

Manchester Microscopical & Natural History Society



144th Annual General Meeting

Held at Manchester University Medical School
on Thursday 14th March 2024 at 7.30pm

- Members present:** Mike Mahon (President), Michael Gilligan (Treasurer), Phil Slatter, Stewart Thompson, Graham Marsh
- 1. Apologies:** Chris Power
- 2. Minutes of last Meeting:** The minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting (143rd) held on 16th March 2023 were approved.
- 3. Matters arising:** None
- 4. President's Report:** Members were updated on this season's events, namely – Sept Meeting with many exhibits, MMS attendance at Penkridge, Oct Meeting (Hair of the Dog, Flower slides, Inspection Microscope, - Nov (Outreach Display to Poynton Beavers group), - Mar (AGM, Macro or Micro), - June (Collect & Display Event at Etherow Park). Updates to web site links and images. Archives now stored with University Library. The President also thanked Mr Stephen Lindsay-Smith - Anatomy Manager) for his continued assistance in arranging the meeting rooms and equipment storage. The poor turnout for the AGM was again noted.
- 5. Secretary's Report:** None
- 6 Treasurer's Report:** A detailed written report was provided and approved: Finances continued to remain healthy (£6357.97) slightly less than the previous year. Suggest subscriptions remain at zero for now – depending on Newsletter production. The Treasurer had also re-arranged subscriptions to the Quekett Microscopical Club and the North-Western Naturalists Union plus updated the Public Liability Insurance. Michael Gilligan resigned as Treasurer (for personal reasons) and handed over books and records etc. Michael was unanimously thanked for his excellent and diligent work over the past 15 years as MMS Treasurer.
- 7. Subscriptions for 2024/25:** Agreed, no subscriptions next season.
- 8. Librarian's Report:** The need for a new librarian was noted. New book - Bracegirdle 'Photomicrography'
- 9. Slide Curator's Report:** No further slides received this year.

10. Meeting Organiser's Report: Remaining events this Season
April 2024: Again, an invitation from Liverpool World Museum to display for World Microscope Day in the week of April 11th – 14th.
June 2024: Phil Slatter has arranged a Field Trip Meeting & Display at Etherow Country Park/Sailing Club Rooms on Saturday June 8th 10-4pm. Volunteers welcome.
PS to investigate microscope attachment for easier display of microscopical images especially at outreach meetings.
MMS Meetings this year had been advertised on the Quekett website.
After discussion it was suggested that MM explore the possibility of some all day Saturday meetings to give more time for displays and ease travel.

11: Newsletter Editor's Report: None.

12. Election of Officers:

President	Mike Mahon (President + Meetings) re-elected.
Secretary	Derek Haworth (Membership) re-elected (subject to his agreement)
Treasurer	Phil Slatter (Treasurer) elected.
Ordinary Members (4)	John Charlton (Curator) re-elected. James Battersby (Newsletter) re-elected (subject to his agreement). Vacant (Librarian). Vacant (Events).

13. Any Other Business: None

Meeting ended at 9.30pm & included a talk on using Objective lenses for macro work.