

## **Minutes of the Annual General Meeting RGS/IBG Annual Conference 2009**

### *1. Apologies for absence*

Nicola Thomas, David Lambert, David Nally, Jon Stobart, Merle Patchet, Heidi Scott. *2. Minutes of last meeting*

These were accepted.

### *3. Matters arising*

HL circulated a flyer for the volume on English Geographies 1600-1950, which has been produced in honour of Jack Langton.

*4. Chair's business* a. *Report on activities* Practising Historical Geography conference took place in November 2008. Over 50 people attended. The event was run over two days, linked to an AHRC funded series of workshops on the second day. The AHRC funding meant that participants did not have to pay a charge. However, a small charge (c. £8) will be levied on participants for the 2009 event. The RGS/IBG Annual Conference attracted a healthy crop of HGRG sponsored sessions and papers. This is especially good since ICHG is going on at the same time in Japan. HGRG invited six or seven Conference Guests. The Small Conference Grant Scheme awarded a sum to Landscape and Enclosure in summer 2009. Several postgrads were funded to attend this using the HGRG funds. The Undergraduate Dissertation Prize result will be announced soon. This year's judges are Jon Stobart and Diarmid Finnegan from the HGRG committee and Prof Miles Ogborn from Queen Mary. Thanks to all the judges for their efforts. There were eight entries. Website is a standard feature of HGRG activity and has lots of info on it. Thanks to CB for maintaining it. b. *Committee positions* Chair – Hayden Lorimer is standing down. Nicola Thomas has been proposed by Hayden Lorimer and seconded by Catherine Brace. Hon Secretary – Nicola Thomas is standing down. Heidi Scott has been proposed by Franklin Ginn and seconded by Isla Forsyth. Hon Conference Sec – Heidi Scott is standing down. Bryony McDonagh has been proposed by Hayden Lorimer and seconded by Harriet Hawkins.

Hon Membership Sec – David Lambert standing down. The post remains vacant. We will seek to fill this post ASAP.

All these positions were passed by the AGM. The AGM thanked David Lambert and Hayden Lorimer for their work on the committee in several positions over the last few years. c. *HGRG research series* A copy of no. 41 has been sent out to all members. A proposal is currently with us for a further issue. Thanks to DL and FG for their work on this. HL encouraged members to submit m/s or encourage postgrads to do so.

d. *HGRG newsletter* The newsletter is now available electronically. There has been positive feedback. Members are encouraged to sign up to take the newsletter electronically. Back numbers of the newsletter are available on the HGRG website, 2 months after their initial publication.

*5. Forthcoming meetings* a. HGRG Practising Historical Geography Conference, Wednesday 4th November 2009, RHUL, Department of Geography. Please encourage third year undergrads and early year postgraduate students to attend. The programme includes ket notes from Keith Lilley and Luciana Martins as well as two workshop sessions by Ruth Craggs and Alasdair Pinkerton. b. RGS/IBG Annual Conference, RGS/IBG, Kensington Gore, 1st September to 3rd September 2010 HGRG welcomes expressions of interest from members and other for sessions that could be sponsored by HGRG. Those with session proposals should get in touch with Nicola Thomas (Chair) or Heidi Scott (Hon Sec).

Thanks to Lois and Isla for organizing the session for emerging research in historical geography. This session was well attended.

### *6. Reports*

a. Hon Sec – nothing further to report. b. Hon Treasurer – unfortunately, a financial summary is not available at present. When it is available it will be put on the website and circulated through the HGRG email list. In general the accounts are healthy but are continuing to run down slowly, in line with requests from RGS/IBG that we should not retain large balances. This is to do with the RGS/IBG charitable status.

c. Hon Editor – nothing further to report. d. Hon Publicity Sec – Merle continues to circulate information to the membership.

e. Hon Conference Sec – nothing further to report. f. Postgraduate Committee Members – Isla Forstyth reported that the session for postgrads at RGS/IBG 2009 had been very successful.

g. Membership Sec – David Lambert has sent this summary: 410 members. Several new PG members registered. 130 members get the newsletter in its paper form. h. Ordinary Member (newsletter) – Harriet Hawkins asked people to check that other members in their departments are aware that they can get the newsletter as an electronic copy.

i. Ordinary Member (web) – Catherine Brace reported that people send notification for conferences

etc for the website and it is updated regularly.

j.Ordinary Member – nothing to report. 7.Any other business – there was none.

8.Date of next AGM – at the RGS/ IBG Annual Conference 2010.