

Minutes of Geomancy Group meeting Saturday 26 April 2003

Present: Maria Hayden, Grahame Gardner, Susie Zgorska (Shaw), Sally Smith, Sarah Birrell, Branwen Edwards, Richard Creightmore, Sig Lonegren, Karin Lonegren, Patrick McManaway, John Bullock, Sara Patraiko, Tony Hathway, Maryrose Price, Ros Briagha, Oliver Perceval, Barry Hoon

Suggestions for new members:

Richard: Dave Ashworth, Julie Rocka.

Maryrose: Ann Harris

Grahame: Keiko Mukaide

Maria: Ced Jackson

John: Annabel Wilson (?)

Ros: Jon Appleton

This led to a discussion on how to maintain the Group energy – are we a magickal circle or a bigger social ‘club’? Should we allow visitors on an ad hoc basis?

Ros: perhaps we could hold one or more extra meetings that are more open but still by invitation only, to disseminate geomantic awareness, do workshops and so on, where administration staff and facilitators would be paid for their work.

General discussion on this: should we have a Group presence at trade fairs etc? General opinion seemed to feel that this was perhaps still a year or two off. The feeling of the Group seemed to be that somehow the ‘inner core’ of the Group needs to be preserved, but how exactly can we go about that and still open the Group up more?

Maria: Asked for more people to get actively involved in the running of the Group. It was suggested that we form more ‘bubble groups’ to help organise meetings. Ros and Karin volunteered to help organise Samhain, Ros emphasising that she has experience and skills at facilitating such things.

Sarah B asked about the forum: can we have the facility to easily print off postings? Grahame passed this to Barry who said that you could print pages, but he will look into adding a button or link to make this easier.

Newsletters: This is still a large undertaking for M & G, particularly M, and more help was requested. Sally volunteered to be sub-editor and chase up people for articles or whatever. Karin also volunteered to help gather articles and information. It was emphasised that people should submit stuff whenever they have something if it wasn’t time-specific, so that we can build up a small surplus of items on which to draw. Sally was duly appointed official keeper of the slush pile.

Questions were asked (Ros?) about the function of the newsletter, and why we have four issues a year. Wouldn’t two issues suffice?

It was reiterated that the newsletter is our primary method of keeping in touch between meetings, and it helps to keep the Group energy together. This was our main reason for keeping to four a year, falling between the meetings.

Brannie volunteered to write a report of this meeting(!)