

ALG

Archaeological Leather Group

Minutes

of the AGM held at 1pm on the 1st May 2019 at the National Maritime Museum, Greenwich

Present: Yvette Fletcher(Chair), Quita Mould (Secretary), Sue Winterbottom (Editor), Angela Middleton (Meetings Co-ordinator), Diana Friendship-Taylor (Ordinary Member) and Jackie Keily.

1 Apologies: Roy Thomson (Treasurer), Rosie Bolton, Esther Cameron, Pieta Greaves, Sally Herriett, Dominique and Jean Mathieu, Fleur Shearman, June Swann, Pat Thomson and Barbara Wills.

2 Chair's report

Chair thanked those attending. The membership has dropped slightly and the Chair wondered if we had recently lost some who had joined when booking for the *The Enigma of Japanese White Leather* day seminar. Happily, the bank account is looking healthy. It was disappointing that so few were able to attend the visit to Chatham Dockyard and Ramsgate for the autumn meeting. Thought would be given to establishing the possible reasons for this to help future planning. Eventbrite has been used for bookings for our autumn 2019 meeting in Copenhagen and seems easy to use. Vivi Lena Andersen has put a great deal of thought and effort into the programme, visit looks extremely interesting and it is hoped that many members will attend; 11 have booked so far. The committee members were thanked for all their hard work and support.

3 Treasurer's report including membership

The Treasurer provided accounts for the financial year ending 31st December 2018 and accompanying notes which had been circulated to all members previously (5/04/2019). The group made a surplus of £669.48 for the year, resulting in a year end cash balance of £5319.94. At 1th May 2019 the Group has a cash balance of £6080.50. In 2018 membership stood at 71 from 16 countries, including the UK.

4 Editor's report

We were lucky again in 2018 in that contributions to the newsletter were plentiful and it was possible to produce two newsletters with very varied content, one of 19 pages and another of 15. The feedback from both issues has been positive. The Questions sent in via the ALG contact email address have ranged widely and produced some interesting responses. We now send out only 17 hard copies of the newsletter by post, most the membership having opted to receive a pdf version. The editor thanked all those who had contributed over the last twelve months and have made

putting the newsletter together a pleasure. Contributions for the next issue are welcomed any time from now to the copy deadline of 9th September.

4 Election of Committee

Chair: Yvette Fletcher comes to the end of her first term in office and was happy to stand for a second term, proposed by Di Friendship-Taylor, seconded by Jackie Keily.

Ordinary Member: Di Friendship-Taylor has come to the end of her final term and now stands down. The committee thanked her for all her hard work in the various roles she has held since its founding in 1986 including being the first Chair of the ALG. The post remains open as no candidate has come forward. A candidate will be sought following the meeting.

The Treasurer, Roy Thomson, and Editor, Sue Winterbottom, were reappointed for a further year.

5 Change to the constitution

As proposed in the 2018 AGM, the change to the constitution Section 4 Committee, Ordinary Members shall serve a 2-year term, insert 'and will be eligible for immediate re-election, serving for a maximum of 2 terms (4 years) with a lapse of one year before becoming eligible to seek re-election as an Ordinary Member' was agreed.

6 Any other business

The low attendance at the AGM and meetings in 2018 was discussed at length. It was noted that the ALG Facebook page is popular. AM will look into conducting an online survey to find out members interests and meeting preferences. It was agreed that in future the membership would be asked to notify the secretary of their intention to attend the AGM in order to establish likely numbers attending.

The meeting closed at approximately 3.45pm

Quita Mould

Secretary