

ALLTHINGS RANSOME 2017 AGM
held via Skype Conference Call
on Saturday 25 March
MINUTES OF THE MEETING

In attendance (via Skype):

Dave Thewlis – Chairman
Owen Roberts – Vice Chairman
Woll Newall – Treasurer
Adam Quinan – Chief Operating Officer
Andrew Goltz – Secretary

All the officers being in attendance, the Chairman called the meeting to order at 12:04 PDT.

1. Minutes and Matters arising

- The minutes of the meeting held on 21 May 2016, having already been approved, were formally confirmed.
- There were no Matters Arising not covered in this agenda.

2. Chairman's report

- The Chairman's report for the last 10 months, which had been previously circulated, was discussed, and subject to the addition of a comment relating to some problems experienced in accessing the TarBoard server, was formally adopted.

3. Treasurer's report

- **The Accounts for the Year 2016** which had been previously circulated, were discussed and formally adopted. As in the case of the accounts of previous years they will be hosted on the public area on the ATR website.
- It was noted that, following the generous response of the AR community to the 2015 Appeal, no Appeal for Donations had been made during the last 12 months.
- **The present position** is that a total of 273 USD remains in our bank accounts.
- As the free banking facility requires a minimum of 100 USD to be left in each bank account, it was agreed that there will be an **Appeal for Donations**. This will be launched by the Chief Operating Officer in mid-April after the Accounts and AGM minutes have been posted on our website.
- To facilitate the above the Secretary was requested to prepare the minutes of the 2017 AGM in a timely manner.

4. 2016 Action Plan progress and plan for 2017/8

- It was noted that the Dog's Home article is now on-line and this action is now cleared.
- No progress on webcam page, nor geolocation data. It was agreed that latter project should morph into an 'AR locations' version of Google Maps with a master essay linking to specific locations with suitable photographs and articles. The Chief Operating Officer would retain responsibility for the project and the Secretary would produce a pilot section based on the locations used by Arthur Ransome in *Secret Water*.
- The e-pub pilot being progressed by the Secretary will be moved from the Wish List and restored to the Actions List. Remaining actions and Wish List items will be carried forward to the year 2017/8 year.
- Admin actions were discussed during the next two agenda items.

(The 2017/8 Action Plan is an appendix to these minutes and will be published on the All Things Ransome admin. WWW pages.)

5. Disaster recovery & 6. Succession planning and recruitment

- Agenda items 5 and 6 were taken together. The ATR Board was getting older and health issues were beginning to impinge on the rate at which new projects were being progressed.
- It was agreed that the 'AR locations'/ Google Maps projects should be 'crowd sourced' and moderated and skilful and enthusiastic contributors could be invited to become more closely involved with ATR.

6. Elections of officers

- The officers, having been elected for a three-year term at the 2015 AGM, and having expressed their willingness to continue to serve, were confirmed in their current roles.

7. Any other business

- It was agreed to hold the first of the informal Skype calls on Saturday 9th September starting at 12:00 PST to bridge the gap between the annual AGMs.
- A vote of thanks to the Chairman was proposed and carried unanimously.

There being no further business, the Chairman adjourned the meeting at 13:08 PDT.

Andrew Goltz
Secretary to the Board, All Things Ransome