

# The John Hampden Society

## Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> April 2020 via Zoom.

**Present:** Roy Bailey (Chairman), Anthea Coles (Hon. Secretary), Sam Hearn (Hon. Treasurer) Phil Broomfield, Membership Secretary.

**1. Apologies:** There were no apologies

**2. Minutes of Last Meeting:**

These were accepted as a true record of the last meeting.

**Matters Arising:**

There were no matters arising that will not be covered during the agenda.

**3. Executive Committee Issues:**

A brief discussion on this subject acknowledging that we need more members on the Executive Committee. This appears to be a common problem for organizations.

**4. Membership Issues:**

Sam has not had time to check with PayPal to see whether there have been any new payments from renewing members. Roy will write to non-renewing members to ask why they have decided not to remain as members. Phil will issue an updated list shortly.

**5. GDPR:**

The Committee discussed whether the Society had breached the Data Protection Act by sending copies of the Members' list to members and publishing the list in the password protected members' section of the website. The Committee agreed unanimously that although there had been a technical breach of the GDPR rules that there was only a remote chance that any member would suffer harm because of this.

It was agreed that the guidance on the Information Commissioner's website strongly supported the view that it was unnecessary to report the breach to the Commissioner. Sam agreed to contact the Information Commissioner's office to confirm that the trustees had correctly interpreted the advice on the Commissioner's website.

Sam reported that he had already removed the list of members' names from the website. It was agreed that this was the right thing to do.

**6. The Patriot:**

Roy reported that he had received an excellent article for inclusion in the next edition of *The Patriot* from a member and another one from Sam, so should soon have enough for the next issue.

**7. Financial Report:**

Sam had not had an opportunity to work on the accounts since the last meeting, but there is about £7,000 in the Bank accounts. The Bucks Family History Society currently hold about £60 on our account, which is a little less than he anticipated.

**8. Website:**

Some members had reported problems trying to register on the website and queries on this are still going to Steve Barriff. Sam will liaise with both Sarah and Steve to change this and enquiries should go to him in future.

**9. AGM 2020: and 2021:**

Roy reported that The Kings Head had not required compensation in respect of our cancellation of the AGM due to the lockdown and we should certainly re-book with them when the pandemic is over. Members have been notified

that the current Executive Committee will continue in office until that time. It was agreed that Sam should report to the Charity Commission now in order to meet their deadline.

Roy is still keen for the 2021 AGM to take place on the Isle of Wight and has been in communication with a tourist company on the Island regarding deals that might be available.

**10. Future Events:**

Thame Fair has been re-scheduled for later in the year and it is anticipated that we will be contacted once the date has been confirmed.

Roy reported that the Battlefields Trust competition was only open to Battlefields Trust members but felt that this competition was a good idea and that we might consider something similar ourselves.

The Ship Money Performance being organized by Jim Rodda is a good idea which should attract interest as an indoor event in the winter

**11. A.O.B:**

Roy commented that he had been in contact with Oxford Diocese in connection with our wish to place a plaque in Great Hampden Church and had received an acknowledgement but nothing else so far.

It was agreed that once things are back to normal, it would be good to contact the Speaker to see if he could arrange a visit to Westminster.

It was felt that we should publicise the fact that we have held this meeting via Zoom with no problems and ask whether members would like to join in a future meeting. It was suggested that this could be scheduled for 4 weeks' time but would probably have to start at about 4pm to accommodate members from abroad. The suggested date for this meeting is 17<sup>th</sup> May.

**12. Date of Next Meeting:**

This is scheduled to take place at 2 pm on Sunday, 3<sup>rd</sup> May via Zoom, to discuss GDPR and the Privacy Policy.