

# Manchester Microscopical & Natural History Society

## 141<sup>st</sup> Annual General Meeting

Held Online via Zoom during Covid Lockdown, Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2020 at 7.30pm

**Due to the Covid Pandemic the 140<sup>th</sup> Meeting in 2020 did not take place**

- Members present:** Mike Mahon (President), Michael Gilligan (Treasurer), Stewart Thompson, John Charlton (Slide Curator), Graham Marsh, Phil Slatter, Chris Power, Grenham Ireland.
- 1. Apologies:** Anne Gilligan (Librarian), Derek Haworth (Membership Secretary)
- 2. Minutes of last Meeting:** The minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting (139) held on 21<sup>st</sup> March 2019 were approved.
- 3. Matters arising:** None
- 4. President's Report:** The success of the last 5 online Zoom meetings was noted, with particular thanks for contributions from members of the Quekett, Icení, Bournemouth and New York societies.
- 5. Secretary's Report:** None
- 6 Treasurer's Report:** Finances continued to remain healthy (around £7200) similar to last two years. Detailed written report provided. Proposed JC, Seconded MM – Approved.
- 7. Subscriptions for 2019/20:** Agreed, no subscriptions for 2021.
- 8. Librarian's Report:** None. Purchase of two expensive reference books (Sanderson, Delly) was noted. The Librarian was thanked for online historical articles.
- 9. Slide Curator's Report:** Donations of slide boxes (mainly Histology) from the Anatomy Department and from Bolton Museum. Currently the President has the older slides and is organising digitisation. It was suggested more members may be involved in this.
- 10. Meeting Organiser's Report:**
1. July 2019: many members attended & reported on the MMC exhibition.
  2. July 2019: All-day meeting in Manchester University was again successful with talks on Microscopy Future, Mr Haeckel, Larval Worms, Specialised Microscopes – plus a microscope display and auction.
  3. August 2019: Art & Microscopy Exhibition held in Anglesey attracted numerous tourists, especially schoolchildren.
  4. Attendance at regular evening meetings was poor prior to going online.
- 11: Newsletter Editor's Report:** None. Noted that a May 2020 Micro Miscellanea was the latest edition..

**12. Election of Officers:**

<b>President</b>	Mike Mahon (President + Meetings) re-elected
<b>Secretary</b>	Derek Haworth (Membership) re-elected
<b>Treasurer</b>	Michael Gilligan (Treasurer) re-elected
<b>Ordinary Members (4)</b>	John Charlton (Curator) re-elected James Battersby (Newsletter) re-elected Anne Gilligan (Librarian) re-elected Vacant (Events)

**13. Any Other Business:**

1. World Microscopy Day (April 13<sup>th</sup>) organised by Robert Ratford
2. Future Meetings to be a mix of online and longer (half day, all day) face to face. CP suggested more themed meetings and outdoor meetings. More interaction with other societies and Social Media sites was encouraged. Meetings Secretary to draft plans for further discussion – timing of in person meetings will depend on end of lockdown regulations.

Meeting ended at 8.30pm & was followed by an online gossip and demonstration session open to non-members.