

Haworthia Society Committee Meeting

Monday 3rd March 2025

Zoom Meeting

19.00am

Present: Les Pearcy (chair), Colin Walker, Tony Roberts, Les Hewitt, Ian Armstrong, Lawrence Loucka, Adrian Weatherill

- 1. Apologies for Absence:** Ess Green, Bill Darbon
- 2. Minutes of the last meeting:** The previous minutes were approved by the committee.
- 3. Matters Arising:** The 2026 Convention has been provisionally booked. It will be the 40th anniversary of the society.
- 4. Seed Distribution Update:** There is a small quantity of seed available from members, but it is becoming more difficult to obtain seed with other societies also having similar issues. Les P will explore other options for sourcing seed and will arrange to distribute the available seed.
- 5. Book Update:** “Haworthia of the Hessequa” by Essie Esterhuizen is now available by “print on demand”. Review copies have been provided to CSSA and BCSS. A review will be available in the March issue of the BCSS journal. The Bayer Anthology is ongoing, again “print on demand”.
- 6. Social Media & Website Update:** The website and social media have stalled and need a Media strategy and team.

Laurence and Ess have been cooperating to review and update the website which needs a facelift.

Social media administration is considerable, and it is not offering a benefit to members. A “private” Facebook page for members was discussed and agreed to go ahead.

7. Haworthiad and Editorial Board Update: Steve Molteno has agreed to join the Editorial board. The next issue of Haworthiad is almost ready. There are still issues in sending Haworthiad to some EU countries which is being enacted by local Post Offices. The situation is being monitored. The possibility of having an electronic copy of Haworthiad particularly for overseas members was discussed and will be explored further.

8. Financial & Membership Update: See attached report. Membership has been declining over the last few years. Tony agreed to send out Paypal reminders to those members who had not renewed so far this year.

9. Oxford Show July 2025: The Oxford show schedule is now published. It will be held on 19th July 2025.

10. Any Other Business: Birmingham BCSS branch have enquired if the society would like a table for a display at their autumn show. Adrian agreed to do the display and notify the organisers.

The MSG society had revamped their periodic publication. It is impressive and in a larger format than Haworthiad. Lawrence agreed to contact the editor for more info.

Options for the next publication was discussed. Gerhard Marx has material available for another publication on the next one hundred GM Haworthia hybrids. Possible articles from George Theodoris and other nurseries was also discussed.

Bill has reviewed the stock of publications and in line with previous arrangements has significantly reduced the number of old journals. All of the 2023 and 2024 publications are available. Out of stock journals are mostly covered by DVD.

11. Date for Next Meeting and BGM: To be agreed

The meeting finished at 20.50 hrs.

Dr Adrian Weatherill

Secretary, The Haworthia Society

Treasurer's Report and Membership

3rd March 2025

HAWORTHIA SOCIETY

AS AT 3/3/25

Receipts and Payments Account for the Period 1st April 2024 to 31st March 2025

Receipts	2024-2025	2023-2024	Payments	2024-2025	2023-2024
Subscriptions, consisting of:			Journal Printing	£1,805.34	£1,797.55
UK Subscriptions 2024 ^a	£168.00		Special Edition Printing	£239.00	
UK Subscriptions 2025 ^b	£1,493.00		Other Printing	£21.12	£27.70
Overseas Subscriptions 2024 ^a	£403.10		Postage & Mailing House costs	£3,320.26	£3,551.35
Overseas Subscriptions 2025 ^b	£1,136.44		Stationery		£1.95
Total Subscriptions	£3,200.54	£3,200.54	Travel Expenses		
Seed Sales	£367.25	£350.00	Internet Hosting, Website domain, ZOOM	£662.70	£194.41
Books	£594.78	£1,012.01	Sundries (RHS memb., shows, insurance, gifts, etc.)	£143.00	£712.16
Journals and Binders	£226.00	£192.00	DVD Production Costs		£10.00
Plant Sales, Commission, Donations	£230.00		PayPal Charges	£133.75	£260.22
DVD Sales	£62.00	£440.00			
Badges	£31.00	£28.00			
Gift Aid Tax Credit	£431.80	£400.13			
Interest (Bus. Res. Acc.)	£231.02	£269.06			
Interest (Liq. Man. Acc.)	£108.06				
Sub-total (excl. Convention)	£5,482.45	£8,797.23	Sub-total (excl. Convention)	£6,325.17	£6,555.34
Convention fees	£11,785.00		Hilton Hotel bill (October)	£9,260.00	
Auction commission	£1,009.00		PayPal Charges (on Convention payments)	£115.41	
Plants sales - table fees	£264.00		Meals, etc - speakers (Friday)	£62.00	
Raffle	£300.00		Sean - International travel expenses	£780.00	
Variance	£29.81		Sean - UK travel and meals	£200.00	
			Colin - travel expenses	£85.00	
			Jakub and Fanda - travel expenses	£236.81	
			Adrian - pre-Convention meeting at Hilton	£15.00	
			Prize Cards	£65.80	
Total Convention Receipts	£13,387.81	£0.00	Total Convention Payments	£10,820.02	£500.00
Total Receipts	£18,870.26	£8,797.23	Total Payments	£17,145.19	£7,055.34
			Surplus (or if minus, Deficit)	£1,725.07	£1,741.89
			Total	£18,870.26	£8,797.23

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Balance Sheet as at 31st March 2025

Balance at 1st April 2024	£31,954.64	consisting of:	
		NatWest Current Acc.	£11,556.87 ^c
		NatWest Business Reserve Acc.	£20,292.76
		Cash (Tony)	£54.33
		Cash (Bill D.)	£50.68
Surplus for Year (or if minus, Deficit)	£1,725.07		
Balance at 31st March 2025	£33,679.71	consisting of:	
		NatWest Current Acc.	£7,739.38 ^c
		NatWest Business Reserve Acc.	£10,523.78
		NatWest Liquidity Manager 35 Day Acc.	£15,258.06
		Cash (Tony)	£103.49
		Cash (Bill D.)	£55.00

^a including earlier years

^b including later years

^c of which £1,114 are restricted funds (Conservation Fund)

Plus stock of books, journals, binders and badges

Tony G. Roberts
1st April 2025

Membership update - **LAST YEAR'S SLIDE – 2/3/24**

	Members at 31/12/2021	Members at 31/12/2022	Members at 31/12/2023	Members at 02/03/2024	Not yet renewed
UK	195	191	190	141	56
Associate members	1	1	1	1	0
Europe	68	64	62	39	25
Rest of World	128	128	121	70	
Total	392	384	374	251	142

includes
ca. 20 new
members

Membership update – 3/3/25

	Members at	Members at	Members at	Members at		Members at	Not yet renewed
	31/12/2021	31/12/2022	31/12/2023	31/12/2024		03/03/2025	03/03/2025
UK	195	191	190	180		109	76
Associate members	1	1	1	1		2	0
Europe	68	64	62	61		32	29
Rest of World	128	128	121	125		62	67
Total	392	384	374	367		205	172