

<p><b>The 66<sup>th</sup> AGM of the British Agricultural History Society was held in the National College for Nuclear, Cannington Centre, Bridgwater &amp; Taunton College, Somerset at 4pm on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2018</b></p>	
<p><b>Present:</b> Prof Henry French (Chair); Prof Richard Hoyle; Dr Bill Shannon; Catherine Glover; Dr James Bowen; Dr Paul Brassley; Dr John Broad; Dr Rebecca Ford; Dr Juliet Gayton; Prof Karen Sayer; Dr Paul Warde;</p>	
<p><b>603 Apologies for absence:</b> Prof. Clare Griffiths; Dr Briony McDonagh; Dr Carl Griffin; Dr Sarah Holland; Prof. Karen Sayer; Dr Alan Wadsworth.</p>	
<p><b>604 Minutes of the 65<sup>th</sup> meeting:</b> were agreed as an accurate record</p>	
<p><b>605 Matters arising from the minutes:</b> David Hey conference will be held on 20<sup>th</sup> June in Sheffield.  Investments Committee was set up.</p>	
<p><b>606 Elections of Officers of the Executive Committee</b> The Secretary Dr Barbara Linsley resigned in Feb. Treasurer Secretary Editors  Nominations Treasurer Dr William (Bill) Shannon nominated by Richard Hoyle and approved by the meeting Secretary Prof. John Martin nominated by John Broad and approved by the meeting Editor Prof. Richard Hoyle nominated by John Broad and approved by the meeting  The Book Reviews Editor has just indicated that she wants to stand down at the end of this year.</p>	
<p><b>607 Election of Ordinary Members of the Executive Committee</b> There are no vacancies for the EC in 2018. In 2019 Dr Paul Brassley will have served two consecutive terms at the EC and will not be eligible for re-election.</p>	
<p><b>608 Chair's report:</b>  HF regretfully informed the meeting of the death of Dr Tony Phillips and said that we would mark his passing and that of Prof. F. M. L. Thompson at the Spring Conference.  The EC has come up with terms and conditions for funding and will put these on the web site.  Secretary. Dr Barbara Linsley had to resign because of work commitments and we thank her for performing the role during the year. HF will take this on at the end of this year.  BAHS Conferences. Winter Conference attendance is dependent on themes but can hit 50 or 60. It has now overtaken the Spring Conference. This conference is very cheap but expensive per paper. Perhaps there is too small a number of papers. The format has been the same since the 1970s. Papers are now generally shorter. Postgraduates can only get funding if they are going to present a paper, so we need to provide opportunities. Next year the conference will have a call for papers, not just agrarian and not just British – papers on environmental and other themes. But initially keep everyone in one room and not have parallel sessions. There will be a conference committee to weed the proposals from the call for papers. Make the conference more accessible to early-career scholars.  HF introduced a brief discussion on the scope and remit of the BAHS, particularly the long-standing</p>	

<p>question of how the Society indicated its long-standing interest in ‘rural society’ in its title and journal.</p>	
<p><b>609 Treasurer’s Report:</b></p> <p>Loss made last year was not unexpected: we wanted to put money into LIBRAL.</p> <p>The Treasurer has created two designated reserves one for Research and Grants, the other for Projects and Initiatives (such as improving the web site).</p> <p>The EC has decided to put up the subscriptions – to £120 for institutions, £30 for individuals and £15 for concessions. Overseas rates TBD, to reflect differences in postage.</p> <p>Richard Hoyle proposed that we accept the accounts and the meeting agreed.</p>	
<p><b>610 Editors’ Report:</b></p> <p><i>Agricultural History Review</i></p> <p>The lateness of Part 2 was due to articles being submitted in the latter part of the year. It looks as if it’s going to be the same this year.</p> <p>The editor thanked referees for their time and effort, and Cathy for copy-editing and managing the back end of the process.</p> <p><i>Rural History Today</i></p> <p>Rebecca has worked with the designer to freshen up RHT and is trying to focus on the ‘Today’ in the title. She is trying to commission things from people, to make sure that there is something Historical and something more up to date, as well as something from overseas. She also thanked Cathy for being support.</p> <p><b>Email Newsletter</b></p> <p>Cathy spoke about the success of the newsletter.</p> <p><b>LIBRAL</b></p> <p>Keep relationship with LIBRAL under review.</p>	
<p><b>611 Any other business:</b></p>	
<p><b>612 Date of Next Meeting:</b></p> <p><b>8 April 2019</b></p>	<p><b>HF</b></p>