

CIFA MARINE ARCHAEOLOGY SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP

05 November 2019, 11:00 – 13:00

MSDS Marine

The Dairy, Boothswood Farm, Moorside Lane, Holbrook, Belper, Derbyshire DE56 0TU

Present: DW, SS, AJ, PR, HM, VC

Minutes

Present (MSDS): Danielle Wilkinson (DW) (Chair), Alison James (AJ) (Treasurer), Phoebe Ronn (PR), Victoria Cooper (VC)

Present (Skype): Stephanie Said (SS) (Secretary), Hefin Maera (HM), Paolo Croce (PC)

Apologies: Alistair Byford-Bates (ABB), Michael Walsh (MW), Terry Newman (TN), Toby Gane (TG), Anna Welch (AW), Rob Lennox (RL), Nikki Cook (NC)

1.	Apologies for absence	Action
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AJ introduced/welcomed everyone to the meeting • SS added in any missing apologies and included them in the minutes above 	
2.	3-year business plan	Action
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DW went through the plan and accepted without change 	
3.	Key group tasks for coming year and three-year plan	Action
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keeping track of consultations and consultation responses – MW and RL <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ No updates • Cifa conference – ABB <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Alistair had to go on leave prior to submission of proposal – therefore was reviewed and finalised in a rush by DW, VC and TG. ○ DW read through the abstract submitted; general theme is the lack of practical training available to students before entering the industry. Not selected by Cifa but topic can be applied elsewhere. Opportunity to present as a paper or event. • Social media – DW, AJ, PR, HM <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ DW biographies updated from three people – shared on social media – will keep asking for them in the coming months (VC will write hers for November). • Newsletters and feeding into other publications – DD / VC <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ VC did not have much time to get anything sorted yet; awaiting feedback from DD. ○ Get people to input more – AJ has submitted a paper with the NAS newsletter. • Stand-alone events/practical sessions – ABB, PR <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ DW got in touch with Ben Saunders (Diggers' Forum) for some ideas which could be applied to MASIG. • Liaison with HE, future of profession – AJ, HM <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ HM did not have much time to get this sorted; no major steps 	<p>VC to send her bio to DW</p>

	<p>yet</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ AJ suggested a round table seminar with HE – focussing on what we are agreeing on and what should HE be doing; maritime services at HE. ○ HM thinks it is worth cracking on with it this year. He will get in touch with Mark Dunkley and then revert back to AJ. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Collecting materials for promotional materials (image bank) and merchandise – TN <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ DW suggests we find some images that do not have copyright to include into the online folder where images are stored. ○ AJ suggests creating postcard for the NAS conference. Too short notice. Suggested alternative events including the Licensee Meeting held on the 31/01/2020 and the Shipwreck Conference (IMASS) held on the 1/02/2020 ○ AJ to compile and speak to AW. ● Collate list of available guidance and keep this maintained – DW <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ DW created a list in excel format and sent it to Anthony Firth, whose feedback was to expand details. Contacted AW to put up on website – waiting on information from Cifa website managers for ideas to display. ● Liaison with Cifa – RL, TG <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ No updates ● Role on Advisory Council – DW to manage – HM to report (19.09.2019) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ HM sent report to DW. ○ HM ran us through the notes taken. Not a huge amount relevant to MASIG – main issue was on salaries, Cifa’s minimum salary recommendations were rejected. ○ Workshop session was on reviewing the key successes of Cifa and the aims for the next plan: what has been successful; opportunities to develop. Special interest groups seen as a big success. ○ Discussion for more CPD session. Diggers’ Forum to create more crossover workshops. ○ Talks on the concept of having Cifa ‘Ambassadors’ or ‘Champions’ to distribute general knowledge and engage with people working in RO’s – no concrete decision. ○ Recent statement issued by Cifa on Statements of Heritage Significance – no discussion on that. ● Validation committee – MW, TG <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ No updates ● JNAPC representation – RL to manage, HM, MW <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ No updates ● Groups rep – DW <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Nothing to report. Next meeting is in December. 	<p>HM to revert to AJ once details gone over with M. Dunkley</p> <p>AJ to contact Anna about postcards</p> <p>DW to follow up with Anna on this</p>
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4.	Conference	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MASIG session proposal not selected “Thank you for your session proposal, unfortunately we have not selected your session for ClfA2020. While we think the session content is important, we believe the proposal lends itself better as paper within the conference rather than a session. Alternatively, we think this could easily translate as a freestanding separate event for our Marine Special Interest Group.” • Initial programme https://www.archaeologists.net/conference • VC with regards to the session on ‘A Very Cunning Plan: Improving Archaeology within the Planning System’ – no reason not to be there & is looking into a potential marine themed topic to present. • PR also suggested this session ‘Reviewing the National Approach to Archaeological Protection and Recording: What can we learn from other countries?’ for a marine themed paper; different legislative frameworks across Europe/other countries • AJ is planning to submit a maritime themed paper within the ‘Looking Inwards, Looking Outwards: Promoting Archaeology at Heritage Sites, because it’s worth it!’ session. • HM thinks the session on ‘Define ‘Digitally Accessible’ can be considered with dive trails? • AJ also mentioned a potential paper on marine archives (something she is working on and therefore depending on how this project goes). • VC commented on the fact that more sessions need to be put out – surprised that the MASIG session was rejected and hoping there is a general session on training skills. • VC suggested we wait for the finalised sessions to be published and then submit more marine papers • VC – CIFA conference attended 2 years ago – session on legislation, why the UNESCO Convention on UCH has not been ratified, it was agreed that they should be doing this – however nothing has happened. VC suggests picking up on the subject again 2 years on (Toby wrote a paper on this recently). • AJ recommends including the positives as well. • VC asks about MAS • DW response: MAS – no funding for it atm. Finds still being reported despite no promotion etc. and Wessex running it with no support. • AJ suggests a standalone conference for the upcoming (2023) 50th anniversary of the Protection of Wrecks Act 1973. Possibly including reflective themes; to include both positive and negative aspects with discussion after each presentation. Wondering whether HE would be happy for this to happen. • HM said the NAS are organising a conference to celebrate the 50th anniversary. • Agreed to organise a MASIG event proposed for the 18.07.2023 (Tuesday). 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AJ referred to an event she attended (Treasuring Hunting at British Museum) which had a good format. • AJ agreed to come up with some ideas. • DW to talk to Anna and ClfA event organisers about what support ClfA can provide • New Task – PAW 2023 working group (AJ, HM) 	
5.	Potential CPD with Diggers Forum	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DW - Chat with Ben Saunders, on committee for Diggers' Forum <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Practical training, transferable for diggers ○ Events to be held during the week which can include walkovers along the coast or riverine and need to be accessible ○ Looking at the area around the Midlands / London where it is more central • PR mentions CITIZAN who conduct a lot of work around Essex and take on volunteers • DW mentioned MOLA and Mudlarks Project (Thames Mudlark Society) • AJ asks whether this would be a formal group event (10ppl) or on an ad hoc basis where anyone can join someone going on a project. • DW proposes a more dedicated CPD session/event which can be funded and based off guidelines provided by ClfA (AJ familiar with these) • AJ suggests look at delivered DBA sessions and deliver the marine aspect to these • DW suggests having an event set up for next year; speak to Diggers' Forum about what we can do so that it is not a copy of what is already out there (eg NAS) and that is ClfA approved. • Ben Saunders (BS) dialled in • DW introduces BS – refers to the combining of a CPD - there is already training out there for the professionals who can use Dig Ventures (ClfA) and NAS. Is there any different training we can come up with which can get branded? Provide practical skills – training for ClfA members from another angle. • BS said that the NAS already have the recording courses well established, however they have not been in contact with them and would like to get some help to create a course for Diggers' Forum • AJ will put this message forward to the NAS (which is not a ClfA accredited course provider). • BS happy to create an NAS/MASIG/Diggers' Forum CPD event. Possibly collaborate with CITIZAN, MOLA, Mudlark Thames etc. • DW to look into this with ClfA and their CPD team • PR is happy to help organise this and get in touch with BS • PC thought this is a worthwhile idea to get all parties involved. • DW raises that creating a CPD for professional skills will be more challenging and best way is to make sure marine content is included in any DBA workshops. 	<p>VC to pass info to AJ</p> <p>DW get in touch with Anna; PR speak to BS</p>
6.	AOB	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SS refers to the Marine Competence Matrix requested by ClfA – finalised response sent by DW • DW asked VC about the progress of the note on the legacy of offshore 	

	<p>development she was preparing from the last MASIG Conference session. VC will finalise and issue to MASIG members.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• DW announce next meeting to be held in February 2020 in London (Westminster)	DW to create Skype group for easier attendance
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