on request.

7. Election of Committee

Di Friendship-Taylor came to the end of her second term as Meetings Co-ordinator and was thanked for her splendid work. Angela Middleton was elected as Meeting Co-ordinator: proposed by Mike Redwood and seconded by Di Friendship-Taylor. Tim Martin and Di Friendship-Taylor were elected Ordinary Members: proposed Susanna Harris and seconded by Jackie Keily. The Treasurer, Roy Thomson, and Editor, Sue Winterbottom, were reappointed for a further year.

8. Any Other Business

8.1 Marquita Volken has offered a training day on the drawing, registration and identification of archaeological leather fragments. After discussion it was agreed that such training would benefit many members and might be hosted by MOLA at the LAARC, with the ALG covering any expenses incurred. Secretary and Chair to consult MOLA about the proposal and respond to Marquita Volken.

8.2 The problem of some members not getting automatic updates on the ALG Facebook page was raised. Angela Middleton to look into it.

The meeting closed at approximately 2.25pm

Quita Mould

Secretary