



The Sabine Baring-Gould Appreciation Society

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Minutes of Annual General Meeting held on 30th September 2017, Princetown, Devon

ITEM	MINUTE	ACTION
1. Chairman's welcome	Martin opened the meeting and welcomed all members.	
2. Apologies	Keith and Sylvia Lister, Sylvia Crocker, Ray and Shirley Scott, Pat Tansell, Robin Price, Jane Best and Gordon Richards.	
3. Minutes of last meeting	The Minutes of the last meeting were agreed and signed.	
4. Matters arising	None.	
5. Treasurer's report	Accounts for 2016/17 : See Treasurer's report. Bill Oke explained his report and offered the detailed accounts should any member wish to see them. Subscriptions for 2017/18 : The membership subscription will stay the same for the next year. Martin thanked Bill for his work throughout the year.	
6. Reports from Committee members	Reports from various Committee members were read out to the meeting. Roger requested a copy of Sylvia's report for the Newsletter. Martin (Website Manager) explained to the meeting that a change is needed for the SBGAS website, and he recommends moving to a new provider and creating a blog. Some aspects of the old website would be lost, but the new system would be much more efficient and accessible to anyone wanting to find out more about SBG. Roger proposed, and Susan White seconded the proposal. The meeting agreed that he should go ahead with the changes. Merriol thanked Martin for all his much valued work on the SBGAS website.	Shan Martin
7. Administration	Future Meetings - There was an open discussion about the subject and venue for next year's (2018) Annual Gathering. Various suggestions were put to the vote of all members, and the result was to hold the meeting in the Tamar valley and look at the novels set around there, <i>Eve</i> and <i>Mrs Curgenvin</i> . The proposed date would be October 5,6,7 or October 12,13,14. Roger would research possible locations, Becky would begin to formulate a possible programme and Helen volunteered to help organise the finances and food orders. Martin will be available to help as usual. Membership – Martin reported a 20% drop in membership. Becky suggested we should have a Twitter account, which might attract new members. She has volunteered to establish and run this.	Roger Becky Helen Martin Becky
8. Election of Officers	Bill expressed his wish to hand over the role of Treasurer, but is willing to serve for this year. Roger asked if anyone was willing to serve in this role. Becky has agreed to take on the role of Research Coordinator after the resignation of Pat Tansell. Pat is willing to continue to help members with general research. All other officers were willing to continue on the Committee and were elected en bloc, proposed by Jane Marchand and seconded by Susan White. The meeting voted unanimously in favour.	
9. A.O.B.	Merriol thanked everyone involved in such a successful and enjoyable Gathering, and for the work done by Committee members.	

Minutes written by Shan Graebe, Secretary. 30th September 2017

Signed

Date