



Finds Special Interest Group

Tuesday 26 November 2024
Online Teams meeting

Minutes

Present: Emily Johnson (EJ; Chair), Imogen Woods (IW; Treasurer), Bekky Hillman (BH; Secretary), Ruth Beveridge (RB), Rachel Cubitt (RC), Gulfareen Kamran (GK), Laura Ratcliffe-Warren (LR), Peter Guest (PG), Cara Burton (CB, guest)

Table with 2 columns: Agenda Point, Action (Initials). Row 1: Apologies (Deborah Fox, Anna Tyacke). Row 2: Minutes of the Previous Meeting (Approved). Row 3: Matters Arising (None). Row 4: Group Documentation (Three Year Plan, meetings, social media, survey, mentoring, AGM, travel, membership, website, matrix).

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<p><b>5.</b></p>	<p><b>Communications (GK)</b></p> <p><b>Bios for website</b> Spreadsheet for Bio’s and photos needs filling in some people yet to fill it in. This will also mean the website can be updated with the same information.</p> <p><b>Social media policy</b> EJ has updated and a sub-committee meeting will be set up to decide on a final version.</p> <p><b>Facebook rules-do we allow requests for finds ID</b> Agreement that we will not be identifying finds even with provenance is proved, we will advise to contact a specialist</p>	<p><b>ALL</b> to fill in spreadsheet <b>GK</b> to send link</p> <p><b>EJ</b> to set up meeting next week</p>
<p><b>6.</b></p>	<p><b>Finds specialist register</b></p> <p><b>RC</b> has talked to HE and they could not create a register as it could appear that they were endorsing people, have suggested that BAJR could update their list. ClfA directory have list of names but only job titles, however, do have email addresses for people.</p> <p><b>LRW</b> ICON have a list of registered members that can be added to perhaps ClfA could add the specialism information to their list as ICON do.</p> <p><b>RB</b> could we collaborate with BAJR.</p> <p><b>EJ</b> suggests ClfA could add this as a member benefit for accredited specialists perhaps work with BAJR and ClfA to create one list.</p> <p><b>CB</b> will take forward for ClfA and see what they think.</p>	<p><b>CB</b> to report back</p>
<p><b>7.</b></p>	<p><b>Training</b></p> <p><b>ICON/FFAF update (LR)</b> FAFF now on final edit stage and should be launched in the first half of 2025 and will be online only with downloadable. Soft launch with MOLA aimed at giving mudlarking/metal detectorist conservation advice. Online training sessions planned for each section. Hoping to link in with ClfA</p> <p><b>HESCAPE (Historic Environment Skills and Careers Action Plan for England) (PG)</b> <b>PG</b> Is anyone aware of this and should we be aware that this is happening on a national level and do we have/need to have a role in this. One of the five skill listed is post excavation specialist skills with working groups set up to help resolve this shortage. Should the Finds Group be involved in this as it is our current project.</p> <p><b>RC</b> comes from HE published in October and is related to the mentoring fund, we could be involved including lists of shortages of specialist</p> <p><b>EJ</b> HE just starting this and now is the time to try and get involved.</p> <p><b>RC</b> we could propose a webinar.</p> <p><b>PG</b> we need to act now if we want to be involved.</p>	<p><b>LRW</b> to report back after next ICON meeting about suggested ClfA involvement.</p> <p><b>RC</b> to contact Phil Pollard and see if he will speak to the group maybe next meeting so we can align.</p>
<p><b>8.</b></p>	<p><b>Conference mentoring session (RC)</b> Phil Pollard have emailed ClfA to have a fringe conference session. Response was positive and a meeting is to be set up with the events manager. Draft proposal for ClfA is being produced.</p>	<p><b>RC</b> to report back after meeting</p>
<p><b>9.</b></p>	<p><b>Survey</b> <b>Postponed until January after ClfA survey so there isn’t an overlap</b></p>	

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<b>10.</b>	<b>AOB</b> <b>Riverine contexts guidance</b> AT will be our rep and will contact Philippa Walton.	
<b>11.</b>	<b>Date of next committee meeting and future events</b> Doodle poll for January	<b>BH</b> to send poll early New Year