

Ghar Parau Foundation

Awards Meeting – Summer 2013 – Monmouth 28/9/13

Present : A Eavis, D Judson, P Ibberson, P Rowsell, H Brooke, J Wade

Apologies : R Walters, N Williams

Previous Minutes : Not formally reviewed – to be signed off at Round 1 2014 along with these notes.

Finances : Relatively up to date. Most R1 awards distributed, awaiting Monaco confirmation.

Majority of retentions outstanding. PI will chase up feedback.

Kosovo now not going, funds to be reallocated.

Online system now up and running. Definitely makes payments easier to process.

2012 Tax Reclaim will now be done online – registration done, claim to be done.

In August, a further £5000 was reinvested in the Virgin account. Rate 2%.

NS&I Bond rate now 1.25% and min. holding £500+.

Current interest expectation for 2014 approx £1100 without moving more to Virgin.

Option for R2 to hold £600 BCA and increase GPF to £850, Total £1500 for Round 2.

AE confirmed additional £1000 available from China Caves Project.

Awards : All applications considered. PR advised that Alex Pitcher applicant was not eligible.

Thailand Nan Province – Awarded £400 BCA/GPF

Myanmar Shan – Awarded £600 BCA/GPF

Tian Xing – Awarded £500 CCP

Xmas Er Wang Dong – Awarded £200 CCP

Spring San Wang Dong – Awarded £300 CCP

Mulu – Awarded £500 BCA/GPF

PI to determine split of awards from BCA and GPF funds.

ACTION : PI

Bio Karst Mapping Project was not made an award due to insufficient financials and uncertainty over the caving content. (It was not known if the issue had been advised to the above – RW to clarify).

RW.

They have been informed.

Website : Presentation by PR and HP at Hidden Earth.
New application process ready for final testing. Expected live online for Nov 13.
Hotmail problem with committee@ believed to be fixed. Please advise issues to PR.
Committee access expected available before end Oct. Feedback to PR. **ALL**
Formal recognition of work done by HP required **AE/PR**

Fundraising : Approx £3500 to date in 2013.
Scurion raffle at HE gone very well. Ideas for similar at HE 2014? **ALL**
Still have a lot of Xmas card stock to sell.
PR / PI will reconcile fundraising numbers for year end accounts. **PR/PI**

A.O.B : HB queried how Glasgow University Potholing Association has been listed for the R1 awards in Descent when it was the Exploration Society. There was an email pointing this out, but was it our error or the publisher? **RW?**

Confusion in application. Error spotted too late for descent.

Next Meeting : Previously proposed date of 16 March 2014 is now unsuitable for several committee members. Next best (and possibly only) alternative would be Sunday 6 April 2014 at Great Hucklow. **ALL**