

# Haworthia Society Committee Meeting

June 19, 2025, 7 pm BST by FaceTime

Attending: Bill Darbon, Lawrence Loucka, Tony Robert

Regrets:

Invited:

The meeting had quorum

Next meeting: TBD

## Topics:

- Way forward
- Committee vacancies
- Extraordinary General Meeting Announcement
- Treasurer's duties
- Election Process

## Discussion:

1. Society is greater than any individual
2. It doesn't matter why, but here we are with vacancies
3. Bill reports that Ian has people in place to take over the committee
4. Tony reviewed
  - a. Financial transactions for the June Haworthiad: mailing house postage, handling, printer.
  - b. Nat West accounts: approximately 10k GBP in current account, 10k in business reserve, and 15k in liquidity management account.
  - c. There are three signatories: Tony, Les P., and Adrian.
5. Bill clarified the society's commitment to support the Oxford show financially, and that concerns were raised that members might not display or attend the Oxford show.
6. An Extraordinary General Meeting is needed. Lawrence will outline an election process and calendar. There will likely be two EGMS: the first to call nominations and explain the election process, and the second for candidates to present their qualifications. Meetings will be on Zoom or Teams. Voting will be done online, and results will be confirmed at the BGM in November.
7. Until then, one or more people need to be temporarily co-opted to continue operating the society, particularly the treasurer, as Tony's resignation is effective June 30.

## Motions:

1. Upon thoughtful review of the Constitution and Robert's Rules definition of Quorum, we, the committee, determine that the three remaining members constitute a proper committee and can continue to manage the affairs of the Society.
2. Although the Secretary has not received formal resignation letters, the committee declares the positions listed are vacant. (This is to prevent someone from coming forward at the BGM and renegeing on their verbal or email resignation so that we can hold elections for these positions.)
3. Per the Constitution, "Any of the above posts may be divided or combined as the Committee deems expedient." To that end, Bill Darbon is acting Chair, and Lawrence Loucka is acting Secretary until others are co-opted by the committee or elected by the membership.

The committee voted and unanimously agreed.

## Vacancies:

|              |                       |
|--------------|-----------------------|
| President    | Colin Walker          |
| Chair        | Open                  |
| Treasurer    | Stepping down 30 June |
| Membership   | Open                  |
| Secretary    | Open                  |
| Sales        | Bill Darbon           |
| Events       | Open                  |
| Editor       | Lawrence Loucka       |
| Web          | Open                  |
| Social Media | Open                  |

## Assignments:

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| 1. Schedule the next meeting within one month. Must have quorum. | Les      | Not done |
| 2. Share the list of convention attendees and vendors.           | Les      | Not done |
| 3. Contact Ess.                                                  | Les      | Lawrence |
| 4. Rewrite the Chair Report                                      | Les      | Done     |
| 5. Speak with Les H.                                             | Tony     | Done     |
| 6. Contact ex-mods and Ian & welcome them back (later)           | Lawrence | Open     |
| 7. Publish minutes of 2025 05 27                                 | Lawrence | tbd      |

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|----------------------------------------------|----------------|---------|
| 8. Draft minutes of 2025 06 19               |                | 6/20    |
| 9. Send 'Letter to members' to Bill          | Lawrence       | Done    |
| 10. Draft announcement                       | Bill, Lawrence | Draft   |
| 11. Draft election procedure                 | Lawrence       | Draft   |
| 12. Update Treasurer responsibilities        | Tony           | Draft   |
| 13. Draft secretary role                     | Lawrence       | Draft   |
| 14. Publish 5/27 and 6/19 minutes on website | Lawrence       | 6/23/25 |
| 15.                                          |                |         |
| 16.                                          |                |         |
| 17.                                          |                |         |