



SOUTH BRANCH

Minutes of South Branch Committee Meeting Held at The Swan, East Ilsley on Thursday 10th March 2016, 7pm

1. Apologies from David Birkett, Steve Appleby, Emilia McDonald.

Present: Jonathan Clarke, Sarah Homer, Alison Davidson, Gill Butter, Peter Cross, Julia Foster, Morwenna Breen-Haynes, Marian Miller.

2. Forthcoming IHBC Council meetings. 7th April IHBC Council meeting at the Theatres Trust. Julia is not available so Jonathan will attend if he is free. Council Plus meeting on 3rd May in Derby. Julia and Alison will attend.

Action: Jonathan, Julia and Alison.

3. South Branch 2016 Business Plan

Julia confirmed that the draft Plan had been approved by IHBC Council.

Southampton – Wool House. Alison has made a recce and proposed a visit on Friday 15th May. Suggested programme is Tour of Wool House and micro-brewery with a talk by Kevin White followed by a beer and pie lunch and an afternoon visit to the Tudor House Museum (on the waterfront) with tea and cakes.

Action: Alison

Hartwell – Julia to contact Charles Boot to arrange a tour of the house and garden with lunch in the Octagon Room which seats a maximum of 24. Our preferred date is Friday 20th May if that is suitable for Charles Boot.

Action: Julia

AGM & branch conference at Shaw House: priority is to obtain a date from Shaw House (October preferred). Theme is dealing with planning applications for listed buildings from different points of view. Possible speakers include David Birkett (architect); Emilia McDonald (conservation officer); someone from Historic England (possibly Marion Brinton).

Action: Alison and Kevin Stubbs

A two-part event on ‘old and new materials’: theme lime and modern “lime-plus” alternatives - possible title “Lime Crime”? One part on theory (in November) and the other a hands-on practical event. The practical part would be better held in the warmer weather (perhaps April) or the two parts could be held on the one day in November if the venue was indoors. Important to have neutral, expert speakers (i.e. not salespeople). Suggestions Nigel Cosey and Chris Wood. A November date might clash with Oxley Conservation’s annual event.

Action: Sarah to check Oxley’s plans and to send out email with suggestions for topics and speakers

Action: Alison to make enquiries about availability and cost of Bursledon for a combined one-day event.

Costs on business plan: currently £809.47 in the branch account and reserves of £5,381 from the Winchester annual conference. Part of these funds would be used to subsidise the events on the business plan.

4. Recruiting members: Jonathan has suggested to Head Office that they should target university conservation course providers.

Action: Jonathan to follow this up with Sean and Kate.

Alison suggested we should send flyers for our events to the relevant departments at Reading and Oxford Brookes universities. As individuals we could also spread the word.

We should have a link on the Branch website inviting potential members to contact the Chair initially who can then pass the enquiry on to the appropriate Committee member.

Action: all to take note and help where possible.

5. Website: needs to be kept up to date.

Action: Marian to ask Peter Badcock to add AGM minutes, Long Crendon report, and Business Plan outline when we have the Southampton date.

6. IHBC annual school at Worcester – 23rd-25th June 2016-03-10

Alison and Jonathan are attending. We will not be awarding a bursary since the Committee wants to use branch funds to benefit as many members as possible through educational events. Should we sponsor students to attend the South Branch annual conference? To be discussed at another meeting.

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING TO BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 4TH MAY 2016 AT THE SWAN, EAST ILSLEY AT 7PM.

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