**IHBC North Branch AGM  
  
Thursday 26th May 2022**

**@ Redhouse, 32 Sandhill, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE1 3JF**

**Minutes**

1. **Welcome**

Oonagh Cranley (OC) welcomed members to the event.

National Update provided by Sean O’Reilly, Director of IHBC

* Thinking ahead, asking members what they want, root of interest and aspirations of members. Looking at the Institute’s history and learning lessons for its future. Outlined achievements – low fees, extra services (HESPR), networks and job adverts allow an enhanced service.
* Chartership – under consideration. Has implications, members views will be sought.
* Website – dedicated page on IHBC25 to stimulate discussion and support events to include news blogs, events and project information.
* Update CPP Principles and the Statement of Conservation Professional Practice a Q&A to be distributed for feedback
* Membership forms – views will be sought to simplify forms
* IHBC25 Special Context Issue – looking at past contributors, nationally and regionally (including David Lovie). Will be speaking to longstanding members, gathering archival information and interviewing members from different areas, harnessing the baseline work of the Institute with COP22 and recording thoughts of members.

1. **Apologies**

Rebecca Taylor and Rose Lord.

1. **Treasurer’s Report**

Michael Atkinson (MA) provided update. IHBC North Branch in good health (£2,600). Thanks to National Office for £750 grant to support activities over pandemic. MA progressing change of details for banking. Action: OC & MA to progress sign over.

1. **Chair’s Report**

OC provided Branch update and outlined future plans

* Events Programme cancelled due to Covid, meetings moved to virtual. Enabled easier access for committee members to attend.
* 4 Committee Meetings this year (all virtual).
* Welcome back to in-person meetings and move on with events and member engagement.
* Achievements – committee is consolidated, submitted Branch nomination for the Marsh Awards, Prepared Business Plan. Special thanks to Stewart Ramsdale (SR) for compiling membership database and maintaining updates.
* In memoriam – A moment to remember key Branch members who have sadly passed: Graeme Darlington (2019); Mike Hein-Hartmann, (2019); David Lovie (2020); and Richard Majewicz (2022).
* Thanks for service - Two members of the committee stepping down, former Chair Jules Brown and News Editor Ian McCaffery, we thank you for your support. Rose Lord also standing down as Cumbrian Representative. JB expressed thanks and wished new Chair well.
* Call for involvement of members and outlined tentative events programme. Spring event (members social), Summer event (early July focus on training), Autumn (Cumbria event – practical conservation) Winter (Heritage and Design conference covering new guidance, case law, opportunity for joint event with RTPI).
* IHBC25 Branch Award seeking interesting ideas/projects/contributions.
* Engage new members. SD to promote IHBC with graduates and university connections.
* Build a network of practitioners and other professionals to establish a mentoring scheme – pairing different members to enhance and build skills.

1. **Election of Committee Officers**

Expressions of interest sought for Committee Membership.

Block Election of Acting Committee Officers: Motioned (Geoff Underwood), seconded (Zinnie Denby-Mann) and carried:

* Branch Chair: Oonagh Cranley
* Branch Treasurer: Michael Atkinson
* Branch Secretary: Rebecca Taylor
* Membership Secretary: Stewart Ramsdale

1. **Election of Committee**

Block Election of Standing Committee Members: Motioned (Geoff Underwood), seconded (Zinnie Denby-Mann) and carried: Sarah Dyer, Roger Higgins, Sharon Kelly, John Pendlebury.

Expression of interest from Geoff Underwood. Motioned (Stewart Ramsdale) Seconded (Sharon Kelly) and carried.

1. **AOB**

No other business to report.

Next Committee Meeting: Thursday 9 June (Virtual Zoom Meeting).

**Sharon Kelly***IHBC North Branch Committee Member*27/05/2022