

**SUSS-EX CLUB**  
**Notes of the 52<sup>nd</sup> Steering Group meeting**  
**Friday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2020 at 5 pm**  
**hosted on Zoom**

**1. Host and Chair**

**CMG** hosted the Zoom meeting. **PST**, appointed at the last meeting, took the chair.

**1. Present**

Rossana Dowsett (**RD**), Jackie Fuller (**JKF**), Colin Finn (**CBPF**), Charles Goldie (**CMG**), Arnold Goldman (**AMG**), Steve Pavey (**SPCP**), Adrian Peasgood (**ANP**), David Smith (**JDS**), Paul Tofts (**PST**) and Helen Walker (**HJW**).

**2. Minutes of the 51<sup>st</sup> Meeting, of 17<sup>th</sup> January 2020**

Approved.

**3. Matters arising not covered elsewhere**

None.

**4. Finance**

**JKF** reported an unaltered credit balance. The Christmas Party payments and receipts had been dealt with.

**5. Recent event**

*(a) Royal Pavilion*

A great success, resulting in very positive pieces in our April Newsletter and Facebook Group. Thanks to **SPCP** for organising.

**6. Planned future event**

*(a) Meeting on a medical topic*

The Covid-19 lock-down had forced the cancellation of the campus event. **JDS** will ask the speaker if he is willing to speak at a Zoom event.

- We could aim for as early as the end of June or early July, given that no-one is holidaying.
- **RD** will take out a Zoom subscription, which needs to be done now so as to have the invitation to the meeting ready for advertising the event to members.
- **SPCP** will aim to set up a Plan B.
- **JDS** will again invite the Medical and Life Sciences Schools to join the meeting.
- For a speaker meeting the reliability of the speaker's equipment is crucial.
- In a large Zoom meeting the host must exercise control, muting all participants and un-muting questioners individually. The Chat facility can be used for people to post their questions
- Those lacking internet access can join the meeting, at least in listening mode, by telephone.

**7. Possible future events**

*(a) Tour of work in progress on Brighton's Corn Exchange*

Postponed, to whenever it is again feasible to lay on such an event; **HJW** will keep it in mind.

*(b) Shoreham harbour tour by boat*

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Similarly postponed. **SPCP** observed that the Port Authority are to hold a public meeting on 23<sup>rd</sup> June. While we don't use our Newsletter to advertise third-party events, the meeting can be notified to our Facebook Group.

(c) *A further medical talk*

**CBPF**'s contact, a consultant cardiologist, could give a talk in the autumn; his willingness to do so via Zoom is not yet known.

(d) *Winery visit*

**CBPF** has ruled out Rathfinny as too expensive. He will keep open the possibility of a return visit to Ridgeview in September 2021.

(e) *Fishbourne*

**RD** reported that a one-hour talk for 30 people can be booked at a cost of £70, participants having also paid the entrance fee to the complex. Afternoons are less busy, as are school holidays. There are pleasant gardens. To be kept in mind for Summer 2021.

(f) *Rampion Wind-Farm*

Several operators offer boat trips to the wind-farm, some giving much better experiences than others. They depend on good weather. **PST** recommends those run by the *Brighton Diver*. Also to be kept in mind for Summer 2021.

(g) *A social event*

**PST** suggested a picnic in Stanmer Park. Agreed that while it would be unwise to offer an outdoor event far in advance when there is no indoor venue available in case of bad weather, an event at a few days' notice could be organised, advertised on our Facebook Group, given a good weather forecast for the day in question.

## 8. Facebook Group

All are encouraged to post to the Group, especially photos. It would be good to create links to the University's Facebook area and that of its Alumni network.

## 9. Membership

(a) *New members of Suss-Ex*

**CMG** reported that a handful of new members had joined from the Facebook Group, including several from the north of England who therefore cannot come to events but say that they just wish to keep in touch.

(b) *Steering Group*

**CMG** ask Sara Hinchliffe to join our next meeting.

(c) *Members who give no e-mail address*

The request in the April Newsletter for an e-mail address, or confirmation that paper copies of our Newsletters were still needed, elicited a handful of responses, all but one giving an e-mail address. **CMG** will write requesting an e-mail address from the c. 65 members for whom we do not have one, enclosing the April Newsletter and explaining that with the campus locked down and staff working from home, we cannot circulate further Newsletters by post.

**10. Newsletter**

Agreed that we should not issue a Newsletter containing only obituaries, of which **ANP** has at present one in hand and one promised. He will assemble a Newsletter once we also have an event to offer.

**11. Other business**

*(a) Christmas Party*

If the ban on large gatherings continues up to the end of 2020 the Suss-Ex/USPAS Christmas Party will be affected. **SPCP** will contact Tracey Llewellyn about that possibility.

*(b) Meeting on Zoom*

Agreed that meeting via Zoom worked well.

**13. Next meeting**

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> September, 5 pm, on Zoom; **CMG** to host it.