

The Arthur Ransome Society

Literary and Resources Committee

Note of the Committee's 22nd meeting, held on 2 September 2017 in Edinburgh

The meeting was held in the margins of the Literary Weekend.

Present: Peter Wright (in the chair)

Chris Birt
Nick Brewster
Ann Farr
Julian Lovelock
John Pearson
Paul Wilson
Winifred Wilson

Note of the previous meeting (28 January 2017 in Birmingham)

This was approved as a true record.

TARS Stall

The Committee noted that Christine Rae had taken over management of the Stall. The Committee wished her well and recorded its warm thanks to Paul for his excellent work as the previous Stall manager.

Filmed Reminiscences Project

The finished DVDs had just been received and would be immediately put on sale at a price of £20. The Committee congratulated Ann and Chris on the successful completion of this major project. It remained to make the final payment to Ged Yeates and arrange for the safe keeping of the original recordings.

The Alliance of Literary Societies

Peter reported on the recent AGM of the Alliance, at which he had represented TARS and there stated that TARS would be willing to host a future AGM, preferably in 2020 or 2022 and probably in the Lake District. Peter would report to the Board on this subject at its next meeting.

TARS Library

The question arose whether the Petrograd map might be made available on a long term deposit basis to a major library or collection, with a view to ensuring its safe keeping and making it more visible.

Red Slipper grants

A grant had recently been made to Peter Willis in respect of his book on 'Nancy Blackett', expected to be published in the autumn.

Future committee organisation within TARS

The Committee discussed the question, raised by Chris in a note for the next Board meeting, whether the remits of the Publications and the Literary and Resources Committee should be attributed to a single new committee. The Committee was inclined to support this idea.

Date and Place of next meeting

To be decided.

John Pearson
Meeting secretary

17 September 2017