

Subterranea Britannica Annual General Meeting 2021 – Minutes

27 March 2021, online using GoogleMeet, due to the ongoing Covid-19 lockdown.

The meeting was opened at 10.00 by the Chairman, Tim Wellburn, who welcomed all those attending. 71 members were present. The online platform allowed members to see each other, along with a set of slides covering the content of the meeting. Attendees had the facility to add comments/questions, by typing them in.

1. Apologies were received from:
Terry Tracey, Charles de Winton, Michael Higgins, Neil Iosson, Nick Gould.
2. The Minutes of the AGM 2020 held on 31 October were published to all members in **Subterranea** #55, December 2020. It was proposed by Richard West and seconded by Robin Cherry that the Minutes were a true reflection of the meeting; the proposal was accepted by those attending with 4 abstentions.
3. Annual Report for the year ended 31 December 2020. This has been published to all members on Sub Brit's web site. Tim highlighted a few of our achievements of 2020:
 - Strong financial position;
 - Membership at year-end = 953: down 9% on 2019 year-end; Tim encouraged members to invite their friends to join to boost numbers;
 - 11,000 subscribers to social networking channels;
 - 75 million 'hits' on website www.subbrit.org.uk; Richard Seabrook (our webmaster) attributed this to the substantially increased content of our website;
 - 'In the Dark' Webinar programme - available free to the public; over 3000 people have watched 17 sessions to date , with more than 11,000 views on Youtube;
 - 3 new issues of *Subterranea* & wide-ranging Members' Forum;
 - Public online archive of *Subterranea* Issues 1-48 with searchable index;
 - Grants of £11,500 approved for underground bodies.
4. Accounts 2020: Sub Brit's Accounts have been signed off by the Committee and Independent Examiner and have been filed at Companies House and the Charity Commission.
5. Elections of Officers and Committee. Tim re-capped changes at the last AGM:
Joined: Neil Iosson (previously co-opted)
Appointed: Tim Wellburn: Chairman
Richard West: Vice-Chairman (and remains Membership Secretary)

The motion that nominations for Sub Brit's Committee be considered '*en-bloc*' was proposed by Charles Bicheno and seconded by Brian Matthews. The motion was carried with 2 abstentions.

6. The motion to elect the following Committee members was carried with one abstention.

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The elected Committee for 2021/22 is:-

Tim Wellburn	Chairman
Linda Dixon	Secretary
Tony Radstone	Treasurer
Richard West	Vice Chairman and Membership Secretary
Richard Seabrook	Member (Webmaster)
Phil Catling	Member (SB Meetings)
Jason Hughes	Member (Shop mailings)
Neil Iosson	Member (Website content manager)
Martin Dixon	Member
Bob Templeman	Member
Chris Gray	Member

Tim finished by outlining some proposed Future events:

- SB Autumn Meeting & Site Visits, Sywell, Northamptonshire - 15-17 Oct 2021
- Dumpy Level, Dover - rebooked for 12 March 2022 & follow-up trip (date tbc)
- Others in the pipeline (dates to be confirmed as soon as Covid allows):
 - 'Mail Rail' Walks 5 & 6
 - Extended 'Mail Rail' Walk
 - Maginot Line Trip
 - SB Europe Weekend, Oslo
- More "In the Dark Webinars" – please get in touch if you are able to offer a talk.

The Meeting officially closed at 10.17.