

**Orkney Archaeology Society
Annual General Meeting – via Zoom
26 May 2022**

Present

88 people in attendance

Apologies

4 Apologies have been received. These were noted.

Announcements

Everyone was welcomed to the meeting, and it was noted that it was good to be back in the swing of holding our AGM's in May, after the very unusual circumstances created by COVID. The Board had agreed that in order to maximise attendance we would always aim to hold our AGMs via Zoom as this means, like tonight, we have members attending from all over the globe.

Minutes of last AGM

The minutes of the meeting held on 26 May 2021 were reviewed and agreed with no amendments.

Update from the Chair

Since our last AGM we have had a number of public talks via Zoom, and these have been exceptionally well attended, with attendees from all over the World. We also held a very successful Viking Festival and our annual Brochtoberfest.

Also in 2021 we were able to open our shop at the Ness again which made a smaller profit than usual given the reduced numbers attending and the slightly changed business model, however it did raise funds for OAS and the Ness and this is always very welcome. As ever, the funds raised for OAS will be redistributed via our Grants Cttee.

David concluded by thanking the Board, the members and all volunteers for their hard work and their continued support for archaeology in Orkney.

Update from the Secretary

Hayley presented the written report which will be sent to OSCR, as the Trustees Annual Report. Changes in the Board over the last 12 months were noted.

Treasurer's report and Adoption of the Accounts

The accounts were available in the meeting and agreed without comment. Noted that all expenditure has been as OAS SCIO, not OAS.

Review of membership and subscriptions

The Membership report was presented by Anna Gudge, and agreed by the AGM.

Election of Trustees to the Board of the Society

The current Board members stood down as per the constitution. The following were then agreed as Board Trustees; Hayley Green, George Vickers, Anna Gudge, Mark Newton, David Drever, Colin Richards, Kath Page, Julie Cassidy, Moira Parker, Ragnhild Ljosland, Kaila Shepherd, Collen Batey, Kevin Kerr, Julie Ritch. This leaves 1 vacancy and if there

is anyone who is interested in joining the Board please contact the Secretary.

Resolutions

None notified

Any Other AGM Business

It was agreed that David Campbell (VAO) should continue as Independent Examiner of the accounts.

Meeting closed at 19.45,

The AGM was then followed by a talk from Martin Carruthers The Cairns. Despite some initial technical difficulties Martin battled through and delivered an excellent and very well received talk, with a good discussion afterwards. This talk and discussion was recorded and is available on the OAS You Tube Channel,

The evening finished with thanks to Martin for his excellent talk and thanks to everyone who had attended this virtual AGM, and made it such a good evening.
