



THE BRITISH ENTOMOLOGICAL AND NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY

**Minutes of the Annual Meeting held at Oxford University Museum of Natural History,
Parks Road, Oxford, OX1 3PW on Saturday 30th March 2019 at 2.10 p.m.**

Chairman	The Senior Vice-President, Dr A. Spalding
Apologies	Mr J.F.H. Cole, Mr R. Comont, Dr M.D. Darby, Mr B. Elliott, Mr L. Evans-Hill, Mr J.P. Flynn, Ms E. Peat and Mr D. Stimpson.
Present	41 members.
Minutes	Minutes of the last meeting were approved and signed by the President, Mr I. D. Masters.
Reports	Ms C. Watts read the Council's report in the absence of a Secretary. Mr R.D. Hawkins read the Treasurer's report in the absence of Mr J.P. Flynn. The President announced that the reports from the Editor, Curator and Librarian had been circulated to the meeting for members to read. The President proposed adoption of all the reports; this was seconded by Dr D. J. L. Agassiz and passed unopposed.

Mr I. D. Masters read out the names of the Officers and Members of Council recommended by Council for 2019/20 and added that Mr M. Taylor has kindly agreed to stand for Council after the paperwork had been sent out. In the absence of alternative candidates he declared the following duly elected:

PRESIDENT	I.D. Masters
VICE-PRESIDENTS	A. Spalding S. Judd
TREASURER	J.P. Flynn
SECRETARY	vacant
EDITOR	J.S. Badmin
CURATOR	P.J. Chandler
LIBRARIAN	I.R. Sims
LANTERNIST	S. Lings
BUILDING MANAGER	M.V. Albertini
SALES	M.D. Darby

ORDINARY MEMBERS OF COUNCIL: **J.F.H. Cole, R. Comont, C.M. Durant, L.J. Evans-Hill, A.J. Halstead, P.T. Harding, R.D. Hawkins, S. Judd, K. Lugg, M. Taylor and M.R. Wilson**

Dr A. Spalding then read Bye-law 26(d) and invited questions. David Holland asked why he had not been able to obtain details of the current Annual Meeting and AGM from the website. It was explained that the problem with this event being difficult to find on the website had been previously reported and Mr L. Evans-Hill who manages the website had made every effort to resolve the problem, but that he did not have full access to his computer equipment at the time and the fix had been unsuccessful. The timing of the problem was unfortunate.

Dr A. Spalding invited **Mr R. D. Hawkins** to chair the **Special Meeting to vote on changes to the Society's Bye-Laws**. The changes were explained. A ballot was held in order to vote on the motion that the four changes to the Bye-Laws circulated previously be accepted. A show of hands gave 32 votes in favour and no votes against. 46 postal or electronic votes in favour had been previously received, along with one abstention. This gave 78 votes in favour and the motion was carried. The Special meeting was closed and the Annual Meeting resumed.

Mr I. D. Masters read his Presidential Address, Part 1. This was followed by a short break.

Mr I. D. Masters continued with Part 2 of his Address entitled: 'A Case for the Curious'

Dr A. Spalding requested permission for the Society to publish the Presidential Address. This was granted.

Dr S. Judd proposed a vote of thanks from the floor to retiring Council members for their work and contribution to the running of the Society. Thanks were also proposed to Mr I. D. Masters and Dr A. Spalding for their work organising the meeting and Oxford University Museum of Natural History for hosting the meeting.

Independent Examiner The President proposed the election of Mr A.L. Phillips as Independent Examiner of the Society's accounts for the coming year. This was seconded by Dr I. R. Sims and Mr N. Hall and Mr A. L. Phillips was duly elected.

A.O.B. Two members signed the Obligations Book (Maria Taylor of Holt, Wiltshire and Lonneke Klein-Aarts of Northwood, London) and were formally welcomed to the Society by the President.

Dr A. Spalding declared the meeting closed.

The meeting closed at 4.30p.m.