

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Friends of the Sedgwick Museum (FOSM)

Tuesday 20th June 2023 at 6:15pm and in The Watson Gallery

The meeting was opened at 6.15pm by the Vice Chair, Mike Tuke, in the temporary absence of Margaret Sanderson, who then continued after her delayed arrival, with 19 people attending.

Apologies had been received from Penny Coggill, Nick Barraud and Alex Liu.

1. Minutes of last meeting and Matters Arising

All matters arising from the AGM held on 21st June 2022 had been resolved.

2. Election of Committee for 2023-2024

Carol and Peter Franklin resigned as members of the Executive Committee. They were thanked for their many years of service, particularly in managing the FOSM social events. Paul Conyers was elected to serve as a new member of the Executive Committee. The remaining committee members had agreed to stand again. Proposed by Gillian Mallett, seconded by Margaret King, and all were re-elected en-bloc with no dissensions. MS had confirmed in advance that she could only remain for one more year but had been prepared to do this and was still willing to remain as Chair. Penny Coggill had taken over the position of Membership Secretary from Mike Smith who was heartily thanked for all his assiduous work over the years.

3. Executive Committee: Honorary Officers and Committee Members

All members of the Executive Committee (Ex Comm) must be paid-up members of FOSM. All Honorary Officers serve as Trustees of FOSM and serve as Trustees of FOSM.

The following FOSM members were elected / re-elected:

Honorary Officers

President:	Peter Friend
Chair:	Margaret Sanderson
Vice Chair:	Mike Tuke
Secretary:	Penny Coggill
Treasurer:	Mary-Anne Enoch
Membership Secretary:	Penny Coggill

Committee Members

Gidon Bahiri	
Freya Normington	
Paul Conyers	
Ex-Officio, Museum Director:	Liz Hide

Support Group for Executive Committee

Organisation of departmental talks / events:	Alex Liu
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4. Finance Report

See separate document

The Treasurer's report of the Accounts for the 2022 – 2023 financial year is provided as a separate document.

Mike Tuke proposed acceptance of the Accounts and this was seconded by Peter Franklin, and passed *nem con*. The Chair gave a huge vote of thanks to Mary-Anne for her stalwart work in keeping the finances in order.

5. Chair's report

The Chair gave a brief report, thanking the committee for all their work, particularly Alex Liu for all the varied and interesting talks. MS thanked us all for a great party in the Museum; several people had said how much they enjoyed this but perhaps would like to alternate with a college dinner for celebrating Adam Sedwick's birthday.

She thanked Peter and Carol Franklin for all their years on the committee and especially for all the Christmas parties they had organised.

MS thanked Liz Hide for arranging the excellent guided tour of the Museum Collections on Madingley Rise. She reminded us of the forthcoming visit to Rosie Welling's exhibition of pebbles and Sea Paintings at Linton.

6. Future events

- Isle of Man trip: Mike Tuke reported that since 21 people had applied the trip could go ahead – taking a maximum of 20 people. The guide would be a trained geologist who knows the island well and will take us on different trips. All island transport by coach has been arranged, and places at a hotel have been reserved. Individuals will have to get themselves to the island.
- Mike has also arranged a visit in September to Kings Dyke Nature Reserve near Peterborough in brickpits, where fossils including some wood, belemnites and ammonites have been dumped from the quarry face, for anyone to collect. On the way home there will be a visit to Flag Fen, where a 6000 trees were once felled to make a walkway. Transport will be in individual cars. News of this would be circulated after the Iceland trip which was imminent.

7. Museum Report

- Liz Hyde gave the report for the year for the Sedgwick Museum, reporting first on the Summer placements for this year's projects: Kiki had come as a work placement with Matt to work on the newly acquired collections.
- Heritage Locksmiths had been engaged to make duplicate locks and to fix some older ones.
- A question was asked: Are the cases Listed, being Heritage cases, and Liz replied yes.
- Next year there would be 4 placements of mostly Cambridge students. Some members requested that the students should be made aware that they were being funded by the Friends.
- Asbestos in some of the drawers in the Museum collection that is still to be moved is a problem, slowing down the transfer of specimens.
- There is pilot study for 2024 for which plans are progressing to help refurbish the Jurassic display.

- Teams have been re-structured into: Ops – Sarah Hammond heading up; Collections – headed by Dan; Public Engagement – a new senior role, yet to be filled.

8. AOB

There being no other business,

The meeting closed at 7pm.

Penny Coggill

Minute Secretary