**Minutes AGM – 29th August 2019**

Committee members present:

Dorothea Kleine, Phil Jones, Sammia Poveda, Hannah Alcock, Jeremy Crampton

General members: 13

**Agenda**

1. Apologies
2. Chair’s report
3. Treasurer’s report
4. Membership update
5. Postgraduate update
6. Election of committee
7. Time to discuss plans, events, ideas etc
8. AOB

**Notes:**

1. Apologies from Gillian Rose, Veronica Vickery, Megan Palmer-Abbs, Tessa Osborne
2. Chair’s report: see separate report

Thanks to outgoing members; Great Annual Symposium in Birmingham, including – moderating the live streaming which worked perfectly and was extremely well attended (+300). Call for offers – who can host our next annual event (early summer 2020)?, Can we help/support/endorse/sponsor your event?

1. Election of committee:

As we did not have various candidates, the Chair proposed to endorse those that have put forward their nominations. With permission of the candidates, their bios will be shared with all members. Sammia as Secretary: Phil proponent, Jeremy seconder. Emma Fraser for web coordinator: Jack proponent, Sammia seconder. Adam Packer re-elected as post-grad rep. Jennie Day as second post-grad rep:, Jeremy proponent, Dorothea seconder. Ordinary member, Sam Kinsley as ordinary member: Daisy Curtis proponent, Phil seconder. Next meeting of the committee – October.

1. Treasurer: Shared a handout.
2. Membership report: we have paying members, great expansion of RGS-IBG Fellows who have now become members of our group (affiliated). Tess Osborne sends apologies, she is currently based in the Netherlands. Chair asks people to either affiliate through the RGS-IBG or pay the membership (£5 waged/£3 unwaged per year).
3. Postgraduate report, Adam sends apologies, Chair shares his summary.
4. Plans events, ideas, etc

2020 Symposium to be held in June or July. As there are many early career members to the group, early career aspects will be integrated into the main symposium rather than holding a separate event. The chair invited further ideas.

Hannah Awcock proposed: how Geographers use the digital – methods, social media, communicate their research among each other and with the general public.

Sam Kinsley from Exeter volunteered Exeter as hosts.

Sam reported that they had held an ESRC-funded 2-day digital methods event which was interdisciplinary, but had not explored how digital is working for day-to-day communication.

Chair – fits with the RGS interest on how they do geography in the digital age. Coming to Exeter might be difficult (member based in Germany- Saha). Can we do it a day plus X (e.g. a walk like in Sheffield).

Chair, can we also think of a pre RGS event. We can use streamlining to bring far away interested people. Do digital methods workshops to learn during the symposium? Emphasise digital communication, how can we communicate in ways which are dialogic (interactive), can we experiment with the digital too?

Agreed that Hannah and Sam will lead on symposium.

A pre-RGS workshop could be held in a computer room in Imperial.

Second day in Exeter, it may be possible to find deals to make cost of accommodation cheaper.

Our symposium can help people that cannot afford attending the RGS go to an RGS event which is cheaper, shorter.

Can we hold a multi-hub conference? Satellite events? Let’s think creatively to expand our options.

Do we know where our members are based? Maybe it is a good exercise to map (but what about GDPR).

Comment that somebody wanted more time in the symposium, feedback to the next.

Do we want to do some active recruitment of people that work with digital? – Emma volunteering to follow up to speakers to this conference which are related someway to digital.

Jeremy – do we want to endorse a public engagement activities, hackathons, digital related? Digital mapping? Chair – yes do send us a blurb of particular events and the committee will see, as long as a member of the group is involved would be great.

1. AOB – There is a new Digital Geography and Society journal out.

Further, we have 2 prize offers – Elsevier and anonymous donor. To be further discussed by the committee.

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