

THE COMPUTER CONSERVATION SOCIETY

Minutes of the Eleventh Annual General Meeting, held at 2.30 pm on Thursday 17th May 2001 in the Lecture Theatre at the Science Museum, Exhibition Road, London SW7 2DD.

1. The Minutes of the Tenth Annual General Meeting held on 18th May 2000 were approved.

2. The Chairman's Report.

The programmes of seminars in London and Manchester had continued with great success, and thanks were again due to George Davis and Ben Gunn respectively.

The Chairman expressed the Society's great regret at the deaths of Professor Tom Kilburn and Mr Derek Milledge. The working party constructing the replica of the Manchester Baby had been greatly encouraged by the help and support of Professor Kilburn. Derek Milledge's detailed understanding of the Pegasus computer had been of immense value in the recommissioning work on the machine in the Science Museum, which was reaching its public climax on the day of this meeting.

Among the successful efforts of the Society's working parties, the Chairman singled out the construction of the replica Bombe at Bletchley Park as particularly noteworthy.

He also mentioned the Society's concern at the continuing uncertainty about the future of its work and its collections at Bletchley Park, with the sale of part of the estate by the Trust.

3. The Treasurer's Report.

The Treasurer presented a summary of the accounts (reproduced as an Appendix to these minutes). The most significant aspect was the receipt of over £3,500 in donations in the preceding six months. Under the GiftAid scheme, this would be usefully supplemented by about £635 in reclaimable tax. The Society's finances were therefore in a much healthier position than at the end of the previous year.

4. Subscriptions.

The Chairman reminded the meeting that, as a result of a decision of the AGM in May 2000, the Committee had formulated a questionnaire on the subject of subscriptions, which was circulated to members in September of that year. A detailed analysis of the responses is published in *Resurrection* 25. The most significant finding was that a large majority of the membership were quite prepared to accept a modest subscription as a way of funding the Society's activities, and indeed - as the Treasurer had reported - a very significant amount of donations had already been received. Subject to the approval of this meeting, the Committee would therefore put in train a scheme of voluntary subscriptions at a level of, say, £10 per annum, in the form of donations conforming to

the rules of the GiftAid legislation. The proposal was approved by the meeting without the need for a formal vote.

5. Election of Officers

The Chairman, Mr Ernest Morris, had signified that he was willing to continue in office. He was proposed by Roger Johnson, seconded by Simon Lavington, and elected nem.con.

The Chairman reported that the Vice-Chairman, Treasurer and Secretary were all prepared to continue in office, though the Secretary had expressed an intention to retire in a year's time. He proposed that they all be re-elected. This was seconded by George Davis. They were elected nem.con.

6. Election of the Committee.

No nominations had been received. Mr Brian Russell had been co-opted to the Committee during the year as Chairman of the MildAP Working Party; his co-option was formally approved by the meeting. Mrs Jenny Wetton was also formally appointed to the Committee as the representative of the Museum of Science and Industry in Manchester. Other existing members of the Committee were all prepared to continue to serve. The Chairman therefore proposed that the Committee be re-elected en bloc; seconded by the Secretary; passed nem.con.

7. Any Other Business

Mr Harold Gearing, the Society's Archivist, had expressed an intention to retire on grounds of age. He intended to hand over his functions progressively to the Secretary over the next few months. Mr Robin Shirley proposed a vote of thanks to Mr Gearing for his long and valuable service. This was seconded by the Chairman and passed with acclamation.

One member complained about the legibility of the printing of *Resurrection*. It was agreed that this would be investigated.

There being no other business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 2.55 pm

J.W.S.Carmichael, Secretary to the Computer Conservation Society. 18/5/2001

Appendix

Treasurer's Report

Opening Balance

Gold Account	£ 120.68
HQ Allocation	£ 1,500.00
	<u>£ 1,620.68</u>

Income

Subscriptions	£ -
Donations	£ 3,505.00
Working Party Refund	£ -
VAT Refund	£ -
Gold Account Interest	£ 6.65
	<u>£ 3,511.65</u>

Expenditure

Committee Expenses	£ -
Secretarial	£ -
London Meetings	£ 182.50
North West Meetings	£ 273.10
Working Parties	£ 495.20
Resurrection	£ 1,500.00
Insurance	£ -
	<u>£ 2,450.80</u>

Income	£ 3,511.65
Less Expenditure	£ 2,450.80
	<u>£ 2,560.85</u>

Gold Account Balance	£ 2,681.53
HQ Allocation	£ -

Closing Balance

£ 2,681.53

Outstanding Amounts

Science Museum	
Conservation, expenses refunds	£ 495.20
Publications, publicity/advertising	£ 250.00
	<u>£ 745.20</u>

BCS HQ	
VAT reclaim	£ 47.80
Income Tax Refund	£ 635.00
	<u>£ 1,428.00</u>