

# ALL THINGS RANSOME 2019 AGM

held via a conference call

Sunday 14 April

## MINUTES OF THE MEETING

### In attendance (via Skype):

Dave Thewlis – Chairman

Owen Roberts – Vice Chairman (via Skypeout to Landline)

Woll Newall – Treasurer

Adam Quinan – Chief Operating Manager

Andrew Goltz – Secretary

**The Chairman called the meeting to order at 11:01PDT**

### Minutes

1. The **Minutes of Meeting** held on 18 March 2018 having been previously circulated and approved were taken as read. There were no **Matters Arising** not covered in the agenda.
  
2. **Chairman's report**
  - The Chairman introduced his report, which described the highlights and major challenges of the last year, by saying that the year had been a period of stabilisation. The report was agreed. (It forms Addendum I to these minutes.)
  - After some discussion, it was agreed that we should actively solicit new material for ATR. As a pilot, the Chairman will approach the editor of Signals from *TARSUS & North Pole News*, about publishing selected articles.
  - Technical difficulties prevented the use of a 'Sandbox' area on the main ATR server. In lieu the Chairman will provide the Secretary with a typical sample of ATR website data which will be used by him to establish a local, off-line development environment.
  
3. **Treasurer's report**
  - The Treasurer introduced **ATR Accounts** and these were agreed. (The accounts form Addendum II to these minutes.)
  - The **present position** was that following the 2017 Appeal sufficient funds remained in the various ATR accounts to cover projected expenditure during 2019, but there was no surplus for contingencies. Accordingly it was decided to hold the next
  - **Appeal for donations** in October 2019.
  - As agreed at the 2018 AGM, one of the Redwood bank accounts was closed and the

monies transferred to the other account.

#### **4. 2018 action plan progress and plan for 2019**

- The Chief Operating Officer had made progress with the AR locations project. The Vice Chairman and Secretary reported having had some difficulty in accessing the map data. The matter would be further investigated. The Secretary would continue with the Walton Backwaters pilot. The chairman would continue to look for replacements for the photographs originally published on the Literary Pages.
- There was some discussion about the Beckfoot layout project. It was felt that the Secretary should not confine himself to the posts made by Ed Kiser and could also refer to the material on published on the Japanese website.
- The new TarBoard project remains in play.
- The list of webcams and the HTML to ebook conversion projects would both be deleted.

#### **5. TarBoard and ATR: The next 5 years**

- There was some discussion about the future of TarBoard and ATR.
- The ATR pages are gaining recognition in their own right and were recently praised by Christina Hardymont. Usage of TarBoard has declined in recent years. It was felt that it should not strive to compete with resources such as the various AR Facebook groups, but rather seek to develop a distinctive personality in its own right.
- Discussions should be actively seeded on TarBoard. The Chief Operating Officer will look at providing a 'Best of ATR' feature and the Secretary promised to assist in providing suitable material.
- The recruitment of 'new blood' remains a priority.

#### **6. Elections of officers**

- According to the ATR constitution officers are elected for a period of three years. All officers having expressed their willingness to continue to serve in office, no elections were held this year.

#### **7. Any other business**

- There was no AOB.

**The Chairman closed the meeting at 12:01PDT.**

Andrew Goltz  
Secretary to the Board, All Things Ransome