

ALL THINGS RANSOME 2020 AGM
held via a conference call
Saturday 21 March

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

In attendance (via Skype):

Dave Thewlis – Chairman
Woll Newall – Treasurer
Adam Quinan – Chief Operations Officer
Andrew Goltz – Secretary

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 17:54 GMT

Minutes and matters arising

1. The **Minutes of the Meeting** held on Sunday 14 April 2019, having been previously circulated and approved, were taken as read. There were no **Matters Arising** not covered in the agenda.
2. **Chairman's report**
 - The Chairman introduced his report which had been circulated to board members beforehand. On September 9, Owen Roberts our vice-chair had passed away. It was agreed that the secretary should approach Mrs Roberts and offer the Board's condolences. We would also offer to complete the postcard project and – if Mrs Roberts so wished – find a suitable physical repository for the postcards after they had been scanned. A tribute page would also be posted on ATR.
 - It had been a relatively quiet year, both as regards new material being added to ATR, and in terms of activity on TarBoard. The report was agreed. (It forms Addendum I to these minutes.)
3. **Treasurer's report**
 - **ATR 2019 Accounts and Present Position.** The Treasurer introduced his report including the ATR Accounts for the year ending 31 December 2019. which had been circulated beforehand.
 - It had proved possible to meet all expenditure due in 2019 without holding the Appeal for Donations planned for October 2019.
 - 83.41USD remains in the bank today (21.3.20). There was 297.33USD at year end. All current hosting and domain fees have been paid; further domain fees will become due in May.
 - It was resolved to launch an Appeal for Donations. The Chief Operating Officer will post a notice on TarBoard, and the Chairman will make an update to ATR.
 - The Treasurer's report was agreed. (It forms Addendum II to these minutes.)

3. 2019 action plan progress and plan for 2020

- The Chief Operating Officer had made further progress with AR Locations and would post a link on TarBoard asking for suggestions. The Beckfoot layout compilation would be transferred to the Wish List. The Walton backwaters pilot would be dropped. The Secretary would prepare an audio-visual presentation on “Approaching AR Locations”.
- The Treasurer is steadily progressing the new TarBoard engine project. The Secretary asked whether some small improvements could be made to the existing service in the interim. It was agreed that they could, and that the subject would be further discussed on-line.

4. TarBoard and ATR

- Present position: The board has lost an active member and is ageing. It was agreed that new blood is urgently required.
- TarBoard’s character is changing, the social function has been taken over by the Facebook groups, but TarBoard remains the favourite medium for more in-depth discussion. ATR is consolidating: the addition of new material has slowed, but it is increasingly being recognised as a valuable resource for AR researchers.
- The next 5 years: The secretary argued that a radical rethink was necessary as to how new board members were recruited. It was agreed that the subject would be further discussed on-line.

5. Elections of officers

- All officers, having expressed their willingness to continue to serve the third year of their three-year term, continue in office. The office of Vice-chairman having become vacant, the Chairman asked whether any of the board members were prepared to offer themselves for election. The Chief Operating Officer was willing to put himself forward, there being no other candidates, was elected nem. con.

6. Any other business

- There being no AOB, the Chairman **closed the meeting at 18:57GMT.**

Andrew Goltz
Secretary to the Board, All Things Ransome