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SOUTH EAST BRANCH

**South East Branch Committee Meeting
GoTo Meeting
Wednesday 4th April 2018 at 7.30pm**

MINUTES

Present, via link:

Duncan Philips, Lone Le Vay, Deborah Gardner, Carla Pianese, Heather Hall. Lisa Brooks, Stephen Gray, Sane Roberts, Sarah Mayfield

1. Apologies

Eddie Booth, Sean Rix, Maggie Henderson, Debbie Matlby, Eimear Murphy.

2. Minutes of last meeting

Agreed

AGM minutes also agreed.

SR wanted to clarify Sean Rix becoming West Sussex rep. It was confirmed that Sean was relocating to Horsham.

It was confirmed that Chris Reynolds will become Surry rep and that he should be added to the circulation list, email: christopher.reynolds@surreycc.gov.uk

3. Matters arising

i.) IHBC National School 2020

DP confirmed that three separate email threads had been formed brainstorming ideas for the 2020 school on basis of conversations with Fiona and Sean. There are, three potential towns to consider – Brighton Chichester and Hastings.

DP requested that the committee look at the threads for each and add any further ideas, consideration has to be given to possible venues and visits. He stated that he was awaiting packages from Grand Hotel Brighton, University of Sussex and Metropole. But had nothing in place for Hastings or Chichester.

Chichester whilst having venues capable of holding the event, did not seem from discussion at committee to offer much choice for accommodation. A small hotel or the Travel Lodge were the only suggestions in town, although there was a further hotel located outside of the city that was suggested.

DG stated that St Marys in the Castle may be a suitable venue and that the University of Sussex did have buildings in the town centre opposite The Station Plaza which would be very close to the railway station and a short walk to St Marys. DR requested DG add the suggestion to Hastings email thread.

DP confirmed that all the information would be collated and sent through to Sean and Fiona for consideration.

It was also mentioned there are also emails circulating about themes which were suggested by IHBC Council.

ii) Charles Myners Event

DP confirmed 20 people have already booked.

iii) Social Media

SM confirmed that she had set up a linked in page. Discussions took place as to whether it was felt a group page / discussion forum was require. The consensus was to leave as is.

SR asked whether it was possible to set up a Twitter thread using a separate email / title so that the feed can move around rather than fixed to one person. DP stated there is an email already set up called 'SEEvents' which has never been used.

It was suggested that Twitter and Facebook are not for the committee as a discussion group but to advertise events. CP stated that IHBC national could successfully advertise and promote events if SE branch want to take advantage of it.

SG stated that linkedin works well and that he would be concerned using Facebook and Twitter.

SM stated Twitter was useful for getting word wider and that she would be happy to maintain it. SR felt that it would bring a wider audience form other branches near to SE. CP to arrange with 'Bancroft' at head office to liaise with SM

4. Events

St Leonards Parish Church – Deborah Gardner / Stephen Gray

Knowle – Renovation Works – Sarah Mayfield

Clanden Park – planning stage at moment / transition ma be worth looking at for later in the year.

Church in Chatham – bringing back to use been redundant for ten years. Big enough congregation to put back into use – extensive dry rot.

Visit to Grade I listed Mosque in Woking - Duncan Philips to investigate

Talk for Sea Forts in the Solent – Sane Roberts

5. Branch Rep

SR happy to continue as Trustee, needs at least one or two signatories. She confirmed that she will talk to IHBC Council members to see if they will be happy to provide the signatures as she will be meeting them very soon.



6. Any Other Business

DP stated that he felt AGM went very well

SR stated that there was a one-day conference on the 3rd May 2018 in Peterborough to discuss 'reverse monitoring', looking at how newer members or early career professionals could contribute to the IHBC. SR will be attending but stated that there was an additional place available and that it would be great to have 2 members representing IHBC SE. DP confirmed that IHBC would refund travel expenses.

SR to circulate

Meeting closed at 20.22