

Minutes of Annual General Meeting
of the National Association of Mining History Organisations held at
Festival Hall, Alderley Edge, Cheshire on 12th March 2011 at 11.00

93.1 Present

Kevin Baker	Carn Brea Mining Society – Chairman
Ian Thomas	National Stone Centre – Deputy Chairman
George Price	Royal Forest of Dean Caving Club – Treasurer
Nigel Dibben	Derbyshire Caving Club – Secretary
Peter Claughton	Combe Martin Silver Mines Research Group – Conservation Officer
Paul Sowan	Subterranea Britannica; Kent Underground Research Group and Wealden Cave and Mine Society
Ivor J Brown	Peak District Mines Historical Society; Ironbridge Gorge Museum Trust
Iris Brown	Friends of St Aidan's Dragline
Roger Gosling	South Gloucestershire Mines Research Group; Hades Caving Club
Steve Holding	Shropshire Caving and Mining Club
Mike Moore	Shropshire Mines Trust Limited
Kelvin Lake	IA Recordings
Peter Eggleston	Observer
Dave Linton	Welsh Mines Society
Roy Meldrum	Friends of Chatterley Whitfield
Sallie Bassham	Northern Mines Research Society
Tony King	North Wales Caving Club

93.2 Apologies

Wes Taylor	South Derbyshire Mines Preservation Group
Steve Henley	Webmaster
Peter Jackson	NPHT
Simon Lowe	AditNow
Sheila Barker	Cumbria Amenity Trust Mining History Society

93.3 Minutes of the last AGM

Accepted as a true record of the last AGM (prop. SH, sec. DL).

93.4 Matters arising

There were no matters that would not be dealt within the rest of the meeting.

93.5 Adoption of Accounts for year ending 31/12/2010

The Treasurer, George Price, presented the accounts for the year ending 31 December which had been checked by Roger Gosling. The Treasurer noted that membership is currently 76 (78 in 2010) but four members are in arrears. Travel expenses remain high. Subscriptions were increased in 2009 from £15 to £20 but no further increase is being

suggested. GP said that he had calculated that the current 20p/mile for expenses still covers a car running at 30 mpg so, except for someone running a van or 4-wheel drive, should be sufficient to cover fuel cost. It was proposed and agreed that the rate should be left unchanged (prop. SB, dec. PC). The accounts were accepted as a correct record (prop. MM, sec. PE).

93.6 Chairman's Address

The Chairman, Kevin Baker, reported on activity by NAMHO in the last year. It had been a relatively quiet year but the research framework project has been running well during the year. There have been two new members but we have lost one and may lose another, Morwellham Quay. KB noted that meeting attendance is not ideal but still represents about a quarter of the membership. He thanked those who regularly attend and support NAMHO.

In discussion following the Chairman's report, it was commented that the main interaction with the wider membership is at the annual conference. It was also noted that the publication of newsletters is one of the few member benefits and that a replacement or assistant for PC in this role would be a benefit. It was also suggested that the regular representatives who attend NAMHO meetings could try to encourage friends and fellow club members to attend. It was felt that the research framework project has helped to spread NAMHO's name wider.

93.7 Election of Officers

All existing officers indicated that they were prepared to stand for re-election. The officer positions were filled by the following with a single vote (prop. PS, sec. DL):-

Chairman	Kevin Baker
Deputy chairman	Ian Thomas
Secretary	Nigel Dibben
Treasurer	George Price
Editor	Peter Cloughton

PC promised a newsletter well before the conference but asked if anyone else could help with its production. KB commented that there used to be a newssheet and a newsletter according to the type of material available. KB said that he would not stand for another year after the coming year and IT would then take over. A replacement deputy chairman will be needed next year. [Secretary's note: RM subsequently volunteered to produce a newsletter.]

93.8 Election of Accounts Examiner

Roger Gosling was re-elected as Accounts Examiner for the coming year (prop. GP, sec. KB). It was agreed that an honorarium will be paid to the Accounts Examiner.

93.9 Amendments to constitution

There were no amendments.

Date of next meeting

The date and time of the next AGM will be 17 March 2012 at 11.00 subject to confirmation nearer to the time. The meeting closed at 11.40.