

Haworthia Society Committee Meeting

Monday 15th July 2024

Zoom Meeting

19.00am

Present: Les Percy (chair), Colin Walker, Tony Roberts, Les Hewitt, Ian Armstrong, Bill Darbon, Adrian Weatherill

- 1. Apologies for Absence:** Ess Green, Lawrence Loucka
- 2. Minutes of the last meeting:** The previous minutes of 4th March 2024 were approved by the committee.
- 3. Matters arising:** None.
- 4. Convention Update:** There are 21 members currently booked for the Convention. A minimum of 25 delegates is required for the event to go ahead. Tony agreed to mail all members with a reminder and Ian will continue to advertise the Convention on Facebook. Les P will contact previous attendees.
- 5. Haworthiad:** Following a change in the wording of the customs declaration, only 3 copies were impounded by EU Customs. Those effected have been sent a personalised digital copy. The committee will continue to monitor the situation and will discuss supplying digital copies at the next meeting. Tony agreed to provide costings.
- 6. Editor Report:** There are now plenty of articles for future Haworthiad issues. The committee discussed whether there should be 4 issues per year but decided to delay any decision until there had been a thorough review including costs. The Essie Esterhuizen book should be ready for the convention.
- 7. Membership:** There are currently 357 paid up members. This compares to 374 at the end of 2023. There were 30 new members

- 8. Publications Update:** Regular orders received. The stock of the Gerhard Marx publication is now low.
- 9. BCSS Mart Attendance:** Les P will be responsible for the stand at the show.
- 10. Oxford 2025 Joint Show:** The meeting gave provisional agreement for this event.
- 11. Website Update:** The website is now fully backed up both externally and on the cloud.
- 12. Facebook Update:** The administration for members to join the Facebook page has been reduced as has the administration to remove unwanted posts. There has been discussion about a member's section but this will take a lot of resource to set up and maintain. To be discussed at a future meeting.
- 13. AOB:** Les H reported that the Lullingstone display would cost £16.

If required, next meeting will be held before The Convention

Dr Adrian Weatherill

Secretary, The Haworthia Society