

Chartered Institute for Archaeologists

Scottish Group Minutes

03 November 2015, 2pm

College of Animal Welfare, South Gyle Crescent, Edinburgh EH12 9EB

Present: Warren Bailie, Murray Cook, Sam Fox, Peta Glew, Peter Hinton, Melanie Johnson, Cara Jones, Biddy Simpson

1.	Apologies	Action
	Matt Ritchie, Tristan Boyle, Andrea Smith, Beverly Ballin Smith	
2.	Previous Minutes	
	Previous minutes approved.	
3.	AGM evaluation	
	<p>It was noted that the AGM event was a great success, with 18 different organisations and 31 individuals represented, and more than 30 members of the public spoken to during the day. The event was picked up by BBC news.</p> <p>Although the numbers attending the actual AGM itself were about the same as last year, it included non-members who had stayed on after the event finished. The networking benefits were noted, alongside the CPD benefits.</p> <p>It was considered to be a successful template for future events and should be repeated next year.</p> <p>An article will be put in the next newsletter.</p> <p>A video of the day, prepared by TB, can be used for publicity – edits/comments to forward to TB. Explore the possibility of hosting it on Doug Rocks-Macqueen’s Youtube channel. Once uploaded, it should be shared widely on social media and newsletter.</p>	<p>CJ/BS</p> <p>TB/MJ/CJ</p>
4.	CifA AGM / Critical Mass event	
	CJ attended the AGM and event and reported to the group.	
5.	Advisory Council update	
	<p>CJ attended the September Advisory Council meeting and reported to the group.</p> <p>PG is the new Group Representative, as voted for at the group AGM. Next meeting is January. CJ to pass on information and upload to Dropbox.</p> <p>Diggers Forum survey to send round the group and be advertised through usual channels.</p>	<p>PG/CJ</p> <p>All</p>

6.	Update on Training events	
	<p>Two events are in place before the current HS grant ends.</p> <p>ScARF workshop to be held in December and ALGAO/HES drone training in February. Treasure Trove workshop for next year, to incorporate metal detecting.</p> <p>Review what courses we have run in the past, which were popular, and which could be run again.</p>	<p>AS</p> <p>MJ</p>
7.	HES Grant Update	
	20 years of planning-led archaeology off-shoot article is ready and about to be distributed.	PH/AS
8.	HES grant application	
	Current 3 year grant ends in March 2016. One year funding for strategy/skills development is in place. Two applications by ClfA are with HES, awaiting outcome: one for supporting skills development and one for promoting professionalism.	
9.	Scottish membership growth/decline	
	One of the HS grant requirements is membership growth – targets have not been met. Understand that this should not be an issue. Ideas for growing membership welcome.	
10.	Consultations regular update	
	<p>Scottish planning consultation is currently ongoing. PH to ask TH to circulate draft response/links/briefing notes. It was noted that AS is coordinating ALGAO's response.</p> <p>PH attended BEFS workshop on HES corporate strategy.</p>	PH
12.	AOB	
	<p>It was agreed that a Christmas newsletter would be produced and would include items on the AGM, EAA conference review, industrial heritage strategy, upcoming training, HES launch, and WB will prepare 'note from committee member'.</p> <p>ATF meeting on the impact of HS2 will be attended by WB.</p> <p>CJ noted that BBS will be standing down from the Board of Directors next year and that a Scottish replacement would be a positive move – September 2016 for nominations.</p> <p>Metal detecting guidelines – it was noted by MC that guidelines for professional archaeologists working with amateur metal detectorists would be useful, and that a wider debate within the profession (ALGAO, TTU, ClfA) and partnership working would be beneficial. WB reported that he is currently leading a research project on the current position, reporting next year. Further discussion to be had by the</p>	<p>BS/WB/CJ/MR</p> <p>WB</p> <p>All</p>

	group following publication of this report and further exploration of the issues with ALGAO (MC).	
13.	Dates of Future Meetings	
	To be decided following receipt of BEFS meeting programme.	