

## THE YORKSHIRE MAMMAL GROUP - ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Minutes of the AGM held at 7.45pm Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> November 2022 at St. Olave's Church Hall, York

### Ten members attended.

- 1. Apologies for absence.** Ian Bond
- 2. Minutes of the last AGM held 4<sup>th</sup> March 2021.** The 2021 minutes had been circulated by e-mail to the Committee previously. The minutes were accepted with no matters arising.
- 3. Chairman's Report.** John Ray noted that further lockdown and aversion to close contact had resulted in less activity than usual and stopped indoor talks. Outdoor events, e.g. public owl pellet analyses and small mammal surveys, continued to be attended by YMG.  
JR thanked all the committee members for their efforts, without which the group would not function.
- 4. Treasurer's report.** Robert Masheder had electronically provided accounts for the years ending 31<sup>st</sup> October 2021 and 31<sup>st</sup> Oct 2022 and presented the latter to the meeting. The General Section had a deficit of income compared to expenditure; the Bat Section had a surplus, thanks to income from data searches. There are cash reserves to allow the group to spend on projects, especially the Bat section. Meanwhile they ought to be accruing interest.
- 5. Membership Secretary's Report.** Kate Wright took over the role from John Drewett in September 2021. KW has chased subscriptions, resulting in an increase of YMG membership from 51 in 2021 to 58 in 2022. NYBG membership increased from 31 in 2021 to 37 in 2022. Historically that is still low. KW advised that it's difficult to keep track of subscriptions paid throughout the year.
- 6. Imprint report.** Andrew Halcro-Johnson advised that he is awaiting some trap reports in order to complete a combined 2020/2021 *Imprint* volume. AH-J noted that *Imprint* still refers to indoor meetings, as does the YMG website.
- 7. Field Studies report.** Ann Hanson reported that despite Covid, field work and walks continued (2021 – 4 events, 2 walks; 2022 – 4 events, 4 walks to date). There is a good core of assistants for small mammal traps. Mary Youngman, who usually takes on-site records, has been assisting AH with writing up trap reports for *Imprint*.
- 8. Archivist's report.** Lack of a scanner has prevented MY from continuing to digitise past volumes of *Imprint*. AH may have a spare scanner for this.
- 9. Election of the YMG Committee members.** The Chairman expressed a wish to stand down, but there were no nominations for a successor.  
Other committee members present at the meeting kindly offered to remain in position.  
Ben Whitworth was appointed as Talks Secretary.
- 10. North Yorkshire Bat Group.** In September 2021 John Drewett stepped down from an active role in the Bat Group, since when it has floundered. JD's work in responding to bat data requests has been continued by Nick Whelan. A (bat) flight cage has been erected in KW's garden. The meeting agreed that more of the Group's cash reserves should be spent, e.g. student research grant(s). It's yet to be decided whether suitable projects could include both bat and terrestrial mammal conservation/research. NYBG Facebook page has 1500 followers.
- 11. Any Other Business.** The existing bank account is not operated online, charges have been introduced for it, and there is no deposit account. RM to investigate a different bank, e.g. Barclays Community Banking. RM, AH, KW and AH-J to be bank account signatories.

YMG Facebook group has 314 members. YMG should promote what it has done more. Administration credentials for YMG Twitter account to be requested from Amy Jane-Bear.