

## Minutes of the Council meeting via Zoom on Sunday, 4 October 2020

Present: Anne Brenchley, Mick Green, Kelvin Jones, Keith Noble, Carlton Parry, Giles Pepler, Dan Rouse, Jez Smith, Ian Spence

Apologies for absence: Heather Crump, Clare Ryland

20.43	<p><b>Virtual conference 2020</b></p> <p>The meeting had been called to check on progress with arrangements and to confirm whether, or not, the conference could proceed.</p> <p>HC had agreed to contact the possible speakers and explain the technical issues but had not done so. JS apologised for not picking up the slack, particularly to contact Ian Newton, but he had been very busy at work.</p> <p>An unknown was if Yellow Fly was able to put a feed on the WOS website. Glynne had said it should be easy but nobody knew of any progress.</p> <p>DR had not received any videos or presentations so has not been able to make any progress with putting them together. DR had contacted Chris Hewson at the BTO and has made progress with his presentation.</p> <p>There was discussion of issues arising from this faltering start but it became clear that there was a will to proceed, but to forget about trying to organise a Question &amp; Answer session.</p>	
	<b>To contact the remaining speakers to inform them about making a recording of their presentations.</b>	<b>DR</b>
	<b>To send contact details of speakers to DR.</b>	<b>KN</b>
	<b>To act as compere and continuity person for the day of the conference.</b>	<b>JS</b>
	<b>To chase Glynne at Yellow Fly to get him to reply to DR.</b>	<b>GP</b>
	<b>To prepare an advert for the website to say that the conference will take place on 7 November.</b>	<b>GP</b>
	<b>To provide all with a revised programme with modified timings.</b>	<b>KN</b>
	<b>To add directions for those wishing to attend the conference on the website when the details are available.</b>	<b>GP</b>
	<p>DR demonstrated how the talks could appear to attendees. KHJ demonstrated a Powerpoint with recorded speech.</p> <p>If the technical aspects turn out to be impossible, or too difficult for busy people to arrange, there will be no blame if cancellation is necessary.</p>	

		<b>To meet again, via Zoom, at 19.30 on Sunday, 18 October 2020, to review progress.</b>	<b>All</b>
		<b>To work out a backup system for JS and DR if either should have a computer problem.</b>	<b>JS, DR</b>
		<b>To find out if Affiliates have any stories or information they would like to be made available in recordings between talks, or during breaks.</b>	<b>GP</b>
		JS reported that there had been six applications for the Derek Moore Student Award. There was some discussion about the Lifetime Achievement Award but there had been no formal nominations this year.	
		<b>To inform IMS of the requirements and contacts to be invited to join by Zoom on the day (including JS, DR and possibly some speakers).</b>	<b>DR, JS</b>
		<b>To ask IW if he would be willing to provide a 10 minute introduction to the conference.</b>	<b>MG</b>
		DR and JS were thanked for their progress to date.  Ian M Spence 5 October 2020	