

**Annual General Meeting**  
Held at the Royal Geographical Society  
On Tuesday 18th October 2016 at noon.

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**Present**

Fee Bellamy, Mike Blakey, Mike Cross, (Chairman), Ted Grey, Jess Kelly, Roger Miller, Bob Schroter, Kevin Sidford, Haydyn Tanner.

**Apologies**

Chris Blessington, Graham Derrick, Peter Drake, Dick Griffiths, Tony Land, Paul Rignall, Gemma Wardle, David Williams, Nigel Winser.

**Minutes of AGM 2014**

Minutes of the AGM held on 13th October 2015 were accepted as a true record.

**Appointment & Retirement of Trustees**

Mike Cross had agreed, at the urging of the Board, to continue as Chairman for another year but did not wish that appointment to extend beyond the next AGM and asked members to consider promptly and seriously who might succeed him. He was thanked for agreeing to extend his term and service for another year which was confirmed without dissent.

**Appointment of Officers**

Trustees' reappointment of officers and advisers were noted, They were Ted Grey (Awards & Grants), Dick Griffiths (Treasurer), Tony Land (Publications), Roger Miller (Company Secretary), Shaun Mockett (Insurance Adviser), Paul Rignall (Web Editor), Haydyn Tanner (Membership), David Williams (Legal Adviser). Officers to manage forum, media and training and to administer evaluations were still being sought as well as someone to convene a resources group. However, Ted Grey was willing, as a one-off, to arrange a forum meeting around March 2017. Further, Nigel Winser had offered to instigate a fund raising effort. Ted Grey would still, as he announced last year, like to find a younger person who after a period of joint working would take over grants & awards from him.

**Appointment & Retirement of Council Members**

There were no retirements required by length of service. It was agreed that BES be invited to provide the national exploration society representation in place of BEG, Army Cadets be represented in their own right (thus amending Mike Blakey's remit to Air Cadets only) and Outward Bound Trust be invited to join. It was noted that there were at present no representatives of international schools, Learning Outside the Classroom Council or gap year organisations. The Secretary would enlist Liz Gray's support in identifying an international schools representative.

**Annual Report & Accounts**

Dick Griffiths was thanked for his work as treasurer. Income in 2015 had been over £11,000, £1,000 or so more than the previous year. Expenditure was somewhat under £15,000 rather than just over as in the previous year, leaving a year end overall balance of almost £49 thousand. Of this, the unrestricted cash balance had been more or less maintained, not sharply reduced as in previous years. Further, there was more to come as debtors paid up. Restricted funds, from which the grants YET makes each year are paid and not available for general purposes, remained adequate for a good while at current rates of disbursement. A previous, anonymous, sponsor had agreed to contribute to the 2017 grants.

Report and accounts, previously circulated, were adopted. It was noted that the trustees had accepted the treasurer's recommendation that Hugh Miller be asked to inspect the accounts again in 2017.

### **Chairman's Report (previously circulated)**

Noting the summary of achievement during the year set out in his Report, the Chairman emphasised that such progress as had been made in adjusting YET's priorities to deliver what members would wish, had been wholly dependent of voluntary effort. However, much more was still required to finish the job that a recently produced strategic plan set out. Promotion, mentoring, evaluation, forums, grants and putting the Trust on a better financial footing were all of vital importance. YET had continued, albeit because of the cost, on a more limited scale than in previous years, to network and lobby in the interests of youth exploration. This included participation in the work of the English Outdoor Council, British Standards (BS 8848) and liaison with the Expedition Providers' Association. For YET to flourish in the interests of all involved in young people's expeditioning, he suggested that the watchword should be, drawing on a JFK quote, "think not what YET can do for you, but what you can do for YET".

### **Other Business**

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 1pm.