

The Arthur Ransome Society

Minutes of the Society's 92nd Board meeting, held on 7 May 2023 following the IAGM in Dundee

Present:

Sandy Allan
David Butters
Rachel Chalmers
Kryisia Clack
Barbara Flower
Mike Glover
Susan Gouldbourne
John Pearson
Kirstie Taylor
Elizabeth Williams
Peter Willis (by Zoom)
Diana Wright
Peter Wright (for items 1 – 2)

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies had been received from Jules Blue, Marc Grimston and Iain Khan-Gilchrist.

2. Appointments

The Board appointed Mike Glover as TARS Chair in succession to Peter Wright, and Kryisia Clack as Vice-Chair in succession to Mike. Sandy Allan, nominated by TARS Scotland, was appointed to the Board as a regional representative trustee.

3. Minutes of the Board meeting of 25 February 2023

These were adopted as a true record subject to amending, in point 15, the date of the present meeting from 6 to 7 May 2023. There were no matters arising.

4. Matters arising from the day's IAGM or Members' Forum

The Board was inclined to think that there was little prospect of a successful re-application for charity status for TARS.

5. Other business

-future of 'Amazon' and 'Swallow' of the 1974 S & A film

Diana considered that the project for hiring out the two dinghies by Hunter's Yard could well break even in the medium or longer term. However, in order to avoid delay in readying them for service, it might be necessary to make payments exceeding the sum currently available from bequests and donations. After discussion the Board decided to guarantee in these circumstances up to £5,000, which the project should repay within five

years. The Board considered that funds for the project should be sought also from sources outside the membership of TARS (crowdfunding, etc.). More generally, it was noted that TARS could withdraw from its agreement with Hunter's Yard if the arrangement turned out to be too financially burdensome.

-proposed weekend celebrating the 1974 S & A film

The Board agreed to approve at this stage a budget of £2,500 for the costs of this event (travel expenses for certain participants, etc.).

-responsibility for 'safeguarding' matters

Because of increased responsibilities outside TARS, Amanda Ardagh-Walter was obliged to retire from her responsibility for 'safeguarding' issues. The Board agreed to seek a suitable successor, to be appointed at its next meeting.

-TARS committees

The Board confirmed Krysia and Elizabeth as chair and secretary respectively of the Literary and Resources committee. A new chair and secretary should be sought for the Publications committee. Rachel should join the '1974 film celebration' working group.

6. Date and place of next Board meeting

Saturday 14 October 2023 in Birmingham. Mike would contact Peter Wright about choosing premises.

John Pearson

Secretary

16 May 2023