



**Meeting of the Association of Pall Mall Libraries
held at the Travellers Club
on Thursday 12 October 2017 at 10.00am**

MINUTES

In attendance:

Binni Brynolf, *Chair*

Adam Waterton

Gill Briggs

Gill Turner

Jane Trodd

Karen Syrett

Kay Walters

Jane Branfield

Sian Prosser

Lynsey Hawker

Barnaby Bryan

Jacqui Granger

Nick Brown

Moira Goff

Kevin Jewell

Laura Dimmock-Jones

Peter Elliott

Jan Coughtrie

Royal Institute of International Affairs

Royal Academy of Arts

Royal Horticultural Society

London Library

East India Club

British Academy

Athenaeum

Army & Navy Club

Royal Astronomical Society

The Kings' Fund

Middle Temple

RUSI

Christie's Education

Garrick Club

IISS

Laura's Library

RAF Club

Caledonian Club

Apologies for absence:

Tony Pilmer

Simon Blundell

Trevor Dunmore

Jane Harrison

Dunstan Speight

Laura Beduz

Lesley Whitelaw

Sheila Markham

Jane Holmes

Mark Hayward

National Aerospace Library

Reform Club

RAC

Royal Institution

Lincoln's Inn

RAC

Middle Temple

Travellers Club

RAC

Savage Club

1) Introductions

Members introduced themselves.

2) Thanks

Sheila Markham was thanked for hosting the meeting and her colleague, Conrad Winter, was thanked for conducting members on a very interesting tour of the building.

3) Talk by Jill Dye *There's something about Perthshire? The Library of Innerpeffer and the Leighton Library, Dunblane*

Jill described her research into the history of these two Perthshire libraries. She discussed the foundation of the libraries in the 17th century, their administration and their use. Jill's research has been enriched by the large amount of archival material available for both the libraries. Evidence has been found in: foundation wills, historic catalogues, minute books, borrowers' records and the book collections themselves which are largely intact and in situ.

4) Minutes of the meeting on 13 July 2017

The minutes were approved.

5) Training sub-group update

Sian Prosser reported that the session arranged by Kay Walters on HLF funding had been well attended and was very useful.

Members expressed interest in the following training ideas put forward by the committee:

- General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) – a talk by Ben White from the British Library
- Resources for learned/professional societies when negotiating licences or negotiating tactics in general
- How to make more of your collection – a practical workshop on holding open days and/or exhibitions

Sian noted that more members were needed for the committee and asked members to contact her if they were interested in joining the group.

Sian also suggested that it might be useful to put together a leaflet about the APML which could then be made available at the forthcoming History Day at Senate House.

6) Archives sub-group update

Karen Syrett reported that there hadn't been a meeting of the archives sub-group since the APML meeting in July but that the group would be meeting on 21 November at the British Academy. Anyone interested in coming along would be welcome.

7) Christmas Lunch

Gill Briggs kindly volunteered to organise the Christmas lunch. A doodle poll will be sent to members shortly to ascertain which Thursday in December would be best for the lunch. Gill would also welcome any suggestions for a restaurant.

8) Any Other Business

Sian delivered a financial update. It was noted that having a bank account had helped make the administration of training sessions a lot easier. It was also noted that the webhosting account for 2016 and 2017 had been settled from a small surplus in the account. The current balance was therefore £171.45

Committee positions for 2018 were discussed. Members agreed that the positions should continue as follows:

- Chair – Binni Brynolf
- Treasurer – Sian Prosser

- Training Group Chair - Sian Prosser
- Archives Sub-Group Chair – Karen Syrett

Laura Dimmock-Jones drew members' attention to her freelance service, Laura's Library. Laura's work was endorsed by Sian.

It was noted that Sian was now a representative for the Historic Libraries Forum. This was welcomed as it would enable members to know more about HLF events.

Jacqui Granger drew members' attention to a conference to be held at RUSI (probably in March 2018). The conference aims to look at the drivers for the future of cultural and heritage collections. More information will follow once the details have been confirmed.

Gill Briggs informed members of a meeting coming up to discuss the possibility of forming a consortium with JISC for non-academic libraries. She will report back as soon as she has more details.

Members agreed that it would be good to invite Nick Poole from CILIP to an APML meeting. This would give him an opportunity to learn more about APML institutions. It would also enable members to put questions to Nick.

9) Dates of next meeting:

Thursday 18 January at the Athenaeum

Thursday 19 April 2018

Thursday 19 July 2018

Thursday 18 October 2018

Binni encouraged members to offer venues and to suggest speakers.