

Meeting Notes and Actions

Meeting Literary and Resources Committee 33 rd meeting		Oct 11 th 2023 2pm	Location Zoom		
Attendees					
Krysia Clack (KC) Elizabeth Williams (EW) Peter Wright (PW) Winifred Wilson (WW) Christine Rae (CR) Susan Goldbourne(SG) John Pearson(JP)					
Apologies					
Paul Crisp Diana Wright Chris Birt Ann Farr					
Agenda Item	Notes	Actions	Completed	Comments	
1. Apologies	Reorganised meeting. No comments from people who have apologised				
2. Minutes of last meeting	PW Medicine chest has reached the archives plus a hand first aid kit and a first aid booklet. PW minute incorrect about Sunday Times. A lady has sent press cuttings to PW which are now in archive.				
3. Matters Arising					
4 Literary Weekend (see PW report)	PW . We have booked the venue. Speakers – Paul Crisp,Rachel Chalmers, Kirsty Nichol Findlay, Jim Ring, Jon Sparks (Jon Sparks photographer of ' Arthur Ransome's Lake District' 2007. John Seargeant is the keynote speaker and is coming with his wife. Robert Twigger has been asked but we have not yet received a reply. He is a big Ransome fan. Contacted the agent of Michelle Magorian who has book out 'Impossible 'pub 2014 and was influenced by Ransome. Possibly Prof Timothy Lustig's Academic paper. We are on target for speakers. KC asked if 'Impossible' is in Tars library. PW to donate copy. There is a promotional article in the Guardian. Possibly PW to write paragraph for Signals. KC Could Jon Sparks bring postcards? Sell books? Paul Rodwell doesn't like Zoom.	PW to try to contact Paul Rodwell. PW to donate copy of 'Impossible' to TARS library			

	Writes about boats. Hopefully CR can bring stall. Mary Pritchard Peter Wright and Nick Brewster collectively decided on the venue - The Crown Hotel	
5. Library Report	CR Although still messy, Library can now be used. One cabinet is lockable but can't unlock it. Should we get rid of it? Recommend buying a new one. We need a new book update. Latest Carnegie. H.W. Atkinson. Family history Quaker up to Arthur and connected families. WW has written article for 'Mixed Moss'. Edgar Allan Poe - the missing copy has been replaced. 'Vanished Childhood' donated by WW. Gillian Avery 'Russian Fairy Tales', 'Wayfaring Tree' by BB includes bits from Rod and Line. PW will inform CR if major book comes up. Board will pay half for major purchases. KC accounts for Library and stall account merged but Christine keeps accounts separately. Can an Australian non member buy an Amazon publication? Lit Execs do not allow non member purchases. Second hand will be available. But KC said that it could be tricky.	WW to resend up to date catalogue (2022) and CR will try to add to website. CR to reply saying not possible due to copyright issues.
6. Archives (see PW report)	Gone smoothly. Got nice room. Trustees will see this at their meeting - lockable filing cabinets now erected. All boxes have arrived, opened and stored in cabinets. All material is in the name of person who nominated it. Needs reordering. There are 6 or 7 major contributors. TARBID. Material from Chris Birt - we don't know who donated it. There are several thousand pages. All together, all lockable. Carpeted, furniture, heating. Some things were quite damp. SG budget £500 for archive + cabinet+ £700 plus £10 a week for rent. JP how do we need to digitise archives?. All business is already electronic. Business archive should be centralised. PW This will be a huge task. Long term project WW is this permanent because of changing technology! PW we have outdated technology in archive. KC need to get on top of sorting it out. Need to pay person for capturing material electronically. Need funding. PW we can do initial work	Decided to keep in mind future transfer to electronic archive. Must be thought about by whole society with no rushed decisions. How heavily used would it be? CR and PW to be aware of map. Stay in library. It is not strictly in correct conditions.

	<p>sorting them. WW We have got lots of copies of Mixed Moss. Problem reduced now. PW We need to make it clear in Signals that we don't need any more 'Mixed Moss'. CR has a big map/plan of 1917 St Petersburg. WW thinks it should be in archive. It is flat, conserved. We could display it. PW suggested keep it in Library at the moment. Map is very, very precious.</p>	
7. Website (see DW report)	<p>KC. Diana has sent a small report to us, big one to Board. She has handed over most of role to Ben Hambleton. How much responsibility can he have as a minor? When is he 18? -because of access to membership data. This is a practical job. JP we can invite Ben to meetings. SG Ben is very competent. Need to change payment methods especially Paypal. Paypal is expensive. CR can we pay direct by BACS. She would prefer that. SG payment site. KC membership details – data protection. PW As long as they are separate no problem. Ben Should do as much as possible as this is good for DW and TARS.</p>	<p>In principle agreed for Ben to take over . We are not competent to comment about payment site. Recommend to Board</p>
8. TARS Stall and Merchandise	<p>CR Not a lot of orders. Mostly burgees etc. and Amazon books. She would like Clothing off website and only sell it physically. Need more burgees. Price going up. Always busy at meetings. We need help on stalls. Happy to pass on job in medium term. Has had job for 6 years. We need storage space for merchandise. When CR is ready to pass on the job advertise on website and in Signals. Next year IAGM Midland will have a lot of juniors – we need clothes to fit juniors. PW suggest to contact the Blue family. Midlands juniors to be consulted. SG to send CR bank details</p>	<p>CR to get more junior sizes for Midland IAGM. CR to contact Paul Green re junior discussion to discuss TARS clothing.</p>
9. Amazon Publications(See Paul Crisp report)	<p>All in email. PW Push Amazon board for David Wood book</p>	
10. Book Club	<p>Meeting to come. PW One book read Carnegie winner and compare. This year's was good.</p>	<p>Add Susan to list. EW to ask list about Carnegie winners.</p>
11. Alliance of Literary Societies (KC)	<p>Emailed AAW all organised. 2 articles in the journal Peter Willis and Winifred Wilson. WW Journal is on ALS</p>	

	website. Recommended. Inaccurately described in 'Signals'.	
12. Red Slipper Fund (see copy of email)	Are we satisfied that the terms of the grant have been met for award to Catherine Lamont? Yes	Decided to give Catherine Lamont £150 from Red Slipper fund
13. Junior Adventure Fund.	Wrong address on website. Now corrected. One form has been sent to Paul Crisp. Paul Crisp has not yet written an article.	Paul Crisp to be asked to write an article about the Junior Adventure Fund
14. AOB	<p>KC Aims and objectives for this committee to be reassessed. PW It has grown to cover a larger area. It is woolly title for committee. L and R recommends to the board.</p> <p>PW We need to update our leaflet. Library no longer in Dumfries. Plea for high quality photos.</p> <p>Will need new membership secretary when David Middleton steps down.</p>	
15. Date of Next Meeting	Saturday February – provisionally 10 th February 10.30	