

ALLTHINGS RANSOME 2016 AGM
held via Skype Conference Call
on Sunday 21 May
MINUTES OF THE MEETING

In attendance (via Skype):

Dave Thewlis – Chairman
Owen Roberts – Vice Chairman
Woll Newall – Treasurer
Adam Quinan – Chief Operating Officer
Andrew Goltz – Secretary

All the officers being in attendance, the Chairman called the meeting to order at 12:08 PDT.

1. Minutes and Matters arising

- The minutes of the meeting held on 21 March 2015, having already been approved were formally confirmed.
- There were no Matters Arising not covered in this agenda.

2. Chairman's report

- The Chairman's report, having been previously circulated, was discussed and formally adopted.

3. Treasurer's report

- The Accounts for the year 2015 having been previously circulated, were discussed and formally adopted.. As in the case of the accounts of previous years they will be hosted on the public area on the ATR website.
- It was noted that the AR community had responded generously to the 2015 Appeal. Donations during the 12 months covered by the report came to 465 USD.
- It was also noted that an opportunity had been taken to pay the ATR/TarBoard hosting and domain name renewal fees till 2020 for a total of 490USD. Cash available totals 418USD. This is currently held almost equally split between the ATR PayPal and Bank accounts.
- It was agreed that there will not be an Appeal in 2016. A notice to this effect and a 'thank you' to ATR supporters will be published on TarBoard when the Accounts are published on-line. The timing of the next appeal will be discussed at the 2017 AGM.

4. 2015/16 action plan progress and plan for 2016/17

- It was noted that the actions pertaining to the *Last Englishman* review and the setting up of the new *Locations* pages had been cleared.

- The new TarBoard engine, Webcam list, and Beckfoot layout projects would remain in the 'Actions' category. Two new actions – posting the Dog's Home restoration article and additional enhancements to the *Locations* pages (AQ) would be added.
- The Vice Chairman and the Secretary reported that each had personally purchased new equipment which would facilitate the delivery of the old postcards scans and the *Sailing* e-book respectively. For the time being, both these projects as well as 'Ransome Roaming' (formerly 'Geolocations') would remain in the 'Wish List' category.
- Admin actions were discussed during the next two agenda items.

5. Disaster recovery

- The role definitions have now been posted to the ATR's Admin pages. It was agreed that all Officers would review them and flag any matters which might require expansion or further explanation.

6. Succession planning and recruitment

- The 'ageing' of the ATR management was discussed. It was agreed that all Directors would consider possible new candidates to the management team and advise the Chairman appropriately. Further recruitment measures would be discussed in due course.

7. Elections of officers

- The officers, having been elected for a three-year term at the 2015 AGM, and having expressed their willingness to continue to serve, were confirmed in their current roles.

8. Any other business

- The Chief Operating Officer reported on progress to ensure the survival of the Ed Kiser text search facility.
- It was agreed to create a new landing page for people whose first introduction to AR would be the new S&A film – (Vice Chairman and Secretary).
- It was agreed to hold a series of quarterly informal Skype calls to bridge the gap between the annual AGMs – (Secretary)

There being no further business, the Chairman adjourned the meeting at 13:10 PDT.

Andrew Goltz
Secretary to the Board, All Things Ransome