



# The Surname Society

Minutes of Committee Meeting held online on Saturday Aug 3, 2019, at 4 pm BST

Present: Kirsty Gray (Chair, UK), Sylvia Valentine (Vice Chair, UK), Carole Steers (Social Network Co-ordinator, UK), Lynda Chiotti (Secretary, Canada)

Regrets: none

Agenda Item	Discussion	Action
<i>Agenda &amp; Minutes</i>	The agenda and minutes of 29 June meeting were accepted.	
<i>Business Arising</i>	Actions completed: 2019/008, 2019/010, 2019/013, 2019/016 Actions in progress: 2019/009, 2019/011, 2019/012 Action on hold: 2019/014	
	Note that action 2019/010 completed with copy of job description draft from Mandy in the shared Google drive.	
	KG will clarify with Mandy her relationship with the committee, and that we need a report from her as Treasurer.	2019/017
	Mandy is confirmed for the webinar in December (correction to minutes indicating August or September).	
<i>Social Media</i>	Lots of activity on Facebook, not much on Twitter.	
<i>Webinars &amp; AGM</i>	There was discussion of topics for the August & September webinars. KG will contact John Hamrock (Irish), Beryl Evans (Welsh), & Phil Tomaselli (military).	2019/018
<i>Publicity</i>	SV recently did a presentation to the Upper Dale Family History Group.	
	Carole to get in touch Jean-Marc Bazzoni who will publicize our AGM (Mar 14) in back of GOONS magazine. KG will send date to Conference Keeper.	2019/019 2019/020
	LC will explore genealogy podcasts for interview possibilities.	2019/021
	SV will speak at a medical conference at Auckland in November, and also at Auckland library. SV to ask Mandy to make moo cards for her to take.	2019/022

<i>Webinar Tech</i>	CSt to train SV and LC on how to set up and run webinars.	2019/023
<i>Upcoming meetings</i>	Sep 21, 3 pm BST for committee meeting, then 4 pm BST for webinar. Nov 23 for committee meeting 4 pm BST.	
<i>Adjournment</i>	5:05 pm BST	



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## Treasurer's Report

Both the PayPal and the Barclays accounts are healthy, with just over £465 in the PayPal account and around £3,800 in the bank. When the PayPal balance reaches £500, I will transfer half across to Barclays.

Recent expenditure includes website domain renewals, advance booking fees for stands at the South West Family History Fair 2020 (February) and THE Genealogy Show 2020 (June), and replenishing our supplies of business cards. Income arrives regularly from new members and from membership renewals.

## Membership Secretary's Report

We have had a significant number of new members this year due to having stands at THE Genealogy Show (54) and the South West Family History Fair (7), so these shows are clearly an excellent way of raising the Society's profile and spreading the word. As mentioned in the Treasurer's report, we have booked stands for two shows so far, and hope to add more to the schedule for 2020.