

Monmouthshire Antiquarian Association,  
Emergency General Meeting, 25<sup>th</sup> September 2024

This meeting was conducted by Zoom.

## **Minutes**

### Attendance:

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] (15)

### Apologies

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
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[REDACTED] (42)

The meeting started at 7.00 pm.

In the absence of the chair, Simon Tee (ST) was asked to chair the meeting. Those present agreed.

ST welcomed everybody to the meeting and explained the background to the meeting, explaining that the EGM had been called because the AGM was not quorate and that the proposal to be considered this evening could not be passed at that meeting for this reason.

ST explained the process and read out the proposal –

“To maintain our ability to fulfil our aims as laid out in the constitution, we must have sufficient income and reserves to publish the Journal and provide funding to promote archaeological and historical research. The Monmouthshire Antiquarian Association (MAA) accounts show a loss of around £7,000 in 2022 and 2023. Your committee is endeavouring to reduce costs as far as possible, but an increase in subscription has become necessary to prevent further erosion of the reserves. Investigation shows that the current subscription is less than most comparable societies.

**It is proposed that the subscription shall be £20 for a single membership and £25 for a joint membership (at the same address where only one journal is supplied).**

**This represents a donation to MAA (which could be subjected to GiftAid) and the provision of a journal as a benefit of membership.**

Proposed Dr G Wakley Seconded Adrian Smith. This proposal was supported unanimously by the committee and will be put forward to the full membership at the Annual General Meeting.\*

At the AGM it was passed unanimously, however the meeting was not quorate, so this EGM has been called to reconsider this motion.”

ST then took questions.

Sian King asked about the rates for student and corporate members.

ST confirmed that the student rate would remain at 50% of the single membership rate and that the committee would set the corporate/Institutional rate as stated in the constitution.

David Lermon commented that in his experience Institutional members were often happy to pay more to keep their library up to date for their clients. ST replied he will take that back to the Committee.

Chris Sullivan asked about the split for Gift Aid purposes, and commented that the actual production cost of the volume and the value attributed to it are not necessarily the same amount. This was noted and will be passed to the committee.

Anne Leaver asked how many members there are currently. JB answered that there are approximately 250 and 10 corporate members who mainly subscribe through EBESCO, which is a journal distribution company.

David Lermon suggested that a donation box be added to the annual membership form. ST agreed that there is no reason why this could not be added. JB confirmed that we had successfully asked for donations from members previously, as recently as 2019.

The vote took place by show of hands. All present agreed with the motion. \*Of those who sent apologies there was a unanimous expression of support, therefore the meeting chair took those as proxy votes. Therefore, the motion is passed.

Janet Bailey, Secretary, 25<sup>th</sup> September 2024