

Minutes of Annual General Meeting, 28th July 2015

at the Dept. of Chemistry, University of Leeds at 20.15 hrs.

1. Present

Valerie Randall (Chair), Paul Bartlett (Secretary), Clive Tiney (Treasurer), Chris Collins (Archivist), David Urry (SB Regional Co-ordinator), Steve Picksley, Barry Canham, Stewart Barker, Sohan Jheeta, Peter Wiggins, John Atibila, Jonathan Neale, Mike Clark, June Scott, Chris Claxton, William Clowes, Ron Murray and John Edmonds.

2. Apologies for absence

Were received from Paul Armitage, Lynda Partridge, and Fiona Real.

3. Minutes of the AGM of the Yorkshire Branch held 16th November 2013

The Minutes of the 2013 AGM were corrected and adopted as a correct record. No AGM had been held in 2014 because it was scheduled with the November Symposium that was cancelled due to difficulty in organizing speakers.

4. Matters Arising

No items were raised.

5. Chairperson and Secretary report

A written report was distributed, and highlights from this were reported, see attached document. Valerie Randall reported the Branch Committee had suffered a maelstrom of illness to three members, and had also lost the service of a long-standing and distinguished committee member, Nigel Mussett (due to relocation) and whose service had been recognised by the Society of Biology Long Standing Service Award. Two members of the committee were also now stepping down, Bidy Unsworth - due to retirement and Mike Smith - after ~30 years service, also previously recognised by the Society of Biology Long Standing Service Award.

6. Hon. Treasurer's Report

Clive Tiney reported the accounts for 2013/14, see attached document.

The meeting recorded its thanks to the continuing work undertaken by Clive Tiney, both as Treasurer and for the website.

3. Election of Branch Committee for 2015 – 2016

The present members of the committee were willing to continue, namely, Paul Bartlett, Joseph Black, Barry Canham, Chris Collins, Andrew Hockin, Geoff Maud, Steve Picksley, Jane Pottas, Valerie Randall, Clive Tiney & Patrick Watkin

Six new members were proposed:

Paul Armitage proposed by Steve Picksley and seconded by Valerie Randal
Stewart Barker proposed by Valerie Randal and seconded by Barry Canham
Will Clowes proposed by Clive Tiney and seconded by Steve Picksley
Sohan Jheeta proposed by Chris Collins and seconded by Peter Wiggins
Lynda Partidge proposed by Valerie Randal and seconded by Mike Clark
Fiona Real proposed by Chris Collins and seconded by Steve Picksley

4. Election of Branch Officers for 2015 – 2016

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| a. Chair | Valerie Randall (5th year) |
| b. Vice Chair (incoming) | Vacant |
| c. Vice Chair (outgoing) | Vacant |
| d. Hon. Secretary | Steven Picksley |

e. Hon. Treasurer

Clive Tiney

f. Hon Archivist

Chris Collins

5. Appointment of Hon. Auditor.

Richard Dew was thanked for his services and invited to continue in this role for another year. He was present to accept this request.

6. Any other Business

The meeting closed at 21.10.

Chair's Report

Yorkshire Branch of Society of Biology/Royal Society of Biology

Events

1) Autumn Symposium & AGM 16.11.13

Food, Glorious Food – what do we need, how do we keep getting it & how safe is it?

Leeds Metropolitan University

2) Retirees Lunch 6.3.14

Leeds City College Printworks Campus

This meeting provides a valuable opportunity to communicate to this group of members and has shown its value in providing RSB with access to their time and experience particularly in connection with events and regional organisation.

3) Joint RSC/SB lecture 21.5.14

Dr John Little "*Drugs from bugs: Biotech manufacturing of pharmaceuticals*"

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4) Summer Visit 12.7.14.

RSPB Bempton Cliffs Nature Reserve & Living Seas Centre at Flamborough

5) Retirees Lunch, 6.11.14

Leeds City College Leeds

6) Autumn symposium – *New insights into how genes work – it is more than just the DNA sequence!* - postponed

6) Retirees Lunch 5.3.15.

Leeds City College

7) Joint RSC/SB lecture 20.5.15.

Prof Lacy *The Death of Warts!*

The development, manufacturing, testing and implementation of human papillomavirus vaccines.

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8) Evening Lecture & AGM 28.7.15

Dr Terry Kee - *What is life and how did it begin?*

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Future Events

1) Summer visit - Wentworth castle and gardens Sunday 16.8.15 10:30-16.00

Historic country landscape and monuments on the outskirts of Barnsley with extensive parkland walks, Visitor Centre and café.

- Guided tour of extensive specialist gardens and restored conservatory
- Talk on house, gardens, historic conservatory, and working buildings
- Brief talk on smallpox immunisation. Lady Mary Wortley-Montagu initiated small pox vaccinations here in 1712.

£15 including refreshments and light lunch, reduction for under 12s, and under 3s are free.

2) Retired members lunch 5.11.15. Leeds City College, Leeds

3) Autumn symposium – *New insights into how genes work – it is more than just the DNA*

sequence!

Saturday 7th November 2015 10:00-16:00 University of Bradford, Bradford

The symposium will cover our current knowledge about how genes function, they don't always make proteins, and how the environment can alter how genes are expressed without altering the sequence of our DNA. These acquired changes can be passed on to our children and grandchildren, and can alter their susceptibility to diseases, etc. These concepts are called Epigenetics - an important and expanding aspect of modern biology with significance for health and medicine. This contributes fresh information to longstanding evolutionary debates about Darwin's natural selection and Lamarck's inheritance of acquired characteristics.

4) Joint RSB/RSC lecture: Prof Roger Phillips –Theme: *Developing a new cancer drug*

Wednesday 18th May 2016 evening

Dept of Chemistry, University of York this speaker like the previous 3 have been proposed by RSB committee.

Accounts Society of Biology Yorkshire Branch 2013/14

Income		Expenditure Difference		
Misc.	£0.00	Misc.	-£462.24	£462.24
November Symposium	£680.00	November Symposium	£795.76	-£115.76
Summer Trip	£0.00	Summer trip	£0.00	£0.00
Science Week	£0.00	Bank	£0.00	£0.00
Careers	£0.00	Science Week	£0.00	£0.00
Admin	£500.00	Retired Lunch	£220.00	-£220.00
Travel	£0.00	Careers	£0.00	£0.00
Carried over	£399.87	Admin	£0.00	£500.00
Cash	£0.00	Travel	£178.80	-£178.80
		Returns	£0.00	£399.87
		Cash	£0.00	£0.00
		Previous Year	£0.00	£0.00
TOTALS	£1,579.87		£732.32	
	Difference			£847.55
Not on Bank Statement				
	£0.00			£79.40
				£926.95