

THE COMPUTER CONSERVATION SOCIETY

CCS/08/02

Minutes of the Twelfth Annual General Meeting, held at 2.00 pm on Thursday 23rd May 2002 in the Director's Suite at the Science Museum, Exhibition Road, London SW7 2DD.

1. The Minutes of the Eleventh Annual General Meeting held on 21st May 2001 were approved.
2. The Chairman's Report.

Last year's AGM was followed by a highly successful seminar on the Ferranti Pegasus, chaired by Sir John Fairclough, and later by the inauguration of the Pegasus reinstalled in the Science Museum, generously supported by Mr Sebastian Ferranti (who was, regrettably, unable to be with us because of his wife's illness.

Since May last year we have had in London interesting seminars covering early computer uses in insurance and banking, a fascinating exploration of some computer myths, and a stimulating account of early mathematical software, which attracted a large body of current students from Imperial College. In the North West there has been an equally broad range of talks covering hardware, software and uses of computers.

Looking forward, immediately after this AGM we shall have an account of more of the mysteries of wartime Bletchley Park equipment. You will also have seen from the note on London area meetings a notice of a talk on and demonstration of the Bombe Rebuild project at Bletchley Park itself. I am pleased to confirm that this event will take place, with the kind permission of the Director. Beyond that event, you will be aware of several meetings through the winter; details will be provided in good time.

There is a good prospect of a project that I mentioned a year ago which excites me personally and, I am sure, the Society as a whole. Simon Lavington and others are putting together a proposal to identify comprehensively the various significant artefacts in museums throughout the UK, and this should facilitate better access and research through better knowledge of what exists. It should also assist with identification of opportunities for storing items of equipment which we continue to be offered, but for which there are problems of space to store, and which would fill gaps in the 'national' collection. A great deal of cooperation with the museum and academic sectors will be needed, and much financial support.

Last year, with approval from the AGM, the Committee asked members for voluntary contributions to assist the running of the Society. We have had a splendid response from Society members, and that has enabled us to breathe easier and to support project work. Although the Society is therefore in a stronger financial position than a year ago, the Committee wishes to provide an opportunity for continuing support, recognising that some members have already given a contribution covering more than one year.

Mr Harold Gearing has completed the handover to Hamish Carmichael of his functions as Archivist. Members will, I am sure, wish to renew the Society's thanks to him for his long and meritorious service.

3. The Treasurer's Report.

The Treasurer presented a summary of the accounts (reproduced as an Appendix to these minutes). He explained that the increased grant from our parent, the British Computer Society - for which the Society is very grateful - has, as intended, sufficed to cover the costs of printing and distributing *Resurrection* and those notices which have to be sent to members from time to time. The generous contributions from members, to which the Chairman has already referred, have enabled the Society to end the year in a reasonably sound financial position.

4. Election of Officers

The Chairman, Mr Ernest Morris, had signified that he was willing to continue in office. He was proposed by Geoff Hillmore, 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. Other existing members of the Committee were also all prepared to continue to serve. The Chairman therefore proposed that the Officers and Committee be re-elected en bloc. They were elected nem.con.

7. Any Other Business

There being no other business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 2.20 pm

J.W.S.Carmichael, Secretary to the Computer Conservation Society. 29/5/2002

Appendix

Treasurer's Report **2001/2002**

Opening Balance		
	Gold Account	£ 3,599.69
	HQ Allocation	£ 4,500.00

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Income		
	Subscriptions	£ 4,271.00
	Working Party Refund	£ 2,993.90
	Annals	£ 1,276.00
	Gold Account Interest	£ -

		£ 8,540.90
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Expenditure		
	Committee Expenses	£ -
	Secretarial	£ 218.61
	London Meetings	£ 61.10
	North West Meetings	£ 901.86
	Working Parties	£ 2,399.10
	Resurrection	£ 3,462.06
	Annals	£ 1,391.17

		£ 8,433.90
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	Income	£ 8,540.90
	Less Expenditure	£ 8,433.90

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	Gold Account Balance	£ 3,706.69
	HQ Allocation	£ 1,037.94

	Closing Balance	£ 4,744.63
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	Less HQ Allocation	£ 1,037.94

		£ 3,706.69
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D. Hayton, Treasurer to the Computer Conservation Society, 23rd May 2002