

Haworthia Society Committee Meeting

Monday 15th May 2023

Zoom meeting

7.00pm

Present: Les Percy (chair), Tony Roberts, Les Hewitt, Bill Darbon, Adrian Weatherill

1. **Apologies for Absence:** Bill Hildyard (Bill also tendered his resignation from the committee)
2. **Minutes of the last meeting:** The previous minutes of 4th February 2023 were approved by the committee.
3. **Matters arising:** None
4. **Seed distribution report update:** There are still sales from the current list. 67 orders, 1090 packets, £553.75
5. **Gerhard Marx book update and next book:** The Marx book is selling for £12 each. A further 31 Gerhard Marx books have been sold, making a total of 126. The total net income from these sales is now more than the total cost of printing all 600 copies. Steve Molteno to be contacted to about his next book but this will be left until next year.
6. **Joint Show with Oxford Branch:** The show will take place Saturday 1st July. A show schedule has been distributed. The Haworthia section will be judged by Ian Armstrong and Mark Plumer.
7. **Haworthiad Update including Tulista article problem:** Due to the sudden resignation of Bill Hildyard as editor of Haworthiad, most of the discussion was centred on how to move forward. It was agreed that the next issue of Haworthiad would most likely have to be delayed. Les Percy agreed to contact Bill for further information on his decision. With regard to the Tulista article, an article covering the issue would be included in the next Haworthiad and Les would discuss the issues with Lawrence Loucka.
8. **Financial & Membership update:** Balance at 14th May is **£31,602.10**, representing an Income of **£1,635.74** (main items: subs £517, books £520, DVDs £120, gift aid credit £400) and expenditure of **£246.39** (mainly postage actual or in advance).

Membership has increased from **303** to **334** since 31st March:

	Members at 31/12/2022	Members at 31/03/2023	Members at 14/05/2023
UK	191	172	178
Associate members	1	1	1
Europe	64	42	54
Rest of World	128	88	101
Total	384	303	334

A further 6 new members have joined since 31st March. Membership is down by 50 compared with 2022 membership. More than 70, 2022 members, had not responded to an invitation to renew and some of the prominent names were reviewed. Where possible, they would be contacted to see if they would continue their membership.

- 9. Constitution update:** Adrian presented proposed updates to the Constitution. These were discussed and agreed. These will now be published in the next edition of Haworthiad so they can be proposed at the next General Meeting.
- 10. Future President & Committee:** Derek will be standing down as President at the next General meeting. Replacements were discussed and Les Percy will sound out one of the possible candidates. Les also agreed to contact a potential future committee member at the Oxford show.

Les had also contacted Ess Green regarding joining the committee. Ess had agreed to review the web site and report back next month.

- 11. Any Other Business:** None

- 12. Date for Next Meeting:** To be agreed after the Oxford show.