

Ghar Parau Foundation  
Awards Meeting (Round One April 2021)

Minutes

Purpose of meeting: Spring Awards

Date & time of meeting: 18th April 2021

Location: Zoom

Invitees	Name	Responsibility	
Chairperson	Andy Eavis	Trustee & Chair	AE
	Nick Williams	Trustee	NW
Treasurer	Paul Ibberson	Trustee & Treasurer	PI
Absent	Elaine Oliver (Year-1)	Elected Member	EO
	Rob Middleton (Year - 4)	Elected Member	RM
	Fleur Loveridge (Year -3)	Elected Member	FL
	Phil Walker (Year - 2)	Elected Member	PW
	Michael Butcher	BCRA Foreign Secretary	MB
Secretary	Howard Jones	BCA Treasurer & Ghar Parau Secretary	HJ

1. Minutes of the last GPF meeting held 25/9/2020

The minutes were discussed and approved. Matters arising not otherwise on the agenda: None.

2. Trustee matters

P Rowsell has resigned. HJJ has been nominated to replace him which was accepted nem con. BCA Council to be asked to approve. **Action HJJ**

3. Discussion regarding 2021 funding of applications

PI explained the current financial position in 2021 (see his paper attached). Capital Fund Lower Limit set at £125,000, TBC each year. Accounts as at 31/12/2020. Approved. Submission to Charity Commission by October 2021. Independent examiner to be appointed. **Action PI.** Post year end a further £14,000 Merdeka award has been received, being the tax saving being made by AE on the larger award in 2020, (25% gift aid to be received) and £2,000 from BCA). £14,000 goes into the Mulu pot and the rest into general reserve It was agreed the following would be distributed in Spring 2021 to expeditions: £6,150 including Alex Pitcher. Further £3,000 kept back for Autumn 2021. £15,000 cash to be re invested. It was agreed to increase Pitcher awards to £100 each.

4. Consideration of spring applications 2021

The Committee agreed the recommendations which would be communicated to the expedition leaders. **Action PI/HJJ.**

Expeditions ring fenced in 2020 have following status. Mulu to go in October 2021, Croatia diving August 2021, Papua 2022, previous approved funding applies.

Letter of support to be given to Kishorn trip but funding not possible due to target area being in UK. **Action HJJ**

5. Review of outstanding actions from previous meetings

See separate document.

6. Members update.

RM retires after autumn meeting. Re advertise applicants (**action HJJ**), put in the award letter (**Action PI**)

7. Review risk management documentation (**action, NW and HJJ**)

8. Date of next meeting

September 29th evening Zoom. 19.00

Meeting closed 13.30