

Haworthia Society Committee Meeting

Monday 28th August 2023

Zoom meeting

7.00pm

Present: Les Percy (chair), Tony Roberts, Les Hewitt, Bill Darbon, Ian Armstrong, Ess Green, Lawrence Loucka, Colin Walker, Arthur Dixon, Adrian Weatherill

1. **Welcome to New Members:** Les Percy welcomed our new co-opted committee members, Ian Armstrong, Ess Green, Lawrence Loucka, Arthur Dixon and Colin Walker.
2. **Apologies for Absence:** None
3. **Minutes of the last meeting:** The previous minutes of 15th May 2023 were approved by the committee.
4. **Matters arising:** There were two matters arising, 1) Les Percy to contact Lawrence Loucka regarding the Tulista article published in Haworthia and 2) Adrian was to arrange publication of proposed Constitutional updates in Haworthia and on the website. Both actions had been completed.
5. **Future President & Committee:** Les Percy outlined the proposed changes to the President and Committee.

Derek Tribble had reached the end of his term as President and would not be standing for another term. Colin Walker had agreed to stand as the new President subject to approval at the next General Meeting.

Following the resignation of Bill Hildyard as Editor, it was decided to move forward with an Editorial team comprising of Les Percy, Tony Roberts and Lawrence Loucka.

A new social media group had been created. The web site management was to be provided by Ess Green and Facebook administration was to be provided by Ian Armstrong and Arthur Dixon.

In order for this last group to function, they urgently needed control of both the web site and facebook page. Les Percy agreed to contact Bill Hildyard to obtain the necessary administration rights.

6. **Seed distribution update:** Over 250 packets of seed have been sold from the latest offering. Additionally Les Percy was looking to find other sources of seeds including Jakub and Fanda. Allan Armitage is now supplying seeds again.
7. **Gerhard Marx book update and possible next book from Ingo Breuer:** Copies of the GM Book continue to be sold mainly to non-members. There are 30 – 40 copies remaining.

Ingo Breuer had offered a new book to the Society. Titled “Haworthia, Haworthiopsis and Tulista, a guide for collectors and growers”, it was around 300 pages and with a print on demand publisher. A proof copy had been ordered by Lawrence Loucka. The committee was concerned regarding the resolution of the images. The committee also wanted to view sample pages and understand on what basis the book was being offered. Tony and Lawrence agreed to supply sample pages from the book.

8. **Social Media & website update:** Access is urgently needed to the web site and facebook page. Once obtained, we can then formalise access/control and agree how to split responsibilities and accesses. Les agreed to contact Bill Hildyard to obtain the necessary access.
9. **Haworthiad and Editorial board update:** Articles are still needed for the next issue of Haworthiad. Images and a judge’s report from the Oxford show are available for use. The intention is to have an Editorial board to produce Haworthiad, pro temp. It is also the intention is to build up a pool of articles so that we are working on Haworthiad two or even three issues ahead rather than just on the next issue.

10. Financial & Membership update:

Tony updated the membership numbers

	Members at 31/12/2022	Members at 31/03/2023	Members at 14/05/2023	Members at 28/08/2023
UK	191	172	178	185
Associate members	1	1	1	1
Europe	64	42	54	61
Rest of World	128	88	101	119
Total	384	303	334	366

For the Financial Update: See the Appendix.

11. **Haworthia Convention 2024:** The last convention made a loss mostly due to the number of overseas speakers but also due to Covid. After much discussion, it was felt that a convention in 2024 was difficult and the next convention would probably take place in 2025. We would find out what the members wanted by including a survey in the next Haworthiad.
12. **AOB:** Adrian raised the point that the term “Haworthiad” was used to define a number of classes for the Oxford show. This had caused some confusion as there was no definition of plants described as Haworthiad. It is solely the name of the Haworthia Society publication. The meeting agreed that the term “Haworthiad” would not be used as a term for plants in future.
13. **Date for the next committee meeting & GM:** Les Percy will email dates for the next committee meeting and General Meeting to take place this year.

Note: Since the committee meeting, there has been concern about not having a convention in 2024. Subsequently, a sub-committee was formed to draft a convention programme. Subject to approval, a provisional booking has been made at The Hilton Hotel in Leicester for 19th/20th October 2024. Further information will be provided by the committee in due course.

Appendix

HAWORTHIA SOCIETY

Receipts and Payments Account for the Period 1st April 2023 to ~~31st March 2024~~ 28th August 2023

Receipts	2023-2024	2022-2023	Payments	2023-2024	2022-2023
Subscriptions, consisting of:			Journal Printing	£604.83	£1,880.34
UK Subscriptions 2023 ^a	£210.00		GM Special Edition Printing		£1,492.25
UK Subscriptions 2024 ^b	£14.00		Other Printing		£30.29
Overseas Subscriptions 2023 ^a	£808.94		Postage & Mailing House costs	£1,228.19	£5,075.88
Overseas Subscriptions 2024 ^b	<u>£85.00</u>		Stationery		£46.14
Total Subscriptions	£1,117.94	£5,187.18	Travel Expenses		£61.00
Seed Sales	£139.50	£760.00	Internet Hosting, Website, ZOOM		£493.11
Books	£656.50	£1,873.50	Sundries (RHS memb., insurance, gifts, etc.)	£22.99	£123.20
Journals and Binders	£56.00	£47.00	DVD Production Costs		£16.00
Plant Sales, Commission, Donations		£0.00	PayPal Charges	£74.76	£272.75
DVD Sales	£182.00	£607.00			
Badges	£15.00	£66.00			
Gift Aid Tax Credit	£400.13	£393.11			
Interest (Bus. Res. Acc.)	£76.64	£23.70			
Sub-total (excl. Convention)	£2,643.71	£8,957.49	Sub-total (excl. Convention)	£1,930.77	£9,490.96
Total Convention Receipts	£0.00	£10,355.26	Total Convention Payments	£0.00	£11,209.17
Total Receipts	£2,643.71	£19,312.75	Total Payments	£1,930.77	£20,700.13
			Surplus (or if minus, Deficit)	£712.94	-£1,387.38
			Total	£2,643.71	£19,312.75

Balance Sheet as at ~~31st March 2024~~ 28th August 2023

Balance at 1st April 2023	£30,212.75	consisting of:	
		NatWest Current Acc.	£10,121.35 ^c
		NatWest Business Reserve Acc.	£20,023.70
		Cash (Tony)	£54.33
		Cash (Bill D.)	£13.37
Surplus for Year (or if minus, Deficit)	£712.94		
Balance at 31st March 2024 28-Aug-23	£30,925.69	consisting of:	
		NatWest Current Acc.	£10,726.25 ^c
		NatWest Business Reserve Acc.	£20,100.34
		Cash (Tony)	£54.33
		Cash (Bill D.)	£44.77

^a including earlier years

^b including later years

^c of which £1,114 are restricted funds (Conservation Fund)

Plus stock of books, journals, binders and badges

Tony G. Roberts

1st April 2024
28-Aug-23