

Marine Archaeology Special Interest Group

Wednesday 15 June 2022, 14:00 BST

Teams, Online

Meeting Minutes

Present: Megan Keates (MK, CIfA), Rob Lennox (RL, CIfA Advisor), Christian Dalton (CMD, Interim Chair), Stephanie Said (SS, Secretary), Alison James (AJ, treasurer), Phoebe Ronn (PR, ordinary committee member), George Stewart-Phillips (GSP, ordinary committee member), Jez Davies (JD, ordinary committee member), Paolo Croce (ordinary committee member).

Agenda Point	Action (Initials)
<p>1. Apologies for absence Hefin Meara (ordinary committee member) Vic Cooper (advisor)</p>	
<p>2. RoW Capacity (AJ)</p> <p>AJ – Struggling to received information/data from the RoW. Would CIfA be able to approach the MCA or JNAPC with regards to lack of capacity within the RoW.</p> <p>PR – from a commercial perspective it’s an issue to access data for undertaking DBA – cannot obtain this information to inform assessment.</p> <p>AJ – lack of communication is not COVID related but a lack of staff in general.</p> <p>PC – suggested to invite the RoW and discuss to talk this over with the committee. Wessex Archaeology took a while to get them to meet up. So maybe not the best time to get them to join the committee meeting.</p> <p>RL – RoW has a representative at JNAPC. RL happy to raise this issue at JNAPC. Maybe other members at JNAPC will take this onboard and pursue through CIfA or HE.</p>	<p>Previous meeting - HM to contact RoW</p> <p>RL to take this forward to JNAPC</p>
<p>3. Updates on CIfA advocacy activity (RL) RL – Substantial new MASIG committee from the last meeting attended. Intends to attend these meetings going forward.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Updated advocacy objectives document (to circulate). Marine objectives for UK remain the same with minor tweaks. Broad objective to advocate anything on marine archaeology. Helpful to get advice and suggestions from the group. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - April there was a consultation published by HE – planning guidance for archaeology in planning. Slightly miffed that HE did not include the marine planning in this document. CIfA raised their concern about this (ref to MMO etc.) principal underlying this doc. Related to terrestrial and marine. RL will get back to us if input is needed. - Updated Planning Bill; long asked for inclusion of heritage records on statutory basis; introduce the protected wrecks as heritage assets). Bill will pass with this provision. - CIfA discussed a change in clause in code of conduct – members of the institute – engaging with members for those that want to recover archaeology items in order to sell. Clause had been revised and reviewed by the Board and Advisory Council and will be voted upon by members. RL will circulate this with the committee. - Anthony Firth useful addition to the HE team. Likely to look into CIfA and JNAPC advocacy agenda for marine archaeology – a hopefully good year ahead. 	
<p>4.</p>	<p>Update on MASIG tasks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keeping track of consultations and consultation responses (we are an advisory voice to CIfA) – HM not present. - RL will send any consultations required to CMD to circulate around to committee, vice-versa. • Social media – CMD will continue coordination/take ownership of photos/material for social media. • Newsletters and feeding into other publications – VC not present. • Stand-alone events/practical sessions <p>MK - Innovation festival coming up. Something CMD will be interested in having a MASIG attendance.</p> <p>MK - Early career research event coming up; one to pass on the colleges.</p> <p>AJ - IKUWA next one in Belgium 2024 – something MASIG to attend.</p> <p>PR - Hosted maritime Monday at previous innovation festival which was a great success.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Liaison with HE, future of profession – HM not present. • Collection of materials/photographs for promotional 	

	<p>materials</p> <p>CMD – asked MK for the link to google drive</p> <p>MK – there should be a gmail account attached to twitter. MK will check this and send through.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Collate list of available guidance and keep this maintained. Nothing to report on. • Liaison with Cifa – Nothing to report on. • Role on Advisory Council – Nothing to report on. • Validation committee – VC not present. https://www.archaeologists.net/organisation/committees • JNAPC representation – http://www.jnadc.org.uk/ <p>RL - Member of Cifa staff present at JNAPC and expert on marine issues. For years this was Toby Gane, then this was Michel Welsh. Need to replace this post. MASIG part of the Cifa rep on JNAPC. Lat year CIFA stepped down as being a full member and became an observer. Largely driven by a problem regarding insurance and liability. There is a slight danger then JNAPC would be subject to legal challenge. What it means in practice very little – continue to play a part in JNAPC operations.</p> <p>PC – happy to volunteer in principle; depends on capacity. Pencil him down for this role/would like to know what personal time that this role will require.</p> <p>RL – does not always have to be the same person. However, JNAPC are restricted on their membership so would rather have the specific name at the meeting rather than an organisation. Quarterly meetings set up in advance.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Groups Forum held twice a year. No updated from MK. • PWA 50th anniversary event working group – AJ, HM. <p>AJ – so many different groups want to try to do something. PWA suggested to HE that they create a working group on this rather than other groups all do something different about it.</p> <p>RL – opportunity for undertaking a ‘gentle campaign’ on this legislation which was introduced 50 years ago and has since not been re-visited. An opportunity to raise this with the government.</p> <p>AJ – same discussion with Mike Williams (NAS Trustee Secretary). NAS thinking to have their conference around this theme. Call for another opportunity to look at this – highlight the achievements but also opportunity to improve upon this.</p> <p>RL – Could easily be a session at CIFA 2023 OR role smaller feeds throughout the year.</p>	
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<p>5.</p>	<p>AOB</p> <p>AJ – 16th and 17th July open day at Ramsgate showing the finds of the Rooswijk before being sent back to the Netherlands. AJ will send round info to the group.</p>	

	MK – annual report season coming up. A4 side on what is been happening in the group. Will send round reminders.	
6.	<p>Date of the next committee meeting, and future events</p> <p>Next meeting to be held in September 2022 (online).</p>	<p>SS to send doodle poll early in July.</p>