

The Tools & Trades History Society

Draft Minutes of Annual General Meeting No. 40

Date: Saturday 13th April 2024 **Time:** 6:30pm BST

by Zoom

The Chairman, Paul Coutts, welcomed all members and guests. A list of attendees is appended.

Please note: There were fewer than 20 members in attendance and so the meeting was formally inquorate. The decisions taken below (highlighted) will need to be ratified by an EGM to be held at the TATHS 2024 Conference in Sheffield in September.

- 1 Apologies:** Tony Turley
- 2 Minutes** of the 39th AGM held on 1st April 2023
These had been circulated and were agreed.
- 3 Matters Arising:** there were none
- 4 Executive Committee Annual Report:** The Chairman gave his report, which is attached.
- 5 Treasurer's Report and accounts for 2022:** The Treasurer, Colin Byfleet, drew members attention to the accounts for 2023, which are attached. Colin thanked Miles Hember for his usual helpful advice whilst checking the accounts this year.
- 6 Accounts examiner:** Miles was re-elected to act as our accounts' overseer for 2024.
- 7 Reports from Officers of the Society**

Membership Secretary: Slight fall in numbers but nothing precipitate.

Salaman Awards: One award of £500 made in 2023 to Claude Roberge in Quebec for his research into the materials covered in *Hones & Stones* and expand the range of the book.

Publicity Officer: The post is vacant – volunteer sought.

Newletter: Report attached. Christopher Proudfoot made a plea for more material for publication – we rely too much on the contributions from a small number of members. Christopher was thanked for his work during the year by the Chairman.

Webmaster: No permanent officer in post. Tony Waldis is still coping *pro tem*.

The addition of the contents of the Randle Holmes CD from the British Library to the website is now complete and Tony is continuing to add images from the Richard Filmer Archive – a long job.

Amberley: Report from Tony Turley attached.

Library: The transfer of ownership of the TATHS Library is now complete and the books are now in the catalogue system of the Museum of English Rural Life (MERL) at the University of Reading. The books are available for study at MERL.

- 8 Election of Officers:** Chairman, Paul Coutts: Secretary, Brigitte Graham and Treasurer, Colin Byfleet all agreed to continue in their posts.
- 9 Election of Committee Members:** Brian Mansfield, Michael Woods and Nick White and Tony Turley agreed to continue as Committee Members. Lyndon Scott's offer to join the committee was gratefully accepted.
- 10 The future of TATHS:** It was recommended that an approach be made to the Heritage Crafts group with a view to providing bursaries for students training in suitable craft skills.
- 11 AOB –** there was no other business.
- 12** The date, time and venue of the next (41st) AGM was left for the Executive Committee to decide

The meeting closed at 7:43pm.

Attendees:

Colin Byfleet
Paul Coutts
Steve Fitches
Brigitte Graham
Gavin Graham
Peter Higgs
Brian Mansfield
Paul Norrington
Des Pawson
Christopher Proudfoot
Jane Rees
Lyndon Scott
Tony Waldis