

The Arthur Ransome Society

Note of the 89th meeting of the Board, held on 28 August 2022 at the Royal Hospital School, Suffolk

The meeting was held immediately following the IAGM and Members' Forum.

Present: Peter Wright (in the chair)
Jules Blue (via Zoom)
Krysia Clack
Barbara Flower
Susan Gouldbourne (via Zoom)
Marc Grimston
Linda Hendry
Brian Key
John Pearson
Elizabeth Williams
Peter Willis
Diana Wright

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies had been received from Michael Glover, Iain Khan-Gilchrist and Kirstie Taylor.

2. Chairman's opening remarks

Peter said that under the six year rule he would be standing down from the chair in May 2023. He asked Board members to consider possible successors - who need not be current members of the Board - in preparation for a discussion at the Board's next meeting on 8 October. Possible names should be communicated to John in advance of that meeting. Action: **Board members**

The boat 'Amazon' (1974 film) and TARS: Peter thanked Diana for her research and proposals on this complex and intriguing subject. She would prepare for the Board's next meeting a further paper, which should review the pros and cons of possible positions for TARS on the issue and make recommendations. The paper should cover also the question of a possible rôle for TARS in relation to the boat 'Swallow'. Action: **Diana**

Peter reported on a recent Zoom meeting which he and John had had with the brokers responsible for TARS' public liability insurance. This had shown the need for the organisers of TARS events to ensure that appropriate risk assessments were conducted in advance. The Board should consider this subject at its next meeting; it might be desirable to provide organisers with advice and model documentation.

Peter informed the Board in confidence that TARS was likely to receive in the fairly near future a bequest, perhaps of the order of £30,000, from the estate of the late TARS member Diana Stockwell.

The Board was reminded that the decision to increase the mileage rate for use of one's private car for TARS purposes had been communicated to the UK regions and was in force.

3. Minutes of the Board's meeting on 5 March 2022

These were adopted as a true record. There were no matters arising.

4. Matters arising from the IAGM and Members' Forum

The Board noted that Rachel Chalmers might consider acting as webmaster from 2024.

The Board agreed that the public section of the website should include more information about forthcoming TARS events. Action: **Diana**

5. Appointment of new Eastern region Board member

The Board would be informed in advance of its next meeting of the person whom the region wished to nominate for this rôle. Action: **E. region**

6. TARS Presidency

The Board decided after discussion, with one abstention, that a new President should be elected at the 2023 IAGM. The present President should be invited to the meeting but should be so informed. Action: **Peter**. Board members should be ready for a discussion at its next meeting of possible successors, and let John have in advance their proposals for names. Action: **Board members**

7. TARS Archives

Peter said his church would probably be able to make a room available for processing and conserving the archives. The likely cost would be modest; the Board asked, however, on good financial management grounds, for two other quotations to be sought before a final decision. Action: **Peter**

8. Date and place of next meeting

Saturday 8 October, in Peterborough. Marc would find a meeting place. Action: **Marc**. A Zoom link could be envisaged.

John Pearson
Secretary

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