



# C A R G

Clyde Amphibian & Reptile Group

## Minutes of meeting 25 February 2010

Glasgow University, Graham Kerr Building library, 6pm

### Present

Dave Garner, John Sweeney, Maggie Ferguson, Lorraine Simpson, Petrina Brown, Gillian Neil, Eilidh Spence, Ewan Kane, Constance Mala, Anna Muir

### Apologies

Mark Naguib, Ann O'Leary, Jackie Clarke, Vikki Paton, John Shelton, Duncan Toms, Stuart Dempster, Fiona, Lindsay Gemmell, Richard Sutcliffe

### Matters Arising

None

### Events and training course

The Aage & Jensen Charity Foundation, is currently engaged in an appraisal of the biodiversity of its three Scottish properties - two in the Loch Lomond/Trossachs area and one on the north-east coast of Kintyre. It would be delighted to welcome onto its estates, for fieldwork purposes, anyone with an interest in a particular aspect of natural history who would like to contribute to this project through recording or studying their chosen subject and making available a copy of results.

Free, short-stay accommodation could be made available on all three estates for interested parties or individuals. **Maggie to contact to find out if they are interested in herp surveys.**

South Lanarkshire Biodiversity Conference 22 May. **Ewan and Lorraine agreed to attend and take display materials. Maggie to send further details.**

Amphibian Training Course, Chatlerhault, 14th April **Maggie and John to organise and lead**

Date/time	Event Title	Where/Meeting place	Who	Contact
21 March 11am – 1pm	Frog Spawn Counting Day	Dams to Darnley Country Park Ashoka at the Mill car park, off Nitshill Road	Eilidh	0141 3390737 Eilidh.Spence@arc-trust.org
April/May	Amphibian survey	Renfrewshire	John	John Sweeney [jjs@clyde-ecology.com]
9 April evening	Amphibian Survey	East Dunbartonshire	Maggie	0141 956 6586 rangers@mugdock.org



13 April 2pm-4pm	Reptile habitat improvement practical task	Drumclog Moor car park Mugdock Country Park	Maggie	0141 956 6586 rangers@mugdock.org
15 April evening	Amphibian Survey	East Dunbartonshire	Maggie	0141 956 6586 rangers@mugdock.org
28 April evening	Amphibian survey	Dams to Darnley Country Park	Eilidh	0141 3390737 Eilidh.Spence@arc- trust.org
5 May evening	Amphibian Survey	East Dunbartonshire	Maggie	0141 956 6586 rangers@mugdock.org
11 May evening	Possible Amphibian Translocation	Gartcosh	Jackie Gillespie	01236 780636 gillespiej@northlan.gov.uk
23 May 10am	Reptile Search	Clyde Muirsheil Regional Park	Petrina	0141 8425281 petrina.brown@renfrewshire.go v.uk
2 June evening	Amphibian Survey	East Dunbartonshire	Maggie	0141 956 6586 rangers@mugdock.org
18 June evening	Amphibian Survey	East Dunbartonshire	Maggie	0141 956 6586 rangers@mugdock.org
20 June	Family Day	Binghams Pond, Glasgow	Eilidh	0141 3390737 Eilidh.Spence@arc- trust.org

Other events dates to be confirmed

Reptile survey – Langlands Moss **Ewan to send details to Maggie**  
 Reptile event – Kilpatrick Hills **Gillian N and Maggie to organise**  
 Autumn Reptile event – **John to send details to Maggie**  
 April-amphibian survey Darnley Dams – **Eilidh to send details to Maggie**  
 August, Toad and bats event – **Gillian N to send details to Maggie**

ARG today are requesting items for their newsletter please send anything interesting, even a few lines or a photograph to john baker [john.baker@arc-trust.org] – **All - Maggie to send CARG events**

John Shelton contacted SNH Nature of Scotland re promoting CARG activities and they are keen to do so – **Maggie to liaise with John Walters editor**

### Website

The website is being put together by University of the West of Scotland student Constance. She is completing a (one day per week for 10 weeks) Work Based Learning Module. Constance has been working alongside Petrina setting up the website and inputting information. She gave the group a demonstration of the website, it was very well done. The group thanked Constance for her hard work so far.

Constance requires quite a bit more information, please view the website at <http://c-arg.webnode.com> and send any comments, background information about CARG, suggestions for the website and photos by Monday 15<sup>th</sup> of March 2010. **All**



**Petrina** agreed to look after the website once Constance has completed her placement

Climate change amphibian study – **Anna will write a bit about her project**

The group would like a species recording form available on the website from which records would be easily transferrable to Recorder- **Maggie to contact Richard Weddle**

### **Logo**

Constance showed a couple of logos she had been working on to the group. They were well received, **Constance will complete one of the drawings for use as the new logo.**

### **Licensing and insurance update**

Thanks to funding from the Esmée Fairbairn Foundation and The HCT, ARG UK can continue to provide an insurance scheme for affiliated groups. This scheme provides public liability insurance for the group (with an excess of £500 on any claim) and personal accident insurance for individual members. All group members requiring personal injury and member to member cover must complete a volunteer working agreement on an annual basis. Completed forms should be kept by the group as a record of its fully insured members.

### **Election of committee members**

Joint Chair – Anna Muir and Dave Garner

Secretary - John Sweeney

Treasurer – Maggie Ferguson

Membership Secretary – Ewan Kane

### **AOB**

Eilidh asked if anyone has ideas about future expansion of the Glasgow living water project, specifically good sites to create and enhance ponds, could they let her know.

Winterkill – some ponds have large numbers of dead and bloated frogs floating to the top of the pond. One pond owner in Milton of Campsie has 45 dead so far.