



**Minutes of the Badger Trust Annual General Meeting held at
Staffordshire Wildlife Trust HQ, Wolseley on April 26, 2009**

1. Apologies:

Keith Hutchin, Simon Boulter

2. Minutes of the 2008 AGM

Mike Evans, Glamorgan Badger Group proposed that the minutes be accepted and David Duckett (Leicestershire Badger Group) seconded this. The motion was carried unanimously.

3. Matters arising from the Minutes of the 2008 AGM.

There were no matters arising.

4. Annual Report

Owen Hydes, acting CEO, presented the report. He said that we needed to have a Register of Members. The Directors had agreed that there should be just two categories of membership. These are Associate Membership for groups who only pay the subscription and Full Membership for badger groups who pay the subscription and levy. Each Full Member badger group is entitled to one vote at a general meeting. The person voting on behalf of the badger group must be nominated in advance.

5. Chairman's Report

The Chairman welcomed delegates to the AGM and said that tickets for the Prize Draw would be distributed at the end of the meeting. He thanked Pauline Kidner, Gordon Lumby and Jack Reedy for their work in the media opposing the proposed cull of badgers in Wales.

6. Financial Report

Jeff Hayden (JH), Finance Director, presented the report. He said that it had been an unusual year as we had received two legacies and the £30,000 excess was due to these. Gordon Lumby, Badger Watch & Rescue Dyfed, asked if we had enough reserves to mount a Judicial Review against the Welsh Assembly Government. JH said we would do this if necessary. Pat Evans, Glamorgan, asked if we intended to employ a Press Officer. JH replied that Jack Reedy had been fulfilling this role. Chris Needham, Wirral and Cheshire Badger Group, queried an item under staff costs. JH found that there was a typographical error and corrected it. Mervyn Anthony, Northumberland Badger Group, proposed that the Financial Report be accepted and Mike Neeve, East Hants Badger Group, seconded this. The motion was carried unanimously.

7. New Committee of Directors

Pete Barley, Herefordshire, proposed the motion, seconded by Mike Taylor, Wirral and Cheshire Badger Group, that the following be elected as Directors:

Directors retiring by rotation

Keith Hutchin
Pam Mynott
Dave Williams

Proposing Group

Uttlesford Badger Group
Leicestershire Badger Group
West Surrey Badger Group

Director co-opted since last AGM

Steve Clark

Badger Watch & Rescue Dyfed

New Directors

Mervyn Anthony
Simon Boulter
Lesley McNaughton

Northumberland Badger Group
Oxfordshire Badger Group
Durham County

The motion was carried unanimously.

The following Directors have agreed to continue in post:

Sandra Dudley
Jeff Hayden
Pat Hayden
Mike Hughes
Jack Reedy

Staffordshire Badger Conservation Group
Badger Trust – Sussex
Badger Trust – Sussex
Warwickshire Badger Group
Warwickshire Badger Group

8. Discussion and Questions

There was a short discussion following the formal business of the morning.

Steve Clark asked if non-Directors could attend Directors' meetings. He was told they could. Gordon Lumby asked if new supporters were given the name of their local group. Sandra Dudley confirmed that this was the case. He suggested that adverts for new supporters could be put in the local Wildlife Trust magazine. Both Irene Brierton and Lesley McNaughton said their groups advertised in this way. Pam Evans thanked Badger Trust for producing a leaflet against the Welsh cull so quickly.

There was much discussion on the issue of Wildlife Crime. Lesley McNaughton pointed out that groups can report badger crime directly to the National Wildlife Crime Unit. They should give an incident number and a crime number. Gordon Lumby said that he had sent the Scottish Badgers Act to Richard Brunstrom, who held the wildlife crime portfolio for the Association of Chief Police officers.. Mick Neeve said that their Wildlife Crime Officer had not been replaced when he retired.

There was also discussion of planning issues including the role of Natural England. Pam Evans said they kept their badger records confidential and did not pass them onto Biodiversity Records Centres. Mike Evans suggested that we needed day schools on planning issues and on giving evidence in court on badger crime.

9. Attendees

Name	Group
Sarah Shaw	Badger Trust- Staff
Jeff Hayden	Badger Trust- Sussex
Pat Hayden	Badger Trust- Sussex
Kirsty Pelham	Badger Trust- Sussex
Owen Hydes	Badger Trust – Sussex
Gordon Lumby	Badger Watch & Rescue Dyfed
Andrew Hetherington	Buckinghamshire Badger Group
Sue Hetherington	Buckinghamshire Badger Group
Bob Simpson	Buckinghamshire Badger Group
Edward Ashman	Calderdale Badger Protection Group
Liz Booth	Calderdale Badger Protection Group
Lesley McNaughton	Durham County Badger Group
Mick Neeve	East Hants Badger Group
Mike Evans	Glamorgan Badger Group
Pamela Evans	Glamorgan Badger Group
Steve Clark	Gwent Badger Group
Brian Ashton	High Peak Badger Group
Graham Sedgewick	High Peak Badger Group
Hazel Park	Kirklees Badger Group
Tommy Price	Kirklees Badger Group
Susan Shaw	Kirklees Badger Group
Peter Barley	Herefordshire Badger Group
David Duckett	Leicestershire Badger Group
Pam Mynott	Leicestershire Badger Group
Peter Mynott	Leicestershire Badger Group
Irene Brierton	Mid Derbyshire Badger Group
Dorothy Evans	Mid Derbyshire Badger Group
Julia Noble	New Forest Badger Group
Martin Noble	New Forest Badger Group
Mike Moor	North Riding Badger Group
Mervyn Anthony	Northumberland Badger Group
John Williams	Radnorshire Badger Group
Julia Mitchell	Radnorshire Badger Group
Jean Thorpe	Ryedale Badger Group
Pauline Kidner	Secret World Wildlife Rescue
Stephen Grimley	South Derbyshire Badger Group
Heather Hall	South Derbyshire Badger Group
Peter Bagnall	Staffordshire Badger Group
Joyce Bailey	Staffordshire Badger Group
Bill Barratt	Staffordshire Badger Group
Liz Barratt	Staffordshire Badger Group
Sylvia Bickley	Staffordshire Badger Group
Sandra Dudley	Staffordshire Badger Group
Rita Foster	Staffordshire Badger Group
Mike Hughes	Warwickshire Badger Group
Jack Reedy	Warwickshire Badger Group
Dave Williams	West Surrey Badger Group
Chris Neden	Wirral & Cheshire Badger Group
Mike Taylor	Wirral & Cheshire Badger Group

49 attendees representing 24 groups