

Geomancy Group AGM, 18.10.2009

Present: Ros Briagha, Julie Rocka, Richard Creightmore, Giulia Boden, Patrick Macmanaway, Robert Reid, Branwen Edwards, Susie Shaw, Grahame Gardner, Sarah Birrell, Sarah Greenwood.

Apologies: Maria Hayden, Sig and Karin Lonegren, Jon Appleton, Barry Hoon.

Agenda:

1. Treasurers report and subscriptions.
2. Election of officers.
3. E-mail voting.
4. Dates and programme for next year.
5. New members and attendance at AGM.
6. Web site and enquiries.
7. A.O.B.

1. Ros said that we have a very healthy bank balance, of around £1,400. It was agreed that we would give Robert £100 for hosting the AGM, as we have done in the past. It was agreed to give Grahame, Robert and Patrick £20 each from the funds, for their fuel costs for this event, as they have driven us all around the various sites we have visited. This then became the money for their subs for this year. Every one present then paid their subs except Ros.

It was discussed whether Barry should pay if he wants to return. It was agreed he will pay when he does actually rejoin us.

The food for the weekend was bought and prepared by Patrick and Giulia, and was delicious! Patrick presented the receipts and it was agreed that the food should be paid for out of our funds.

2. The following officers were elected:

Susie Shaw.....Chairwoman - unanimous.
BrannieVice-chair -unanimous.
GrahameSecretary -unanimous.
Ros Briagha.....Treasurer - unanimous.

Maria has been away on a long journey, and has not done a newsletter yet, but may well do one when she returns.

3. Julie has looked into this, and Grahame proposed a vote of thanks to her for her work. We discussed whether we need this facility. Sarah Birrell said lets not make it too easy for folk NOT to come along! Patrick suggested that folk who can't come let someone who is coming know of their issue, or send something written. We agreed that it is a robust system that Julie has put forward, and we will hold it as a useful tool for as/when we need it.

Robert asked if we want to expand the group? We talked of how we have invited folk but they have not responded. Hugh Newman has been asked, but the meeting he was due to attend to meet us all was cancelled. Richard and Julie have been in touch with him, and will try to get him to come along as a guest, and we can take it from there. He organises Geomancy forums at festivals, which are a great way to reach out to the public.

4. The dates for next year were discussed. Susie said it will be our tenth year, and we should celebrate, maybe in Glastonbury. Sarah Birrell said we have been there so much, what about looking at Earth Stars in London? Richard suggested the Isle of Man, and Grahame said Cumbria.

We agreed to try and meet twice next year.

1. Meet 19th-21st March, on the Isle of Man.
2. AGM. 15th-18th October, in Cumbria.

Brannie said she will check out where to stay and transport on the Isle of Man, and it was agreed that the group funds can help to cover transport such as hiring a minibus. Ros said she will have a look into places in Cumbria, maybe Centre Parks.

Richard asked about the potential for meeting at other times, for example at Sunrise Festival, which is the last weekend in May, in Somerset, and at OOTO, which is at Autumn Equinox in Sussex.

It would be nice to connect our group at these events, and Richard said he would facilitate this.

5. Patrick proposed that **Giulia Boden** become a probationary member, and Ros seconded this. It was agreed by consensus.

Hugh Newman. He needs to attend a meeting as a guest and we can then agree whether to invite him to become a probationary member. Richard agreed to contact him on this.

Will Berisch-Secretan has been a probationary member, but we will wait till he returns from New Zealand before inviting him to join as a full member.

Sig has proposed **John Moss**, and Grahame has talked with him about us, and he is keen to join. Patrick suggested that his wife **Jill** is asked too. Grahame will contact them about coming along as guests next year.

New probationary members need to attend 2 meetings, so as many members as possible get a chance to meet them. At the first meeting they are a guest or proposed member. At the second they are on probation. If accepted they will be told this, and that they will be initiated at the next meeting they attend. At their third meeting they will be initiated.

Robert Reid was accepted as a full member, to be initiated next meeting.

Giulia Boden was accepted as a probationary member.

6. Grahame had circulated a list of enquiries through our web site. There was some positive feedback on them from Ros and Grahame.

Sara suggested we share our geomantic photos, so it was suggested that these be sent to Grahame, and put up on our web site as a public blog. Richard is connecting with Brian Adams, and will post some info from his talk to us last night, up on the web site. There is a logo and letter template if people want to use them.

7. AOB. Brochures are still available if folk want some, at 10 p each, £10 for 100.

The Golden Rule. Patrick has finished his Earth Clock stone circle and given it to the people of Burlington, Vermont. It was agreed that this is an amazing piece of work and he was awarded the Golden Rule for this years best effort.

GRAHAMES' HAT! We were stunned by this!!!!

Richard was awarded an Educational Syllabus prize of a quaich, for his hard work. This was filled and passed around to finish the meeting.

HURRAH!!