

Ghar Parau Foundation  
Awards Meeting (Round Two October 2022)

Minutes

Purpose of meeting: Autumn Awards

Date & time of meeting: 5th October 19.00 by zoom

Location: Zoom

Invitees	Name	Responsibility	
Chairperson	Andy Eavis rotate 2023	Trustee & Chair	AE
	Nick Williams rotate 2029	Trustee	NW
Treasurer	Paul Ibberson rotate 2025	Trustee & Treasurer	PI
	Elaine Oliver (Year - 2)	Elected Member	EO
Apologies	Lydia Leather (Year - 1)	Elected Member	LL
	Fleur Loveridge (Year - 4)	Elected Member	FL
	Phil Walker (Year - 3)	Elected Member	PW
	Michael Butcher	BCRA Foreign Secretary	MB
Secretary	Howard Jones rotate 2027	BCA Treasurer & Ghar Parau Secretary & Trustee	HJ

*In attendance Robert Watson (BCRA)see later*

1. Minutes of the last GPF meeting held 20/3/2022

The minutes were discussed and approved. No matters arising not otherwise on the agenda.

2. Trustee/Committee Member matters

It was noted we had apologies for absence from Lydia Leather. Michael Butcher has stood down as BCRA rep from this meeting and will be replaced by Robert Watson.

Decision to reinvest a United Trust Bond £27.5k to be reinvested (1 year fix) at 2.96% maturity October 2023.

3. Discussion regarding 2022 funding of applications and finance report

PI introduced his finance report.

Expeditions ring fenced in 2020 and 2021 have following status; Mulu to go in October 2022, Nagaland in December 2022, Papua to probably go in 2024. Previous approved ring fenced funding still applies.

7 expeditions that were supported in Round 1 occurred in summer 2022 and 2 have reported back already.

Further bond of £50k matures in December 2022 and we should be able to invest at around 3%. With GPF holding circa £200k then at 3% interest should get up to £6k p.a. once they have all renewed at higher rates. **Action Trustees**

Updated accounts circulated, including a substantial donation of £4,300 from P Villa. Investigate the source **Action PI**.

Examiner for Trustee report and accounts has been Alastair Gott and Paul will ask him if he would do so again. Report needs to be submitted to Charity Commission by end October 2022. **Action PI**.

4. Consideration of autumn applications 2022

It was noted that despite publication of the deadline, no applications had been received.

5. Review of outstanding actions from previous meetings

See separate document updated as at 05/10/22 for circulation **HJJ**

6. Members update.

This is the last meeting for Fleur and she was thanked for her contribution over the last 4 years. Chris Jones had submitted his CV to serve on GPF and he was elected. **HJJ to action**. Lydia might resign, **HJJ to inquire**

7. MEF update

New MEF secretary (John Porter) has advised that MEF do not need any GPF input for caving applications to MEF in autumn 2022 awards. **Action HJJ**

8. GPF 50th anniversary meal.

It was noted that GPF had been formed 50 years ago. It was agreed to host an event in February 2023 at the Anchor Inn Tideswell. **Action HJJ** Consider more GPF celebration at Hidden Earth 2023 and BCRA science symposium 2023.

9. Date of next meeting

19th March 2023. (Backstop 2/4/23)

Meeting closed 20.45