

Ghar Parau Foundation
Awards Meeting (Round Two September 2024)

Minutes

Purpose of meeting: Autumn Awards

Date & time of meeting: 25th September 2024 : 19.00 pm

Location: Zoom (AE, RW, FL, HJ,RT, ; Gt Hucklow (NW, PI, CJ, CB)

Invitees	Name	Responsibility	
	Andy Eavis rotate 2031	Trustee	AE
Chairperson	Nick Williams rotate 2029	Trustee & Chair	NW
Treasurer	Paul Ibberson rotate 2025	Trustee & Treasurer	PI
Apologies for absence	Alex Hannam (Year-4)	Elected Member	AH
	Fleur Loveridge (Year - 3)	Elected Member	FL
	Chris Jones (Year -2)	Elected Member	CJ
	Rachel Turnbull (Year - 1)	Elected Member	RT
	Rob Watson	BCRA rep	RW
Secretary	Howard Jones rotate 2027	Ghar Parau Secretary & Trustee	HJ
	Chris Bolton	BCA Treasurer	CB
In attendance	Alastair Gott	New GPF treasurer	AG

1. Minutes of the last GPF meeting held 14/03/2024

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

2. Trustee matters

Nick welcomed the new member, (Chris Bolton BCA Treasurer). We discussed Alex's term of office and it was decided to approach BCRA to see if they would be happy with Alex replacing Rob Watson as BCRA rep on GPF. Assuming that is acceptable then we will elect Andrew McLeod as new member with a term starting Spring 25. **Action, RW, HJJ**

3. 2024 Funding of applications and Finance Report

PI introduced his finance report.

£2,350 is held back till Autumn 2024 round.

Various investments come up for maturity in winter 2024 and will be reinvested as with a view to maximising interest and cash flow flexibility. **Action PI.**

PI proposed that the Mansfield 30 day notice account should be disinvested. This was agreed by all present and that Mansfield £80k be disinvested and £30k reinvested with Mansfield and £50k elsewhere. **Action PI**

Income for 2025 should be £6,500 without donations from third parties.

Examiner for Trustee report and accounts has been Alastair Gott and Paul will find another person now AG has joined the Committee. Report needs to be submitted to Charity Commission by end October 2024. **Action PI.**

4. Consideration of Spring applications 2024

The Committee agreed in Spring 2024 that £2,350 be carried forward to autumn 2024 applications.

Autumn 2024 distribution result: £1,500 GPF, £6,000 Mulu award .

5. Review of outstanding actions from previous meetings

See separate document.

6. Members update.

The committee decided Alex Hannam's position see above **Action HJJ**

It was proposed that Alastair Gott become GPF Treasurer with immediate effect, which was accepted. Paul Ibberson to stay on as Trustee.

7. MEF update

MEF decided to go back to the previous arrangement for references for caving expeditions that apply to them i.e. a précis of GPF comments. They had an application from the India team and the Mulu team and GPF submitted their comments as requested. MEF did comment that they were unlikely to fund the Indian application as it did not meet their primary objectives **Action HJJ**

8. Trustee rotation.

We have not acted as per the original trust deed lodged with the Charity Commission. To be resolved by Spring 2025 meeting, **Action HJJ**.

9. Long term future of GPF

NW will produce a discussion document for autumn meeting. Longer term thoughts included conservation, leader development, science, local caving involvement etc. **Action NW**

10. Fund raising: new website now should make card sales easier, however Paypal action outstanding **Action PI** . HJJ has failed to sell any more in bulk **Action HJJ**

11. BCA has a new treasurer (Chris Bolton) and he will represent BCA on GPF going forward . **Action HJJ**

12. Trustee succession planning, start to consider replacements for the incumbents **Action Trustees**

13. Give advice on how to fill in an application for grant funding **Action FL**

14. Date of next meeting

Sunday 23rd March 2025 in person at Gt Hucklow and by Zoom.

Meeting closed 20.30