



## FARNBOROUGH AND GUILDFORD GROUP

**Draft** Minutes of the 72<sup>nd</sup> Annual General Meeting of the Boundless by CSMA Farnborough and Guildford group held 8.15pm on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2023 at St Mark's Church Hall, Farnborough, Hampshire

### **1. Apologies for absence**

22 Boundless by CSMA members were present and apologies had been received from Stephen and Pam Johns and Barbara Coleman.

### **2. Minutes of the 71<sup>st</sup> Annual General Meeting of the Boundless by CSMA Farnborough Group**

These were distributed to the Members present.

### **3. Matters arising**

There were no matters arising.

### **4. Chairman's Report (David Pegg)**

As you will see from the heading, we have a new name.

With the demise of Guildford Group, it was felt our name should encompass the area that was left without a Group so hence the change. Hopefully we can in due course attract members from the Guildford area.

Our last AGM was delayed by Covid and was held in November 2021. This finally gave our long standing Secretary, Tim Shenton- Taylor, the chance to step down after many years largely running Farnborough Group with his daughter Olivia for part of that time. Fortunately, Nick Woodward stepped forward to fill the breach.

As a result of the November AGM, it was decided not to hold a meeting last March.

Since our last AGM, the Group has continued with a varied programme though at times, the attendances have been disappointing. We started 2022 with a very interesting talk on The Heroes and Villains of The Basingstoke Canal which had many changes of ownership.

Later in the year we went further afield with a talk about Alaska! In May our annual Group visit to Wisley proved popular once more on a warm/hot day. May also featured a talk on The New Forest though this was not helped by squeaky flooring (for some reason) and traffic noises from the open windows!

June saw the evening run on The Watercress Line attract a good number of Boundless members for a round trip on a lovely summer evening with the locomotive Cheltenham doing the honours. August saw another railway themed visit to the late Sir William McAlpine's private "garden" railway and amazing museum collection. The day was hot and thankfully the museum opened an hour early but even so, most had left by mid-afternoon. A disappointing turn out probably due to the time of year and the heat.

October was not a good month as I had to postpone the Topographia Rally (since run on March 12<sup>th</sup>) and our speaker did not appear – a rare occurrence fortunately.

After a November meeting featuring a talk on Romania, we had an enjoyable Christmas lunch at the Lismoyne Hotel, Fleet though again numbers were down.

This year we have a full programme of events arranged as CSMA are celebrating their centenary. I hope you will be able to join us on many of these and that they may attract new members to the Group.

Thank you for your support in recent times and I would like to thank Nick and Ian for the work they do for the Group and most importantly, I must thank Christine and Barry Early for providing our refreshments at each meeting!

## **5. Secretary's report (Nick Woodward)**

As Dave has mentioned we had a variety of off Events and Talks in the past year which I hope you have enjoyed. Numbers have been down, after Covid, but it is hoped to increase publicity about the group so that we can increase our numbers over the next year.

I hope you have found the speakers we have for our club nights, interesting and enthusiastic, and though I couldn't make it due to ill health, that you enjoyed the Christmas meal. We will no doubt use some of the speakers again. Unfortunately, two of our speakers did not turn up, hopefully we managed to fill the void, particularly thanks last month to our ex-Secretary, Tim doing an excellent impromptu quiz.

You should have all received the speakers and events for the rest of the year, and have put those in your diaries, if you have not been sent this information, then please speak to me afterwards and will collect your details and send them to you.

Our next club night will take place on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> April by a previous speaker Paul Whittle about St Petersburg. Our first trip of the year is to Brookwood Cemetery on 4<sup>th</sup> May. Apart from our annual trip to the Watercress Line, which we are waiting for a definitive date., all our events and speakers are on the Boundless by CSMA website. Quite a lot of Boundless Members outside the existing group, have expressed interest in several of our events, in particular the trips to Wisley Gardens and Brooklands Motor Museum. So, if you are interested in coming to one of these events, please let myself or Dave know as quickly as possible. We are hoping that at least one of our events will be featured in the Boundless Magazine.

As you are aware 2023 is the Centenary Year for CSMA and it is holding a number of events, which I informed you about in our latest Filter Newsletter. In addition, Boundless is increasing the number of Partner organisations it is dealing with and getting better deals from them. Plus, it has increased the number and variety of publicity it has been producing nationwide, including TV Advertising.

## **6. Treasury's report (Ian Moir)**

This report covers the financial year, 1 January to 31 December 2022. The previous AGM was held in November 2021, so did not cover quite all the transactions in that year. However, the present report includes the balance carried over from 31 December 2021.

As 2022 was a much more active year than 2021, a high proportion of the year's Budget was taken in Imprests.

In addition to this, Boundless have replaced the previous Honoraria payable to Group Officers with a Volunteer Recognition Fund amounting to £500 per annum. As both the 2022 and 2023 amounts were paid into the Group's account in 2022, at the Group's request, Income was increased by £1000. However, strict rules govern how the Fund may be used, which prohibit it from assisting with the funding of ordinary Group activities. Your committee was not fully aware of the restrictions when it applied for the Fund, and it has not yet found ways in which to make full use, so only about £100 has so far been distributed. The balance carried forward into 2023 is therefore somewhat artificially inflated.

The Group's 'major' events were unfortunately rather poorly supported, so the Fawley Hill visit, the Topographia Rally and the Christmas Lunch all made substantial losses as a result. One event which again proved popular was the Group's visit to the RHS Wisley Gardens. This is made possible by the Group's Affiliated Societies' Membership of the RHS, and charging £2 per person on the day actually produced a small profit.

I have decided that the coming year will be my last as Group Treasurer, so we will be seeking a volunteer to take over the post from the 2024 AGM.

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## **7. Matters arising from Treasurer's report**

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## **8. Election of Committee**

The present Officers, David Pegg, Nick Woodward and Ian Moir were willing to stand Joe Nominated and Adrian Hobbs Seconded the re appointment.

Joe and Barry Early and were willing to stand again as Committee members, nominated by Tim Shenton-Taylor and Seconded by Adrian Hobbs.

Robert Goddard asked to be considered as a new member of the Committee, he was nominated by Tim Shenton-Taylor and seconded by Adrian Hobbs.

## **9. Matters arising**

Tim Shenton-Taylor queried whether it was wise to have the Bourton on the Water event in August, as it will be very packed. Also there was concern regarding that no specific date had been agreed regarding the Watercress Line event, Dave said he would get back to WCL, both items will be discussed at the next Committee meeting on 25<sup>th</sup> March.

Also the meeting raised the point that the Group was not as well publicised as other groups, particular on Social Media such as Facebook. It was also suggested that deadlines for commitment by Members to both booking and payment dates might well receive quicker uptake. Also the Flying Boat talk would be publicised by both Tim and Adrian.

