



**Yorkshire Naturalists' Union**  
Charity 224018

Minutes of the Yorkshire Naturalists' Union Annual General Meeting,  
Malham Tarn Field Studies Centre, 15<sup>th</sup> November 2014

Judith Allison of the Craven Conservation Group gave the welcome address and warmly welcomed members and affiliated societies to Malham Tarn Field Studies Centre.

**1. Members present:**

John Bowers (Chair), Andy Millard (Minutes secretary), Paula Lightfoot (Treasurer), Jill Lucas, Terry Crawford, Judith Allinson, Paul Millard, Anita Glover, Terry Whitaker, Sharon Flint, Peter Flint, Peter Tannett, Colin Howes, Mark Seaward, Christopher Young, Bill Ely, Andy Godfrey, Cliff Evans, Gladys Evans, Phyl Abbott, Doris Cairns, Geoff Oxford, Harvey Stedman, Deborah Millward, Mike Canaway, Robert Starling, Tony Moverley, Roger Neale, Sarah West, Jane Pottas, Simon Warwick, Jill Warwick, Jane Baddeley, Geoff Morries, Pat Higginson, Helen Leitch, Valerie Hall, Adrian Norris.

Twenty-two affiliated societies were present: Bradford Botany Group, Butterfly Conservation Yorkshire Branch, Castleford and District Naturalists' Society, Craven Conservation Group, Darlington & Teesdale Naturalists' Field Club, Doncaster Naturalists Society, Harrogate and District Naturalist Society, High Batts Nature Reserve, Leeds Naturalists Club and Scientific Association, Lower Ure Conservation Trust, Mid-Yorkshire Fungus Group, Rotherham Naturalists Society, Seasearch North East, Sorby Natural History Society, Thorne and Hatfield Moors Conservation Group, Wharfedale Naturalists' Society, Whitby Naturalists Club, Yoredale Natural History Society, Yorkshire Conchological Society, Yorkshire Fern Group, Yorkshire Mammal Group, Yorkshire Wildlife Trust.

**2. Apologies for Absence**

Charles Fletcher, John Newbould, Albert Henderson, Geoffrey Fryer, Joyce Payne, Craig Thomas.

**3. In memorium**

The meeting stood for one minute's silence in memory of the following members, who had died since the last AGM: Mr. J Wint, Mr. F. Kennington, Mr. J.S. Kenyon, Mr. R. Wallace.

**4. Minutes of the last AGM**

The minutes of the last AGM held on the 16<sup>th</sup> of November 2013 were accepted and approved, subject to the following amendments to the list of members present: Jane Pottas, Jill Warwick & Simon Warwick were all present, Paul Millard was not. Proposed by Adrian Norris, seconded Sarah West and accepted *nem. con.*

## **5. Annual Report and Accounts**

Paula Lightfoot (Treasurer) presented the Annual Report and Financial Statements, which are available for download from the YNU website. The acceptance of the report was proposed by Bill Ely, seconded by Terry Whitaker and accepted *nem. con.*

Sarah West proposed a vote of thanks, seconded by John Bowers, to Paula Lightfoot for her excellent work as Treasurer. This was accepted *nem. con.* Barry Warrington has been appointed to take over as Treasurer at the end of this financial year.

## **6. Appointment of Auditors**

John Bowers gave a vote of thanks to the YNU's auditor, Mr John Foster of West and Foster Chartered Accountants, for his work this year. Paula Lightfoot formally proposed that West and Foster be re-appointed for the next financial year, seconded by John Bowers and agreed *nem. con.*

## **7. Election of Trustees**

There were three vacancies for trustees. Barry Warrington, as incoming Treasurer, was nominated and Albert Henderson and Adrian Norris agreed to stand for re-election. All three were proposed by Jill Warwick, seconded by Peter Tannett and agreed *nem. con.*

## **8. Election of President Elect**

John Bowers proposed Simon Warwick as President of the YNU for 2016, seconded by Andy Millard and approved *nem. con.*

## **9. Any other business.**

- Sarah West issued an open invitation to members to join the Education Committee, which met twice a year in York.
- John Bowers encouraged members to buy a copy of *Yorkshire Hawkweeds* before it sold out.
- Peter Tannett requested that the high quality of the Ornithological Report be noted. He also requested that the timing of field meeting starts be put back because of increasing traffic levels. However, concern was expressed over shortening of the day for field work.
- John Bowers confirmed that the YNU online calendar would be the definitive one and that dates for the calendar in *The Naturalist* and the membership card would be taken from this.

Andy Millard (Minutes Secretary)