

ALL THINGS RANSOME 2018 AGM

held via Skype Conference Call

on Sunday 18 March

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

In attendance (via Skype):

Dave Thewlis – Chairman

Owen Roberts – Vice Chairman (via Skype to Landline)

Woll Newall – Treasurer

Adam Quinan – Chief Operating Manager

Andrew Goltz – Secretary

All the board members being in attendance, the Chairman called the meeting to order at 11:02 PDT.

1. Minutes and Matters arising

- The **Minutes of the Meeting** held on 25 March 2017, having already been checked, were formally confirmed.
- There were no **Matters Arising** not covered in this agenda.

2. Chairman's report

- The **Chairman's Report** for the last 11 months, which had been previously circulated, was discussed, and was unanimously accepted.
- The Secretary reported difficulties in accessing the **Sandbox** area on ATR. The Chairman agreed to look into the matter.
- The Secretary enquired whether it was possible to obtain the **annual statistics** for 'hits' on TarBoard and the ATR pages. The Treasurer agreed to provide this data if it could easily be made available.

3. Treasurer's report

- The **Accounts for the Year 2017/8** which had been previously circulated, were discussed and accepted. As in the case of the accounts of previous years they will be hosted on the public area on the ATR website.
- As at 1 January 2018 there was 256.47 USD **cash on hand** in our PayPal account and our two bank accounts. Subsequently a payment of 183.60 USD has been made in respect of hosting fees.
- As the free banking facility requires a minimum of 100 USD to be left in each bank account, and the reason for holding two bank accounts (protection against fraudulent PayPal donations) has been mitigated by other measures, it was agreed that we will close one of our **two bank accounts**. This will be progressed

by the Chairman, subject to the Treasurer deciding which account to close. This will release 100 USD for operational purposes. There will still be a small shortfall of cash-in-hand which the Vice Chairman generously offered to cover.

- It was agreed that, subject to no unexpected expenditure arising during 2018, there would be no **Appeal for Donations** in 2018.

4. 2017/8 Action Plan progress and Plan for 2018/9

- The Chief Operating Manager has progressed with the annotation of Google Maps with **AR locations** and will circulate the current version for comment. The Secretary would produce a pilot associated text based on the locations used by Arthur Ransome around *Secret Water*.
- No progress being reported on the **e-pub pilot** version of *Sailing* or the **webcam list**, both projects would be transferred to the 'Wish List'.
- The **postcard project** will be deleted.

5. Disaster recovery & 6. Succession planning and recruitment

- The Secretary will now take on overall responsibility for Agenda items 5 and 6.

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, continue in their current roles.

There being no further business, the Chairman adjourned the meeting at 11:53 PDT.

Andrew Goltz
Secretary to the Board, All Things Ransome