

Minutes of the Cornwall Moth Group AGM held at Allet - 19th February 2011

Officers present: Tony James (Chairman), Phil Boggis (Secretary), John Cooke (Treasurer) plus 20 members and associates.

Introduction.

The meeting was formally opened by the Chairman, explaining to members that the CMG was a loosely knit organisation. It had only fairly recently been organised more formally with a Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer to enable outside organisations to contact the Group in a formal manner and vice versa. Also certain sums of money, through various gifts, required banking and administering properly as they were public funds.

Election of Officers.

Members were invited to propose any changes to the officers but all were re-elected unanimously.

Treasurer's Report.

Income: 2008 - £425 (various donations principally from the Cornwall Wildlife Trust).

Expenditure: 2010 - £13.54 – postal and stationary costs.

Thus making the balance for 2011 - £411.46

It was agreed to offer the Cornwall Wildlife Trust £25 for the costs incurred in using their premises.

Discussion:

- 1) A donation plate at meetings was suggested.
- 2) It was also suggested that records of moths at the Wildlife Trust's Reserves and special conservation sites (SSSI etc.) could be targeted and sent to ERCCIS as many reserve records were quite old. These records would be most useful and welcome. The Chairman agreed and proceeded to show members how a number of reports over the years had been compiled for various wildlife sites and were readily available on the CMG website.
- 3) A vote of thanks was requested and agreed for all the work Jayne Herbert has done on CMG's revamped website.
- 4) A suggestion was put forward that a supply of safety eye goggles could be purchased for formal public meetings. This will be looked into.
- 5) There was some support for affiliating the CMG with a parent organisation such as the CWT. This would necessitate arranging for the Group to be properly constituted with subscriptions from members, a formal constitution or set of rules, regular committee meetings, annual audited accounts, proper insurance cover (possibly from a parent body) and health and safety issues etc. After a short discussion there was a proposal that:

The CMG be fully constituted. A vote was taken but **not carried**.

- 6) The secretary was asked to look into possible insurance cover via a parent body such as the CWT. It was re-affirmed that specific (not generic) risk assessments would be carried out by leaders for all CMG public meetings i.e. those directly involving members of the public but not at CMG members only meetings. This would entail asking members of the public to sign a read statement that they understood the assessed risks involved. This is an obligation under Health & Safety legislation.

The meeting closed at 4pm.

Phil Boggis (Secretary), 20th February 2011