

Annual General Meeting
Held at the Royal Geographical Society
On Tuesday 9th October 2018 at noon.

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Present

Fee Bellamy, Will Close-Ash, Mike Cross (Chairman), Luke Gregory, Ted Grey, Roger Miller, Paul Rignall, Bob Schroter, Haydyn Tanner, Gemma Wardle.

Apologies

Mike Blakey, Oliver Blomfield, Chris Bonington, Peter Drake, Dick Griffiths, Al Hakan, Jess Kelly, Tony Land, Richard Walton, David Williams.

Minutes of AGM 2014

Minutes of the AGM held on 17th October 2017 were accepted as a true record.

Appointment & Retirement of Trustees

Mike Cross having reached the end of a quinquennial term was reelected unanimously. Roger Miller having reached the end of a quinquennial term did not offer himself for reelection.

Appointment of Officers

Trustees' appointment of officers and advisers were noted, They were Phil Avery (Ambassadors) Dick Griffiths (Treasurer), David Henson (Disability Adviser), Tony Land (Publications), Roger Miller (Company Secretary), Shaun Mockett (Insurance Adviser), Paul Rignall (Web Editor), Bob Schroter (Evaluations), Al Hakan (Membership), Gemma Wardle (Awards & Grants), David Williams (Legal Adviser).

It was noted that the post of forum coordinator was again vacant and it had not been possible to staff the Trusts' social media work as it would have wished. Progress towards identifying a chairman for an operations committee, formed last year to encourage officers and those who helped them to interact directly with one another had also been slower than hoped. Evaluations would welcome an administrator. An advertisement recently circulated for a fundraiser to work on commission had still to bear fruit.

Appointment & Retirement of Council Members

Air and Army Cadets, Commercial expedition providers, national and regional exploration societies, Outward Bound and the Scouts were confirmed as members of Council as was Luke Gregory representing younger members. The chairman would ask Mike Blakey to establish that there was continuing Army Cadet interest and Ted Grey would make a similar check on commercial representation.

Representatives continued to be sought from Girlguiding UK and other organisations with aims and activities whose advice and support might increase YET's effectiveness. The Field Studies Council senior management had changed during the past year but the new regime had expressed continuing interest in appropriate collaboration with YET. It was decided not to pursue further representation from the year out group. There had for some time been no representative of further education. The chairman would seek a candidate and Fee Bellamy undertook to establish whether any contact of hers might be interested.

Annual Report & Accounts

Dick Griffiths was thanked for his work as treasurer. Income in 2017 was, at over £15 thousand, slightly higher than in 2016. Expenditure at about £11 thousand therefore left the balance of funds increased by about £4 thousand and the unrestricted cash balance at about £13 thousand, the highest for some years.

With much of the year now gone it was clear that the 2018 accounts should also present a satisfactory picture.

Restricted grant funds of about £45 thousand would allow grants at the current level of £3 thousand to £4 thousand a year to be made for some years. However, income generated by these funds continued to need supplementing and members were asked to help where they could to achieve this, particularly through any potentially sympathetic business contacts they might have.

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 2019

Grants & Awards

Average application quality had improved this year and 19 grants were awarded, albeit two candidates had to subsequently withdraw, including five to candidates from disadvantaged backgrounds. Expedition reports were still arriving.

Membership

A new membership secretary had been inducted. A youth membership scheme had begun to collect members.

Chairman's Report (previously circulated)

Commenting on the summary of achievement during the year set out in his report, previously circulated, the Chairman noted that progress in implementing the Trust's plans had been rather interrupted by events outside the Trust's control. However, some progress had been made in the year since the last AGM in adjusting YET's practice to deliver what members would wish. It was clear that more voluntary effort would have to be mobilised to continue to make progress and offers to fill vacancies or help in any way would be welcome. YET had continued, as in previous years, to network and lobby in the interests of youth exploration. This included participation in the work of the Outdoor Council and British Standards (BS 8848) and to engage in a national debate about when and how adventure licencing arrangements might be altered.

Next Meeting

The Secretary was asked to book October 8th 2019 at the RGS

Other Business

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