



## THE SABINE BARING-GOULD APPRECIATION SOCIETY

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### MINUTES

SBGAS Annual General Meeting – East Mersea Village Hall, 2 October 2011

Chair: Martin Graebe

**Present:** Martin Graebe (Chairman), Roger Bristow (Newsletter Editor), Bill Oke (Treasurer) and 14 other members

**Apologies:** Ron Wawman, Mary Rolfe, Helen English, Troy White, Sybil Tope, Jane Marchand

**Chairman's Welcome and Matters Arising.** The Chairman reported a good year in which the Society had acted as a kind of 'hub', facilitating various activities which increased awareness of, and research, into the life and works of SBG. He described the Seaton community production of 'Winefred' in August as 'an excellent piece of work' which had engaged the whole community. On the downside, however, recruitment of new members was not going as well as had been hoped last year.

**Treasurer's Report.** The Treasurer presented the accounts, revealing that there is £207 in the current account and £265 on deposit. Subscriptions were down on the previous year, The total cost of the newsletter, Transactions, publicity material and membership lists was £709. He therefore proposed to raise the subscription to £15. A secondary proposal from the floor (Mr Robin Price) was to raise it to £20. A preliminary vote was taken as to which sum should be put to the Meeting, resulting in a large majority for £15. This was then formally proposed by Bill Oke and seconded by Ray Scott, and carried unanimously. The subscriptions are therefore now £15 for a single member, £20 for a joint membership (receiving one newsletter only) and £25 for Overseas members.

**Secretary's Report.** The Chairman quoted from a written report sent by the Secretary, in which she apologised for her absence. She expressed a wish to be replaced as Secretary, due to pressure of work, and reported that the Brentor event proposed for this autumn had been cancelled. She had had two requests for information during the year.

## **Research Co-ordinator**

Four approaches had been made to Keith Lister during the year. This might have been more, but he was without his computer for some months.

## **SBGAS Transactions**

100 copies of the 2010 Transactions had been printed, at a cost of £265. This number would be revised downwards for 2012, but the potential saving achieved would be small. A small stock exists of Volumes 8-11.

The British Library has requested copies of Volumes 1-7, which are presently unavailable. Agreement is to be sought from Philip Weller, who holds the copyright of these volumes, for us to make copies for the BL, with whom we are eager to comply.

Other free copies of the Transactions are regularly lodged with the Library of Congress in the USA, and the Vaughan Williams Library.

## **Website**

Martin Graebe reported that he has not been very active during this year, regarding the website, but the first ten years of the Newsletter are now posted on it. The cost for 2010 was £34.99 and for 2011 it was £40.98. There have been in excess of 2,150 'hits' on the website since the launch of the latest version in 2010.

**Future Meetings** Horbury would be the venue for the 2014 Gathering, and Devon, preferably Lewtrenchard, would be the venue for 2012. A date was agreed as 12-14<sup>th</sup> October.

**Election of Officers.** The existing committee was re-elected unopposed. Shan Graebe was proposed as the new Secretary by Robin Price, seconded by Colin White and elected unopposed.

The Chairman thanked Ray and Shirley Scott for their excellent work in arranging this year's Gathering, and the meeting closed at 1.05pm.

Becky Smith