ALG

Archaeological Leather Group

Minutes of the

ALG Annual General Meeting

held via ZOOM 3.00pm, Friday 8 May 2026

Attending : Arianne Panton (Chair), Yvette Fletcher (Secretary), Esther Cameron (Treasurer), Sue Winterbottom (Editor), Angela Middleton (Social Secretary), Elisabeth de Campenhout (Ordinary Member), Marquita Volken, Lucy Skinner, Quita Mould, Helen Ganiaris, Rebecca Shawcross, Ines Moreira Rato, Carol van Driel-Murray, Susanna Harris, Diana Friendship-Taylor, Anna Kowalska, Rosie Bolton, Phoebe Ignatia.

1 Apologies for Absence

Dominique Matthieu (Ordinary Member)

2 Minutes of Previous Meeting

Aproved as a true record of the Meeting. Proposed by Esther Cameron and seconded by Susanna Harris.

3 Matters Arising

Item 5 – the Committee had discussed the proposal to raise annual subscription rates and had **agreed** that with an acceptable amount in the bank there was no need to raise subscriptions at this time.

Chair's Report

Chair thanked everyone for attending. Chair reported that the Spring Meeting in Prague organised by Jana Obročníková in collaboration with the Czech Academy of Sciences had been very successful and thanked Jana for all her hard work in arranging the meeting. Ken Stewart's Christmas lecture on embroidery on leather had attracted record attendance including from non-ALG members who could join for a small fee. The Committee had agreed that going forward other groups would be invited to join presentations for a small fee.

A hybrid event at Southend had been arranged but the in-person component had to be cancelled due to lack of interest and this was particularly disappointing as the Museum had offered the space free of charge and both ALG Committee Members

and the Museum had put a lot of effort into arranging the meeting. Angela Middleton and Quita Mould's Zoom presentation was excellent with positive feedback.
Chair expressed concern at the lack of member engagement which was making the work of the Committee more challenging. The Committee had taken into account views given in the Survey and would discuss how best to engage members in future events.

5 Treasurer's Report

Esther started by thanking Arianne for her successful Chairmanship.

Esther said that the financial report had been published in the March Newsletter. The bank account stood at £7,935 at the beginning of 2025 and ended with £10,725 giving an annual surplus of £2,789. Income came from subscriptions, Jersey Purse workshop registration, and early Prague meeting fees.

Major expenditures included three-year Zoom subscription, Jersey Purse workshop speakers, and PayPal fees.

Membership had grown to 125 members (58 Europe/international, 67 UK)

6 Editors report

Sue thanked those who had sent in articles and responded to queries. Over the year, she had reported deaths of three members: Pieta Greaves, June Swann, and Pat Thomson.

Newsletters had featured three new member introductions: Graham Lampard (UK), Jan Moens (Belgium), Elisabeth de Campenhout (Netherlands) and included reports on the Exeter Jersey Purse workshop and Ken Stewart's embroidery lecture together with articles on medieval long-toed shoe reconstruction and Roman military footwear analysis.

The deadline for the next issue was August 31 (September publication).

7 Change to Constitution

The Committee had proposed a change in the Constitution to allow the post of Secretary and Meetings Coordinator to be shared if required to provide flexibility and possibly increase engagement The proposal received **unanimous agreement**.

8 Election of Committee Members

An amendment was made to the Agenda to add the Election of Meetings Coordinator(s). Arianne Panton was standing down as Chair and Angela Middleton was standing down as Meetings Coordinator. Both Graham Lampard and Dominique Matthieu had stepped down as Ordinary Members. To allow for election of Chair, Yvette Fletcher had stood down as Secretary. Elisabeth de Campenhout had served two terms as Ordinary Member so had to step down from that role but was available for election to another Committee post.

- **Election of Chair**
  Yvette had offered to stand for election as Chair. Esther proposed and Angela seconded her election and she was duly elected.

- **Election of Secretary**
  Diana Friendship-Taylor had offered to stand for election as Secretary and being proposed by Yvette and seconded by Susanna Harris was duly elected.

- **Election of Meetings Coordinators**
  Arianne and Elisabeth had offer to stand as joint Meetings Coordinators and being proposed by Angela and seconded by Lucy Skinner were duly elected.

- **Election of Ordinary Members**

  Ines Moreira Rato proposed by Lucy and seconded by Sue was duly elected.

  Jana Obročníková proposed by Yvette and seconded by Elisabeth was duly elected

- **Annual Reappointment of Treasurer and Editor**

Esther and Sue had both agreed to stand for re-election

Esther was duly re-elected as Treasurer proposed by Carol van Driel-Murray and seconded by Diana.

Sue was duly re-elected as Editor proposed by Carol and seconded by Susanna.

8 Any Other Business

No other business raised.