

20th anniversary 1990 - 2010



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**Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Sunday the 4th July
2010 at Broughton Castle**

PRESENT

Terry Kenny (Hon. Chairman), Mary Badge (Hon Sec), Margaret Chapman (Hon Treasurer), Alan and Nina Grove, Peter Faulkner, Dave Purvis, Euan Raffel, Dylan Jones and fourteen members of The Society

APOLOGIES

Martin Fowler

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

They were signed as being correct

Prop. Allan Grove

Sec. Euan Raffel

Carried

It was noted that the Bewdley and Hartlebury Museums are under threat of closure.

REPORTS

Chairman

The Chairman remarked on the increase in communication with The Society, the website having had 4500 hits. There have also been numerous enquiries for courses and people to run them notably from filmmakers.

The Society has joined The Heritage Craft Association with the idea of forming a united front when applying for monies.

The Chairman finished by thanking all the members of the committee for their hard work during the past year particularly the treasurer and the website designer.

Treasurer

The accounts for the year 2009-10 were presented and deemed correct
Prop. Peter Faulkner Sec. Dave Purvis
Carried

Internet banking and PayPal have been set up and foreign members are being encouraged to use PayPal when paying their fee, as this will offset bank charges.

Membership Secretary

Membership is fairly static. New members are being enrolled mainly as a result of the courses being run.

As of today there are 97 members including some who have not paid their fee.

It was noted how useful the Newsletter had been for jogging members memory

The membership secretary thanked the treasurer for all her help.

Archivist

Dylan Jones described the make up of the archive at the Welsh National History Museum as follows:

1. Photos of Welsh folk life in which coracles past, and present are well represented
2. A sound archive containing 9000 recordings mainly in Welsh in which coracles are again well represented.
3. A film archive, mainly nineteenth century material

The Archive has been enhanced by an exhibition by the Smithsonian Institute, in 2009

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The following officers were elected for the year 2010 – 2011

President: Peter Badge

Proposed Terry Kenny Seconded Peter Faulkner

Carried

Vice Presidents: John Davies, Ronnie Davies, Irlwyn John, Terry Kenny,
Raymond Rees, Bernard Thomas

Elected en bloc

Proposed Euan Raffel; Seconded Allan Grove

Carried

Chairman: Terry Kenny

Proposed Peter Badge; Seconded Euan Raffel
Carried

Secretary: Mary Badge

Proposed Allan Grove; Seconded Dave Purvis
Carried

Treasurer: Margaret Chapman

Proposed Nina Grove; Seconded Sylvia Jones
Carried

Committee: Martin Fowler, Peter Faulkner, Allan and Nina Grove, Dave Purvis, Euan Raffel, Dylan Jones, Mike Elias (Twyi netsmen's rep) Rod Bowen (Teifi netsmen's rep.)

Elected en bloc

Proposed Brian Pearce; Seconded Jane Pearce
Carried

Auditor

It was proposed that owing to the small amount of money involved that there was no need for an auditor

Proposed Dave Purvis; Seconded Sylvia Jones
Carried

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

The President began by thanking The Lord and Lady Saye and Sele for allowing us to have the regatta at Broughton Castle.

He then thanked all the members of the committee for their hard work throughout the year. Terry for promoting The Society via his courses also Peter for film work. Margaret has made a good job of sorting out the finances and Dave did sterling work trying to get lottery funding. Euan has made such a good job of the website which must have generated extra interest in The Society. Alan was thanked for his capacity for ferreting out information and his work on the Journal. Dylan was also thanked for setting up the Society archive at The Welsh National History Museum. Over the past year there has been a great tidying up of the membership list. Nina is to be thanked for that

The main achievements of The Society over the past 20 years have been:

1. Supporting the nets men of the Teifi and Twyi Rivers.
2. Revival of the coracle tradition on the River Boyne
3. Creation of interest in coracles in Scotland, the Northeast of England and East Anglia

Finally the President wished The Society continuing success and urged as many members as possible to support the 20th Anniversary Celebrations at Cenarth on 21st August 2010.

AOB

Dave Purvis gave an explanation of the Geraint Jenkins Trophy

It has been donated by Martin Fowler, one of our founder members, in memory of the first president of The Coracle Society, Dr. Geraint Jenkins who was a lecturer in the agriculture department of Reading University and a distinguished Curator of the Welsh Folk Museum, St Fagans, as it then was. He took a great interest in the Society so it was felt appropriate to name the trophy in his memory. It takes the form of a man carrying a coracle.

It is given at the annual regatta to the member who has the most aggregate points after all the races. The name of the winner will be recorded at the Coracle Centre in Cenarth.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

To be decided