

## **Minutes of Geomancy Group Meeting, Glastonbury 22 February 2007**

Present: Ros Briagha, Grahame Gardner, Richard Criehtmore, Sig & Karin Lonegren, Branwen Edwards, Sarah Birrell, Patrick MacManaway, Susie Shaw, Shaun Kirwan.

Apologies received from: Maria Hayden, Julie Rocka, Maryrose Price, Sara Greenwood.

### **Agenda**

1. Subs for 2007.
2. Finances for this meeting.
3. Deities of Geomancy.
4. AGM minutes.
5. Maria's letter.
6. Professional status and issues of perceived competition and other peoples practice.
7. Geomancy handbook: Discussion of EE L3 handout from Sig.
8. AOB/ dates for 2008

1. Meeting commenced at 09.30 with the collection of outstanding subscriptions. The fee for this year is £20. Anyone who still has not paid is asked to contact Ros.

2. Karin gave us the costs for this meeting, which were very reasonable, and all put in their contributions.

3. A Talking stick round of 'checking in' followed, where each gave some personal feedback, and said which deities they associate with their work.

**Ros** said she had been busy creating a megalithic complex in the Prescellis, at Temple Druid, with Jon. She works with Mercury/Merlin energy, and earth power too.

**Karin** said she works with the Four Directions, and Spirit.

**Shaun** said he has been a bit poorly lately. However he wants to do a workshop on Geomancy for Lightworkers in Bristol, as he feels many do not understand the spirit of place in their work. He is also preparing for festivals in the summer. He works with Archangel Michael, Pan, Merlin and a Chinese Feng shui guide.

**Jon** said he is enjoying a busy life! He works with the Goddess, Mercury and Saturn.

**Richard** informed us that he is currently engaged as visiting lecturer on geopathic stress at Westminster College. He is also working on an article on GS for the BSD and/or GG websites. He works with the Sun, Moon and Earth.

As an antidote to deity overdose, he offered the Church of the Flying Spaghetti Monster<sup>1</sup>

**Brannie** has been doing some nice film work, where she became an Elemental-lady Elf! She works with Archangel Michael and the Sun.

**Sarah Birrell** said her husband is still poorly, which has meant a difficult time for her for a while. She has had 4 weeks of alien contacts recently, clearing a space of some aliens who got stuck there a long time ago. She has not done a lot of geomancy lately. She works with Archangel Michael, and the Fair Folk. She asked if anyone had come across alien entities in their work. Grahame recommended a book that has a section on these.<sup>2</sup>

**Patrick** has had a busy time lately too, being a dad, bringing in a new business partner, and doing all the BSD stuff. He works with the Four Directions, Above and Below, and Archangel Michael. He also spoke about professional conflicts, such as working on sites previously treated by another practitioner, and the 'geomantic smog' that can result from this.

**Susie** has been doing some mediumship training in London, and is appalled by the lack of protection used by other mediums. She's also doing a lot of writing and has a series of articles in 'Spirit & Destiny' magazine. She works with Pan, The Goddess, and Archangel Michael.

**Sig** reflected on changes in his life since he 'gave up the staff of leadership'. He has undergone a successful exorcism of his father, and has been doing more teaching. He has started a new web site, which is dyslexic friendly, and wants to bring European geomancy more into the public eye. He has also closed down his MAG forum due to the amount of spammer registrations and lack of genuine content being posted.

**Grahame** has been busy with theatre work for the last three months, but has managed a couple of cases in that time, including one over in Northern Ireland that he attended with Billy Gawn; dowsing a plot of land for a beneficial energy spot to build on, and to find a location for a well. He works with Archangel Michael, Hermes, Pan and the Goddess. He was also interviewed in a 3-minute slot on Radio Scotland's Sunday morning 'You and Yours' programme.

#### **4. Adoption of Minutes/ Matters Arising**

**BSD Congress meeting:** There was some discussion over the idea of holding meetings around BSD Congress. While it is felt that this is a good idea as there are usually a high number of us present, it is difficult to find the time to meet up. It

was suggested that the Friday evening beforehand might be good for this year's Congress (15-16 September), subject to peoples travel arrangements. This needs to be looked into closer to the time. Sig pointed out that he and Karin would be unable to make any other meetings this year.

**BSD Affiliation:** Although generally felt to be a good idea, there was some doubt expressed over this as we are not an 'open' group and fall outside their suggested constitution on that point. However, the Dowsing Research Group is also a 'closed' group and has successfully affiliated. Grahame reiterated that affiliation would mean that client referrals would be passed both ways between BSD/GG, and not just from us to them as happens at present.

- Although not resolved at this point in the day, a majority seem to be in favour of BSD affiliation.

**Biographies:** We discussed the proposal to put member's biogs up on the website. To date no material has been submitted for these. Sig asked if we could all look at his website page to get an idea of what to put in.<sup>3</sup> If people want their biogs on the GG site, please send a photo and one or two paragraphs about your work, together with the contact details you want displayed, to Grahame (for the GG site), and/or Sig (for the MAG site). Please define areas of expertise.

- All to send picture and biog copy to Grahame who will compile a page on the GG site.

**Election of Officers:** The suggestion of a 'postal vote' for those unable to attend the AGM was adopted. Patrick suggested that, in addition to named candidates, we could also offer an option to elect a proxy to vote at the meeting, or choose the Circle as proxy (i.e. agree to abide by the majority vote).

- Ros and Grahame to discuss this before AGM.

**Client Enquiries:** Grahame gave a brief explanation of how the website enquiries work; emails come to himself and Maria, and are dealt with after discussion and as appropriate. Most enquiries are of a general nature, but enquiries for consultation are circulated to most appropriate practitioner (usually, but not always, the closest to the client).

- Grahame will endeavour to put together a summary list of what referrals we have had in the last year or so and circulate to the whole Group.

**5. Maria's letter** was read out and her thoughts on professional conduct were referred to in the next part of our discussion. Our thoughts and love were sent to her at this time when her mother has just died.

## 6. Professional Status

**Patrick** initiated a discussion about charges, and a quick round of those present revealed a range of charges from £100 for domestic clients up to £600 for commercial properties. It seems that £200-£250 is most common for domestic work, with £100-£150 for remote working/ map dowsing.

Patrick also mentioned that there is no such thing as practitioner saturation in an area; it seems there is always room for more, especially in today's world with increasing levels of commercial magical sabotage/ espionage and the increasing amount of etheric 'junk' left behind by other workers and processes.

**Susie** agreed that practitioner saturation does not happen; there is plenty of work available, and different practitioners focus on different layers of a situation.

**Sig** said that where work has been done by a previous practitioner, we should check if they have been given a second chance and that they are happy with someone else doing work.

The rates have to vary according to where you are, as you cannot charge too much in a poorer area.

He would take an ethical stance against sloppy working resulting in etheric litter, especially "offerings" at sacred sites; but ultimately "it is their karma."

He also wondered if perhaps The Geomancy Group is not the appropriate model for a professional geomancy organisation due to our "family" nature.

**Grahame** said he feels it is important to check with a client about previous practitioners, and let them deal with remnants. His rates are the same as Patrick's.

There has been an online discussion about the use of orgone devices. Has worries about ethical use of these devices.

He feels there can be lots of etheric junk at sites, and tends to clean up "offerings" that he comes across.

Would love to see us a professional body, but we are not that formal at present, so maybe we're not the best people to do it, due to the level of commitment involved; but we could help get it started.

More practitioners are dealing with layers at a site, and he feels this is important too.

**Ros** would like to see the GG as a professional body. She pointed out that perceived levels of tolerance in the Group regarding alcohol/ substance consumption may not be acceptable to others and deter potential members. Yet the mere fact that we have a Group identity is a powerful boost to our external image; most other geomancers are individual practitioners.

Agreed with Sig on karma issues of etheric litter; would clear up used nightlights etc. from sites to leave them tidy. Wonders how effective these offerings are, but acknowledges the right of folk to interact with the land in a positive manner. Feels that most sacred sites are self-repairing in most cases of black magic, and 'The Management' will inflict karmic backlash as appropriate.

**Karin** has worked as a psychic healer on a donation basis for some time, but now has a fixed fee rate as level of donations has decreased. Also voted for GG as prof. body, but it could be that our group is too cosy. Do we want more people?

She's not sure about affiliating to the BSD, as this feels 'like a hook in the chest'. Also would like to have biographies on the GG website.

**Shaun** acknowledges difficulty in charging decent rates; e.g. he only received £100 for building the Big Green Gathering stone circle.

Wonders if some of the GG funds could be used to build our own stone circle somewhere? Feels that the more folk there are doing earth healing, the better it is. Doesn't mind a few offerings at sites, but is not into buried offerings. But we can't judge what other people do; if they have a calling to the landscape, so be it. He doesn't feel that black magic will damage a site, unless it is in tune with the Spirit of Place.

He's thinking of producing a 'geomancy for light workers' workshop, teaching non-geomancers to work with the land.

Has some experience of orgonite devices and has found them effective, especially as technological problems and fixes seem to be getting more prevalent these days, rather than 'traditional' geopathic stress. Earth Energies pick up electromagnetic trauma. Has also come across 'internet entities' that can infect people over the 'net. Popular sites manifest thoughtforms that can attach to a person at their computer. Orgonite crystals can be effective at filtering one's broadband connection. ELF and Tetra mast radiation is also affecting an increasing amount of people. These items should all fall within a geomancer's remit. We need to develop better technological and psychic solutions for these. He supports the idea of a professional group, maybe a register for those who want to be on it. Our group can be too social, and maybe we need a group project.

**Jon** acknowledges the need for an energy exchange in charging for services, but as he doesn't need the money he usually gives the fee to charity. Suggests a day rate of £150 as reasonable.

Sharing a circle with peers is more important than having a professional body; he worries that following old patterns of behaviour to become professional won't work. We need new models. This group is part of the new way of working in the world; our influence may be greater than we think. The Golden Dawn only ever had around 100 members, but their influence was immense. It is possible that history will see GG in a similar light.

Also emphasised that geomantic work is as much to do with the people as the spaces. Energies get moved around by people more than anything.

**Richard** said that rates could be higher. Feng-shui is regarded as the best-paid of the Chinese healing rays, and we should use that as a model. He hasn't really

tapped into commercial rates yet, however. He's also considering lowering his rates as he is getting a lot of referrals from health workers.

We should develop a register of competent dowser/ earth healers.

On the subject of etheric litter, he points out that some groups working in sacred spaces don't ask permission from Spirit of Place. This is probably the key point in the argument.

Where more than one practitioner works a space, the latest one works with the next layer of the problem. Universe guides the process.

Perhaps the BSD Prof. Register could be expanded to include geomancers? The Geomancy Group can still operate as inner cabal/behind-the-scenes group.

**Branwen:** We should never withhold services just because someone can't afford to pay the full price. We are a family, and she would like to keep that feeling; but this shouldn't preclude us from starting our own professional register. She likes to learn from the group, and for us to do work together.

**Sarah** feels privileged to be part of The Geomancy Group; it has been a great journey from our first night in Chalice Well, but we are all still comfortable with each other and she feels able to ask the Group anything. Wonders if Prof.

Register would be better off being run by BSD.

She has come across a lot of black magic working at sites in Jersey; all of which seems to be jealousy-based or curses.

### ***Afternoon session***

The discussion continued along similar lines...

**Shaun** had more insight regarding working after previous practitioners; if the previous intervention was not for the highest good of the place, then ask for it to be removed by the higher self of previous worker.

**Sig** agreed with Shaun's earlier observation that technological fixes are becoming more important in our work. He honoured Sarah and Brannie's family circle model of the Group; observing that some external practitioners could benefit from our experience but might not be suitable for joining the Group. Therefore, it is in the best interests of all for us to be the ones that form a Professional Register, rather than the BSD. Suggests that twice-yearly meetings for those who want to be professional geomancers would be desirable, to discuss ethics etc.

**Shaun** wasn't sure if this was in the GG remit?

**Grahame** explained that we currently will refer clients to the BSD if we don't have anyone in their area, yet this arrangement is not reciprocal at present. If we affiliate to BSD and maintain our own register we can expect BSD to refer clients to us. We need our own register of other practitioners to increase our geographic

coverage. This would also be the best way to enhance our image in the public eye.

- In principle, a majority of those present are in favour of setting up our own professional register of practitioners throughout the UK, initially with our own bios on the website. Details and pricing TBC.
- We should draw up a short list of names to approach about joining our register.
- A notice should be placed on the website inviting applicants for register.

**Sig** proposes that we organise a one- or two-day event for people interested in Western Geomancy, and that we ask for five letters of reference from clients for those interested in signing on for the Prof. Register. Practitioners attending the event could be assessed and, if suitable, could be invited to submit application to join our register.

A discussion followed centred on next year's EEG 'geopathic stress' event, and where the crossover areas are between that and geomancy.

- A majority are in favour of seeing a geomancer's conference event, with possible Prof Register applications from attendees.

**Grahame** said that we should revise and better promote our list of services on the website, and asked for people to include a list of their services when they submit their bios for the website.

We could also think about approaching manufacturers of technological devices (e.g. Powerwatch) for product samples that we can assess.

**Ros** came up with the fantastic term 'technopathic stress'! (© Ros Briagha 2007)

**Sarah**, who had to leave shortly, told us about a case in a healing centre where she had encountered alien entities, remnants of a crash about 1000 years ago. There seemed to be six distinct races, and it took a month to clear up.

**Ros** said that there are definite alien hierarchies, and referred to 'The Nine' in *The Only Planet of Choice*.

**Sig** added that these sort of entities feed on technological energy.

*(Sarah left at this point and tea was had)*

## 7. EE L3 Discussion

Sig had previously distributed a revised course outline for the BSD's Earth Energies Level 3 course for discussion.

The course is intended for experienced dowzers and incorporates modules on geomancy. A number of suggestions were made.

## 8. AOB

**Beltane at Beech Hill** – A number of those present were not confident that they are able to make the Beltane weekend, but after a discussion of alternative dates, it was decided to keep to the present date 25-28 may.

**Dates for 2008** – the following dates were provisionally set, based around Patrick's availability in February, June and September:

1-day Professional meeting Wed. 20 Feb, Glastonbury  
27-29 June. Location TBC. Despite previous low turnout at this time of year, these dates were deemed preferable to Beltane due to Patrick's availability.  
24-26 October: Samhain meet and AGM. Location TBC.

**Other events:** Sig mentioned the Labyrinth Society gathering on May 30-June 1 2008 at Somerton.

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<sup>1</sup> A parody "religion" spoofing the doctrine of Intelligent Design. See [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Church\\_of\\_the\\_Flying\\_Spaghetti\\_Monster](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Church_of_the_Flying_Spaghetti_Monster)

<sup>2</sup> Dr. Samuel Sagan, 'Entity Possession: Freeing the Body from Negative Influences'. ISBN 0892816120

<sup>3</sup> <http://www.geomancy.org/resources/professional-geo/index.html>