

QSAIG Minutes of AGM 12.10.2019

Annual General Meeting

Present Stuart Morton, Anne Smith, Cora Gallagher, Jenny Knox, Martin and Liz Schweiger, Norman Smith, Stephanie and Ram Ramamurthy (attended earlier in the day which covered topics finally decided upon below) , Pat Saunders, Margaret Waterworth, Jayant Singh, Abu Siddique (Bachchu), Alick Munro

Prevented: Anne Austin, Rob Gallagher, John Miles, John Gibbs, Birgit Felleisen, Subhash Chandra, Liz and Mike Watson, Fran Wilde, Rajan Naidu, Pete Squire, Stephen Petter, Andrew Clark

2019/01 Meeting for Worship At the beginning of our day together we held a Meeting for Worship during which we remembered those members who had died this year: Ruth Baker, Peter Jackson and Nasir Ahmed Uddin. We also held Andrew and Ann Noel Clark in the Light at this time of Andrew's serious illness.

2019/02 Minutes of October 13th 2018 had been agreed as a faithful record by the officers shortly after the meeting. These were distributed to members and placed on the QSAIG website. These minutes have been accepted at this meeting.

2019/03 Convenor's report This was presented earlier in the day, having been distributed to most members present in advance of the meeting.

2019/04 The future of QSAIG It was agreed that QSAIG should continue. We shared a number of ideas relating to future possible work and forms of networking. We recognised that any additional work would need people to do it. Notes of the discussion earlier in the day are attached to these minutes.

2019/05 Report from newsletter editor Rob Gallagher, our Newsletter Editor, has been prevented (he is in Bangladesh). We thank Rob for the quality of the Newsletter and for his work carried out on our behalf. It is hoped that each of us would help in the coming year to find suitable material for the next Newsletter, the publication date of which has yet to be announced.

2019/06 Accounts for 2018. The 2018 calendar year accounts have been examined by Peter Southern of Wanstead Meeting. By the end of the day, having taken account of the expenses of this meeting and received some membership fees, we will probably have £350 as a balance in our account. We accept these accounts and thank Anne for her work over the past year

*(*On 21 October 2019, Anne Smith, the Treasurer, reported that the balance on 31 December 2018 was £434.69)*

2019/07 Appointment of officers: We have known for the past year that Stuart Morton would be standing down as Convenor of QSAIG after this meeting. Though we have had no nomination process, we held an open discussion about how QSAIG might be sustained and the following have been appointed:

Convener Norman Smith

Treasurer Anne Smith,
Membership Secretary Anne Smith
Newsletter editor, Rob Gallagher
Website manager Martin Schweiger
Communication officer John Gibbs (stc) – Stuart Morton to approach

We will review the appointments at the next AGM. Thanks were expressed to Stuart Morton for his many years of service to QSAIG.

2019/08 Guidelines for working groups under the umbrella of QSAIG. Following minute 2018/08 the JaiJagat 2020 UK Group was formalised as a “concern” of Stourbridge Quaker Meeting (Central England Quaker Meeting) and all financial matters related to British expenditure are delivered through that Quaker Meeting. We agree to support the JaiJagat initiative and are willing for QSAIG to be the Quaker Recognised Body (QRB) vehicle through which it could gain visibility at BYM in 2020.

2019/09 Aims and actions for the coming year We encourage our officers to host a table at the August 1-7, 2020 BYM Groups’ Fair. We thank Liz Schweiger for being willing to person the table, We also encourage the possibility of a Special Interest Group at the same BYM that would support the work of JaiJagat2020 UK Group.

Date and place of next meeting October 17th 2020 at the home of Martin and Liz Schweiger

Stuart Morton
Clerk
Quaker South Asia Interest Group