

CONCHOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF GREAT BRITAIN AND IRELAND

1166th (Annual General) Meeting held on the 24th March 2012 in the Angela Marmont Centre of the Natural History Museum starting at 2:00 p.m.

In the chair: Dr Bas Payne with 33 members and friends present.

Apologies for absence: Dr R Anderson, Dr JE Chatfield, Mr SP Dance, Mr BC Eversham, Dr MP Kerney, Dr JM Light, Mr N Light, Dr E Moorkens, Mr PE Negus, Mrs R Payne, Dr W Penrice, Mrs EB Rands, Mr B Rowson, Dr AJ Rundle, Dr MB Seddon, Mr IF Smith, Dr AT Sumner, Mrs SM Turk and Mr FR Woodward

Appointment of Scrutineers: Dr JE Chatfield and Ms E Fogan were appointed

Rule Change 1:

Rule 3 (excerpt) changed to: "The Society shall consist of Honorary, Life, Ordinary, Student, Family and Family Life Members. Ordinary, Student and Family Members shall be elected at the meeting following the receipt of their application for membership, at the discretion of the members present at that meeting." The rule change removed references to Institutional Members, as all Institutional Members have been reclassified as Subscribers. Proposed Dr B Colville, seconded Mrs E Platts. Carried

Rule Change 2:

Rule 10 changed to: "The Society's Officers shall consist of a General Secretary, a Membership Secretary, Treasurer, Journal Editor, Recorder for non-marine Mollusca, Recorder for marine Mollusca, Editor of Mollusc World or its successor publication, Programme Secretary, Conservation Officer and **Webmaster**, all of whom shall be elected annually. All Officers shall be unpaid." Proposed Dr MJ Allen, seconded Mr A Norris. Carried

Rule Change 3:

Rule 12 changed to: "Candidates for nomination to Council shall be paid-up Members of the Society when nominated and when the votes are counted at the Annual General Meeting and shall be nominated by two Members. Nominations, other than those made by Council, shall be sent in writing to the General Secretary at least three months before the Annual General Meeting. Nominations shall be accompanied by a signed declaration of the candidate's willingness to serve." Proposed Mrs E Platts, seconded Prof RAD Cameron. Carried

Subscription rate changes:

First proposal: To introduce a new Under-18 membership category in order to try to attract more young members. Under-18 members should get Mollusc World but not Journal of Conchology, and will not be entitled to vote. The subscription for Under-18 membership to be set at £5 worldwide. Proposed Mr P Topley, seconded Miss J Sawyer. Carried

Second proposal: That Members entitled to receive the Journal of Conchology but who opt not to do so shall pay a reduced subscription based on the postage saving to the Society: this reduction shall be £5 for UK members; £9 for members in Europe; and £14 for members in the rest of the World. After dissatisfaction was expressed with the wording as it did not allow for expected postal rate changes, abandonment of the proposal was put forward. Proposed Mr JE Llewellyn-Jones, seconded Mrs E Platts. Carried.

Rule change 4:

Rule 3 to be changed to: The Society shall consist of Honorary, Life, Ordinary, Student, **Under-18**, Family and Family Life Members. Ordinary, Student, **Under-18**, and Family Members shall be elected at the meeting following the receipt of their application for membership, at the discretion of the members present at that meeting. Honorary members shall be selected at Council; they shall be limited to ten, and they shall be exempt from all payments and shall have the privileges of Ordinary members. A Family Membership shall consist of two members of the same family at the same address; Family members shall have the privileges of Ordinary members, except that each such membership shall receive only one of each publication of the Society. Student and **Under-18** Members shall be subject to the conditions as laid down by the Council. Members may no longer compound for Life Membership.

Proposed Mr K Brown, seconded Mr JE Llewellyn-Jones. Carried

Minutes of the last Annual General Meeting (of 2nd April 2011): Accepted and signed

Matters arising: None

Nomination and election of new members:

Ms Siobhan PORTER, Belfast (Student)
Ms Judy WEBB, Kidlington, Oxon
Mr Andrew KEAY, Banstead, Surrey
Mr Giambattista BELLO, Bari, Italy
Mr Peter GUSTAFSSON, Sturefors, Sweden
Ms Heather HOPKINSON, Dudley (Student)

Officers' reports: These reports were taken collectively:

Report of the Council by the Hon. General Secretary

Report of the Hon. Treasurer

Report of the Hon. Membership Secretary

Report of the Hon. Non-marine Recorder

Report of the Hon. Marine Recorder

Report of the Hon. Programme Secretary

Report of the Hon. Conservation Officer

Health and safety

Proposed Mrs E Platts seconded Mr DC Long. The reports were accepted

Announcements and Correspondence:

1. Dr W Penrice has as a result of health problems and family commitments stood down from election for the office of Membership Secretary. Dr JM Light has also resigned as Marine Recorder. Anyone interested in these positions or with suggestions of who might fill them should contact Dr S Payne or Dr MJ Allen
2. Mr A Norris advised that Fred Naggs and John Ablett of the NHM require live specimens of land snails for DNA profiling for taxonomic purposes. Please contact them before sending specimens. If necessary they may be able to supply ethanol at a forthcoming indoor meeting
3. A list of live specimens required for photography for the forthcoming identification leaflets will be posted on the Society website (www.conchsoc.org)
4. A resume of forthcoming Society field meetings over the summer was provided

Presidential Address:

Speaker: Dr S Payne

Title of talk: *Changing distributions, climate change and Conch Soc records*

Election of Examiner of the Accounts: Mrs E Platts was proposed by Mr K Brown and seconded by Mr JE Llewellyn-Jones and was elected

Results of the Postal Ballot:

Officers:

President	Dr MJ Allen	Elected
Hon. General Secretary	Miss RE Hill	Elected
Hon. Treasurer	Mr N Light	Elected
Hon. Membership Secretary	Vacant as Dr W Penrice stood down before the election	
Hon. Editor (<i>Journal</i>)	Dr R Anderson	Elected
Hon. Editor (<i>Mollusc World</i>)	Mr P Topley	Elected
Hon. Marine Recorder	Vacant as Dr JM Light resigned before the election	
Hon. Non-Marine Recorder	Mr A Norris	Elected
Hon. Conservation Officer	Dr MJ Willing	Elected
Hon. Programme Secretary	Dr S Payne	Elected
Hon Webmaster	Dr SB Wilkinson	Elected

Ordinary Council members (to serve a 3 year term): Mr R Boyce, Dr J Fisher and Dr AT Sumner were elected

Any other business:

1. Dr S Payne announced that Council has elected Dr JM Light as an Honorary Member
2. Dr Payne also thanked Council and members of the Society for three enjoyable years as President

Meeting closed at 4:45 p.m.

Chairman.

Appendix: members' exhibits:

Dr MJ Allen	Specimens from a putative Late Glacial channel in Bath found during archaeological excavations by MOLA (Museum of London Archaeology)
Mr K Brown	(1) Article: ' <i>Conus pulcher</i> Lightfoot, 1786 trawled in the North Sea'. <i>Vita Marina</i> 44 (3-4) 1997 (2) Specimens of <i>Conus pulcher</i> (3) Book: Seashells of the Egyptian Red Sea by Mary-Lyn Rusmore-Villaume (4) Book: Red Sea shells by D Sharabat (5) Press Cutting
Mr JE Llewellyn-Jones	Chitons from Washington State and England
Miss RE Hill	Boxes and capsules for sale
Revd G Long	Freshwater bivalves from North Hampshire. <i>Anodonta cygnea</i> , <i>Anodonta anatina</i> and <i>Unio pictorum</i> . Photo of <i>Limacus maculatus</i> and <i>Limacus flavus</i> together
Mr P Topley	(1) AE Ellis – original drawings for 'British Freshwater Bivalve Molluscs' (2) Live <i>Limacus maculatus</i> - adults and juveniles