

National Coppice Federation Directors Meeting

21 Oct 2017 at Gathering at Ruskin Mill Gloucestershire.

Present – Rebecca Oaks, Andy Alder, Martin Hales, Brian Williamson, Helen Waterfield, Chris Letchford, Toni Brannon, (Rob Newby, Jo Clayton, Martin Wise reps, Peter Jameson for items 9,10,11)

Apologies – Ken Hilton

1. Previous minutes

Matters arising - Action points highlighted.

2. Secretary's report

BW will stand down and be co-opted, MH will stand down and be nominated again. DJ standing down, thanks to him for all his hard work over the years. HW nominated by her group as director.

Guy Lambourne (publicity sub group) to be co-opted. Also Rob Newby 5 shires (co-opted) Woodlands.co.uk gave us an award. RO to write and thank and ask for the NCFed to be promoted amongst their clientele.

3. Membership secretary's report

Renewals – Like getting blood from a stone this year. Overall member numbers 2015- 456 2016- 554 2017-537 only one outstanding now Coppice Wood College (supporting member).

Isle of Wight talking about getting a group together.

Proposal to put up membership fees to go to next AGM.

4. Treasurer's report

Co-op £4176.77 Paypal £1758.55 Paypal account to be closed £1249.76 (closing as soon as can sort the paperwork)

Helen has set up new Paypal under treasurer@ncfed

ACTION –HW and CL to get together to discuss online banking.

5. Website report –

Kind of working! £350 spent approx. BW got the password, RO has a password, MH not yet got on.

Action - BW to sort

Some updates have occurred and more to do post gathering. Thanks to Brian for getting is sorted.

6. Shows and Events –

BW and MH went to the confor Forest Workers Stand.

Countryfile show – NCFed presence. Will repeat next year.

We will pay £35 to become a member of UKWAS.

Action - RO to do.

7. Reports from the sub-committees

Cleft stick – Needs a new editor

Publicity – Guy Lambourne has offered to help with press releases.–

Sub-committee to be formed to include HW as social media, cleft stick ed, website editor again.

Jason Smith has produced a 3 fold brochure for NCFed – getting quotes to have it printed.

Banners needed - BW has the only one. Could do with a few more with the new logo on. Before AGM if possible. Jason to put the artwork together. 20 so that each group can have one.

Action BW to speak to JS

Charcoal – Selway has printed 10,000 of the black bags but will liaise with us in good time for next year. RO has put up design up for comment.

Action - RO to circulate when tweaked

Coppice survey – CL has had just 3 responses to his map but will pursue this and add more details from the survey.

CCC spring conference - Sub group meeting with CL and BW and RO **will happen soon.**

Produce a starter pack for woodland owners, individuals and organisations. To include model contracts (RO), statutory requirements (CL), hazel restoration guidelines (BW), survey techniques (MH)

Action - MH to send to the sub group survey information

Rural affordable Housing

Meeting tomorrow

8. AOB

AA has drawn up a document for the Bodgers Ball 'how to organise' will make it available.

Dormouse – still banging on about 20 year rotation. Looks like NE have picked this up again.

Action - BW to investigate

9. Future Gatherings and AGM's

PJ – Hampshire offered to run the 2018, would like to change it from a clash with half term.

Can we have a different weekend? CL third weekend was chosen to not clash with Weald and Downland Museum but this has now moved. Second weekend would now work. Link to coppice week? Not ideal as many people will be involved locally. Second or third weekend would be acceptable. Single venue in the middle proposed by CL. Not a good idea as it is better to see coppicing in different area.

10. Regional meetings

Organise a meeting of reps + one in the north and one in the south.

Lots of discussion. Possibility of tying in to the Bodgers Ball need to be a member of APT or be signed in by a member. Action - AA to put it to the APT committee. Weald and Downland Museum next year.

11. Elections

Keep the 60 + 60 days notice (June Aug Oct)

Date of next meeting

5th Dec 2017