

FOR APPROVAL AT THE AGM TO BE HELD ON JULY 9TH 2011
CORNWALL ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY
2009-10

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
HELD AT TRURO BAPTIST CHURCH
ON APRIL 24TH 2010 AT 2 PM

40 Members attended the morning session with the numbers increasing to around 55 for the following lecture. The list of members attending is on file.

1. The President welcomed the attendees and opened the meeting.
2. **Apologies:** Linnea Glynne-Rule, Henrietta Quinnell, Brian and Sheila Hammond, Peter Herring, Les Dodd, David Giddings, Andy Jones, Sheila Jolly, Ursula Davey.
3. **Minutes and matters arising:** the minutes proposed by Roger Farnworth; seconded by Anna Tyacke were unanimously approved.

4. President's Report (this also includes the reports from the Society's Officers excluding that of the Treasurer):

The President explained that for the first time all reports by officers, with the exception of that of the Treasurer, would be encompassed within his report. The intention was to reduce the amount of time devoted to business, but as it was a trial he would be pleased to receive all shades of opinion about it. He explained that 2010 had been a mixed year: busy and exciting but with frustrations too. Laura Pooley and Peter Cornall had been busy reorganising and revitalising the system of Area Representatives. The Survey Group continued to be active and a new project, to study the archaeology of Cornwall's Civil War battlefields, had been set up.

The President presented the report of the Membership Secretary, Jenny Beale. 2010 had seen an increase in subscriptions, the first since 2000, which looked steep since increases tended to be in steps every decade or so, rather than being made in more frequent, but smaller, increments. This way had been chosen because Standing Orders were used for payment, which relied on members advising their banks of the change, instead of Direct Debits. In April 2009 membership had been 578, with 91 new members joining in the preceding year and 68 unpaid subscriptions. In 2010 there were 497 members, with 66 new members joining in the previous year and 108 unpaid subscriptions. There were 50 members who had not upgraded their Standing Orders despite receiving a reminding letter (having said that, the figure had reduced from 182). For the time being, the 50 who had not made the upgrade would be included in the membership total. May 1st 2010 would be the cut-off date for unpaid subscriptions and it was hoped that some of the 108 would pay by then. Given the steep increase in subscriptions it was likely that there would have been considerable attrition; however, the Membership Secretary pointed out that even at the higher rate new members continued to appear. There had also been a switch to single membership, rather than 2 members at one address, which would show as a fall in numbers.

The President expressed his sadness at the news that Pam Lee intended to resign after 10 successful years organising CAS walks, and he appealed for a successor. She had reported that she regretted that she had to stand down but felt that it was too much to

continue in this post given her family and work commitments. In the previous year, the walks programme had taken members to Zennor, Gwithian, Gunwalloe, Tintagel, Bodmin Moor and Gunnislake, and, in the last walk of the year (11th April), to Merrivale on Dartmoor, to name only some of the places visited. Participants had seen Industrial Archaeology, the site of an explosives factory, a Priory and all the varying archaeology of Penwith Moors, Bodmin Moor and Dartmoor. Pam wished to thank everyone who had helped her with ideas for walks (whose names were too many to mention), the walks leaders and the stalwart members who regularly turned up and supported the walks even when the weather had been terrible.

A question was put from the floor about the date of the forthcoming CAB conference and whether the lecture would be open to non-members. The President assured the meeting that the lecture [Beatrice Cardi] would be open to all at Truro College on Friday 15th October.

5. Report from Treasurer:

John Bennett said the accounts had been passed by the Independent Auditor. As in the previous year this work has been offered free to the Society saving between £600 and £800 per annum. As there had been no Journal published in the past year the amount set aside [£9,600] had not been spent. With current assets standing at approximately £70,000 he considered that the Society's finances were in good shape. He said that the PayPal system to facilitate payment of subscriptions had been added in 2009 and already 6% of the Society's income had been received through this payment method. Although membership numbers were likely to drop as a result of the increase in subscription rate our income had already increased. Acceptance of the accounts was proposed by Steve Hartgroves and seconded by Peter Nicholas and unanimously approved.

6. Election of President

It was proposed that Tony Blackman be elected as President for 2010/11 and President-Elect until the AGM in 2012 and Henrietta Quinnell be elected as Past President for an additional year. This was put to the meeting by the Treasurer, John Bennett. Proposed by Imogen Wood and seconded by Val Jacob and it was carried unanimously.

7. Vote of thanks to Sally Ealey

Nicholas Thomas gave a vote of thanks to Sally Ealey who had resigned the post of Secretary and said that the 'guts of a Society' were the hard work and efforts of the members like Sally who gave so much of their time to an organisation such as CAS. During her time as Secretary she, together with another Committee member Linnea Glynne-Rule, had totally reorganised the Society's archive which was now safely lodged in the RIC Library. She had also been a driving force behind the organising of the Society's Day Schools, a great supporter of the Area Representatives and the Society's walks. Proposed by Nicholas Thomas and seconded by John Bennett and carried unanimously.

8. Election of officers and committee members: Tony Blackman named the following officers standing for re-election: John Bennett Treasurer, Jenny Beale Membership Secretary, Adrian Rodda Newsletter Editor, Peter Herring Journal Editor, Imogen Wood Lectures Officer [new appointment].

Trustees standing for re-election: Leslie Dodd, David Giddings, Steve Hartgroves, Valerie Jacob, Andy Jones, Jane Marley, Peter Rose and Anna Tyacke.
Election of New Trustees: Peter Nicholas and Christine Wilson [Publicity Officer]
Thanks were made to those who were retiring from the Committee. The election of the above was proposed by Anna Tyacke, seconded by Bart O'Farrell and approved unanimously.

9. Proposal to approve appointment of a Minutes Secretary

The President asked for approval to appoint a Minuting Secretary for each Committee meeting who need not be a Trustee. This was granted by the meeting.

10. Proposal to consider whether the Society should split the post of President into that of President and Chairman.

The President explained that the Committee was seeking permission to bring such a proposal to the AGM in 2011. Proposed by Peter Nicholas and seconded by Ryan Smith, the proposal was carried.

As this proposed change would need an amendment to the Constitution the meeting was asked to approve a proposal that an approach should be made to the Charity Commissioners. Proposed by Konstanze Rahn and seconded by Anna Tyacke, the proposal was carried unanimously.

11. AOB

The President told the meeting that he had just received news that 44% of Bodmin Moor had now been granted Premier Archaeological Landscape Recognition through the efforts of Ann Reynolds, supported by Ann Preston-Jones from H.E. Natural England and DEFRA had conceded that archaeological needs should be met by appropriate management schemes. He also said that as there was no photographic record of Bodmin Moor so such a project should be organised, through the efforts of the Society. He also spoke of the work to be done at Castle-an-Dinas by the CAS survey group in advance of English Heritage's planned 9-month survey. This project was ideal for outreach work and he invited members to participate. Forms were available in the room for those who wished to take part. The Battlefields Project was now taking form in collaboration with Roger Smith and this project was also available for members to show their interest in joining by signing up on the forms provided. Roger Farnsworth spoke of the decision to build a wind farm on Bodmin Moor with turbines 20 metres taller than Rough Tor. English Heritage had already said that these turbines would interfere with the sight-lines in that part of Bodmin Moor. He asked that the meeting should support CAS concerns which could be put to the appropriate authorities when the plans were 'called in' by the Government.

Proposed by Roger Farnsworth and seconded by Bart O'Farrell, the proposal was carried unanimously.

The meeting was closed at 3 pm.

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MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD AT TRURO BAPTIST CHURCH
ON APRIL 24TH 2010 AT 3.10 PM AFTER THE AGM

The purpose of the meeting was to confirm the following appointments to the Committee.

Web Master	John Bennett
Walks	vacant
Lectures organiser	Imogen Wood
Newsletter Editor	Adrian Rodda
Survey Group	Les Dodd
RIC	Jane Marley
PAS	Anna Tyacke
Historic Advisory Group	Tony Blackman