

Haworthia Society Committee Meeting

Tuesday 15th November 2023

Zoom meeting

8.00pm

Present: Les Percy (chair), Les Hewitt, Ian Armstrong, Lawrence Loucka, Colin Walker, Adrian Weatherill

Apologies: Bill Darbon, Tony Roberts, Ess Green

1. Requirements for General Meeting (2nd Dec 2023 at 3pm)

The required reports, their order as well as the order of the proceedings were agreed.

Les P to send out an agenda and zoom login details prior to the GM.

2. Haworthiad content

Lawrence raised a question regarding the future content of Haworthiad. The meeting agreed that there should be a balanced mix of articles and less travelogs.

3. Conservation and Trade

Lawrence also raised the Society's views on conservation and trade.

At the GM, a proposal for a constitutional change with a statement on the Society's position would be made. This high-level statement should then be flowed down to Haworthiad, the website and Facebook.

The meeting also discussed having more articles on conservation.

4. Future reduction of Journals in Storage

This item could not be discussed as Bill Darbon was unable to be on the meeting.

5. Update on the Convention

The contract with The Hilton for the Convention in 2024 had been received. It now needed reviewing and approval. A deposit of £500 was required by the end of Jan 2024.

Speakers had been agreed and a draft programme had been produced.

Les H had produced a draft show schedule for the Convention.

6. Update on Facebook & Website

Although some progress had been made, there still required the transfer of control/ownership of both the website and Facebook from Bill Hildyard. Les P had tried to contact Bill Hildyard without success but will continue to try.

7. AOB

The Society has been offered the collection of John Pilbeam's Haworthia books. The meeting decided that more information about them was needed before a decision could be made.