

Ghar Parau Foundation
Awards Meeting (Round Tow October 2023)

Minutes

Purpose of meeting: Autumn Awards

Date & time of meeting: 5th October 2023: 19.00 p.m.

Location: Zoom

| Invitees | Name | Responsibility | |
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| Trustee | Andy Eavis rotate 2023 | Trustee | AE |
| Chairperson | Nick Williams rotate 2029 | Trustee and Chair | NW |
| Treasurer | Paul Ibberson rotate 2025 | Trustee & Treasurer | PI |
| Apologies for absence | Elaine Oliver (Year-3) | Elected Member | EO |
| | Fleur Loveridge (Year - 2) | Elected Member | FL |
| Absent | Chris Jones (Year -1) | Elected Member | CJ |
| | Phil Walker (Year - 4) | Elected Member | PW |
| | Rob Watson | BCRA rep | RW |
| Secretary | Howard Jones rotate 2027 | BCA Book keeper & Ghar Parau Secretary & Trustee | HJ |

1. Minutes of the last GPF meeting held 19/03/2023

The minutes were discussed and approved. Two matters arising not otherwise on the agenda to be discussed at the end of the meeting.

2. Trustee matters

It was noted we had apologies for absence from Elaine Oliver.

3. Discussion regarding 2023 funding of applications and Finance report

PI introduced his finance report. Bank base rate interest rate increases which began in 2022 have continued to improve in 2023.

We have no ring fenced expeditions

For distribution in Autumn 2023 we agree to distribute £1,000 GPF monies.

Mulu trips are funded via the Merdeka ring fenced monies; likewise Timney monies are ring fenced and were awarded in Spring 2023. We have received £200 in donations and fundraising so far in 2023 with £300 more known to be on its way.

Net assets are circa £212k invested in a number of places with increasing interest rates as bank base rate has risen steadily in the last 18 months. Various reinvestment decisions before end 2023 with a view to maximising interest returns in the medium term.

Trustee report and accounts are drafted and Alastair Gott has agreed to be the independent examiner again. Report needs to be submitted to Charity Commission by end October 2023. **Action PI.**

4. Consideration of Autumn applications 2023

The Committee agreed the recommendations (totalling £5,500) which will be communicated to the expedition leaders, **Action PI/HJJ.**

5. Review of outstanding actions from previous meetings

See separate document.

6. Members update.

We have two volunteers to replace Phil Walker at the end of his 4 year term. Their first meeting will be Spring 2024. It was decided to wait till end of October 2023 and then HJJ will advise how many we have online and set a deadline for voting. **Action HJJ**

7. MEF update

MEF had an application from the Benarat Mulu team and GPF submitted their comments as requested. MEF and RGS also shared their views on carbon, notes circulated by HJJ in advance. **Action HJJ**

8. BCRA/GPF symposium:

RW updated the committee on this matter, see action list.

9. Website and expedition database

NW introduced this topic. Website archive dates from 2007. NW has a database back to 1990. **Action HJJ/NW/PI**

Updated website: Ideas for enhancement to HJJ for onward to Henry. Look at online shopping, example application form etc **Action ALL**

10. Long term future of GPF

Paper outstanding, to include local contact as legacy, more science etc. **Action NW**

11. Fund raising: see separate paper regarding GPF cards **Action HJJ**

Credit card add on **Action PI**

12. Risk management review: for the GPF operations originally supplied to charity commission in 2018. Circulate to the committee **action HJJ**

13. Communal gear fund: agreed not to go down this road again.

14. Date of next meeting

Thursday March 14th 18.00 2024 by zoom (Great Hucklow)

Meeting closed 20.45