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**Minutes of the Committee Meeting
of 28 June 2001**

held at Dept Geology and Geophysics, Edinburgh University

Present

Jon Bull, Peter Maguire, Roger Musson, Sheila Peacock, Wyn Williams, Paul Young

Apologies

Mike Kendall, Graham Stuart, Jared West

1) Minutes of the previous meeting

These were taken as read.

2) Matter arising

Bullerwell 2001: All actions regarding this are complete. The Geol. Soc. has agreed to support future speakers with a £200 stipend and £250 travel allowance. The Bullerwell is not considered something suitable for the RAS to support, but they could be approached with regard to other items.

Standing order to Nominet: Still to do.

Action on Jon Bull to arrange

CTBT meeting: Paul Young has contacted Blacknest and the idea is supported in principle but the details still have to be agreed. Peter Maguire mentioned that DC Booth is organising a lithosphere CTBT calibration meeting on 8 Feb 2002 and the two could be combined.

Action on Peter Maguire to discuss with DC Booth.

Geol. Soc. Science Board: Paul Young has nominated Jon Bull to this and has reminded E Nickless of the need for a Geol. Soc. rep. to replace J Cosgrove. Paul Young has approached M Hapgood as a possible candidate (who declined as he is already RAS Council rep.).

Leaflets: These should be distributed imminently.

3) Future Meetings

Geoscience 2002 is effectively dead. The Bullerwell should therefore continue at EGS until at least 2003. Then it will be appropriate to review the location, with a view of shifting it to the BGA's NAG (New Advances in Geophysics) meeting. The timing of the lecture needs to be discussed with EGS as an earlier slot would be better.

Action to Paul Young to raise with EGS.

This leaves the problem of finding some UK forum in which BGA can promote postgrad presentations. It was proposed that a circulating annual meeting be set up based on the universities represented by BGA committee members. The timing should be before AGU (or possibly EGS) so that it could be used as a rehearsal. The date and venue for the first one is proposed as mid-September 2002 at Southampton.

Action on Paul Young and Jon Bull to circulate the major geophysics departments to garner support and consult as to preferred timing.

The timing of the NAG series was thought to be preferably June; this was then changed to February. There are no suitable slots available in the RAS calendar for 2002 so it was proposed to start in 2003 and fix it as a regular slot. Each meeting will need to have a "champion" proposed on the Committee to push through the arrangements. For 2002 the meeting focus will be on the CTBT meeting.

4) Web site

Wyn Williams explained that he would like to employ someone for at least three years to develop and run the web site as a major concern, and thought that oil companies would probably be willing to fund this. However, for BGA to be the formal employer of some person would raise administrative difficulties. Probably it is impossible for BGA to be a formal employer, though a university could be used as an intermediary. Paul Young suggested it would be better to buy in expertise to set the site up and the pay a stipend to some postgrad to keep it updated. The oil companies may be more interested in supporting the PESGB site than ours. It depends on how useful a BGA-run job market would be.

Action on Wyn Williams to draft a letter and write round suitable companies to gauge their interest.

Action on Wyn Williams to contact Sue Bowler to get versions of the leaflets in html.

Action on Wyn Williams to sort out access to the web site for Sheila Peacock.

Action on Sheila Peacock to make sure the old site gives a redirection to the new one.

(Note: this action has been completed already.)

Wyn Williams had to leave the meeting at this point. Paul Young mentioned that the RAS say they like the leaflets and have asked for some more.

5) Bullerwell 2002

It was agreed to approach ___ as the next Bullerwell lecturer.

Action on Paul Young to write to ____. (Name confidential)

6) Membership of the Committee

It was suggested that we should agitate the heads of Geophysics Departments to nominate people for the Committee to represent their universities.

Action on Paul Young to do this.

It was noted that there is Palaeomagnetism Group rep.; since the palaeomagnetism community in the UK seems to be in some disarray at the moment it may be best to consider this group deleted for the time being. (The views of Wyn Williams would be useful on this point). Also there is no geodesist on the Committee.

Action on Roger Musson to circulate the Geophysics mailing list with a view to finding nominations from industry.

It would not be desirable to have an exclusively academic-based committee (which has tended to happen in the past). The importance of archaeological geophysics means that someone from English Heritage or the British Museum would be appropriate. The space geophysics community is another possibility.

7) Agenda items for the AGM

These were gone through, and are covered in the minutes of the AGM.

8) Royal Society

It was agreed that we should collect names of people we would like to see elected to the Royal Society and email geophysicists in the RS with our suggestions.

Action on Paul Young to arrange this.

On the subject of nominations it was noted by Peter Maguire that nominations for the RAS awards (notably the Gold Medal) are to be in by 29 October.

9) AOB

None

10) Date of next meeting

To be agreed.

Roger Musson
British Geophysical Association Secretary