

The John Hampden Society
Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting held on 19th January 2020 at The Swan, Mitford Close, Basingstoke Road, Three Mile Cross, Reading.

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| <p>Present: Roy Bailey (Chairman), Anthea Coles (Hon. Secretary), Sam Hearn (Hon. Treasurer) Phil Broomfield, Membership Secretary (via Skype)</p> |
| <p>1. Apologies: There were no apologies</p> |
| <p>2. Minutes of Last Meeting: These were accepted as a true record of the last meeting.</p> <p>Matters Arising: The question of the photographs missing from the display boards was mentioned. Sam does not have any photos, but Roy has copies of those we had at the AGM. The others are missing.</p> |
| <p>3. Executive Committee Issues (including expenses): The question of claims for travelling was discussed. It was agreed that it was permissible to claim for such travelling and that Sam would include an explanation of these charges in the accounts for the information of members.</p> <p>It was agreed that we should try to recruit more Trustees to help with organizing visits, giving talks, etc. Sam will draft a letter for circulation to members in an attempt to do this for circulation via Google Groups, Facebook, the mailing list and the newsletter. Roy wondered about the technicalities of having two members attending via Skype.</p> |
| <p>4. Membership Issues: Phil reported on the current position regarding the membership of the Society and had updated the membership list. Phil and Sam will work together to sort out membership queries.</p> |
| <p>5. The Patriot: Roy had made a start on this, with an obituary, a mention of The Swan as our new venue for meetings, and other items. Sam Hearn has been working on a book review on the Peterloo Massacre. He felt that the obituary was rather long, which Roy agreed was so but felt that it was justified</p> |
| <p>6. Financial Report: Sam produced draft financial reports showing that there is just over £7,000 in the bank accounts. The surplus for the year was about £150.00. Bucks Family History have made some sales and will let Sam know how much they owe us. Sam will liaise with Phil over gift aid forms and will ensure that he is up to date with Gift Aid legislation.</p> |
| <p>7. Website: It was agreed that this was good but that there were one or two things that Roy would meet up with Sarah to try and sort out.</p> <p>Publishing Trustees profiles, giving names and approximate decade of birth was discussed. Roy stated that he had circulated Executive Committee job descriptions to the mailing list requesting comments with no response.</p> |
| <p>8. Vice President: Roy had sent a letter and Society leaflet to Sir Lindsay Hoyle, the new Speaker, inviting him to become a Vice President of the Society.</p> |
| <p>9. Donations to Libraries: Anthea had delivered two copies of the John Adair book to Princes Risborough library and had printed off a list of local libraries but she was going to have difficulty visiting most of them as she was working when they were normally open. Elizabeth Rodda had contacted her offering to deliver books and Anthea will ask her if she is still able to do so. Sam has copies ready for distribution to libraries local to him. Phil will deliver some to libraries in his locality. A supply had been sent to Sir John Hobart on the Isle of Wight for distribution to libraries there.</p> |

10. AGM 2020: and 2021:

Roy suggested that the 2020 AGM should be held at The Kings Head in Aylesbury and Sam will negotiate the use of the room there. It was agreed that Sunday 29th March would be a good date, with a meal at the hotel following by the meeting.

Regarding the 2021 AGM, Roy would like to arrange this for the Isle of Wight if possible. had asked John Hobart if he would talk to the Tourist Board and see whether they could come up with a package deal.

10A. Future Events:

The Society had been invited to have a table at the Thame History Fair on 7th June and was awaiting further information from the organizers.

Roy has been asked to talk about Chalgrove Battlefield to Newbury U3A History Group on 13th March.

Sam would like to arrange a visit to Milton's Cottage at Chalfont St. Peter, there being strong Hampden-Milton links but would need to find one or two other places to visit to make the visit worthwhile.

11. A.O.B:

Roy mentioned his idea of erecting a plaque in Great Hampden Church, commemorating the fact that John Hampden is buried in the Church. Anthea to contact Deiniol and talk to him about the possibilities.

Sam reported that the plaque at Wendover library had not been moved inside the building from the outside wall.

Roy was not very happy with the quality of the last version of the Society leaflet.

Sam had seen a speaker on TV, who was very knowledgeable on military history and Roy asked him to make enquiries to find out whether she would be prepared to give a talk for the Society.

At the AGM this year Roy will announce that he will be standing down at the 2021 AGM.

12. Date & Venue of Next Meeting:

It was agreed to hold this on 14th/15th March but as The Swan cannot accommodate us on that occasion, Anthea will speak to The Red Lion at Chalgrove and see if we can hold it there.