

Human Osteoarchaeology SIG

Wednesday 22 October 2025, 18:30-19:30
Teams

Minutes

Present: Sam Tipper (ST) (Chair), Kirsty Squires (KS) (Secretary), Milena Grzybowska (MG), Rachel Ives (RI)

Agenda Point		Action (Initials)
1.	Apologies	HD-H, SK, AM, JC
2.	Minutes of the Previous Meeting	No changes (KS)
3.	Matters Arising Member numbers update - Numbers have gone up from 446 to 457 (promotion may have contributed to this growth though we are seeing a growing membership month on month). Conference (18 October) debrief - Conference in second week of November in future years. - To send PPT slides to the committee beforehand to avoid technical issues in the future.	KS -
4.	Advisory Council Feedback - Membership awards are being explored to recognise volunteer contributions and professional impact. A scoping meeting in July with a working group of volunteers from Advisory Council and the wider membership supported focusing awards on volunteers. The next step is to define award categories and criteria. More volunteers are welcome to join the working group. Please get in touch with Alex Llewelyn if interested. - Further refine SIG introduction, aims and objectives in light of previous meetings and discussions. To complete in November monthly meeting.	- KS has shared document for committee to edit
5.	Group Documentation Annual report submitted (by KS) in early July 2025. Sharing documents – Knowledge Hub. - Has ST transferred all documents from OneDrive to Knowledge Hub?	- ST to do
6.	Communications Newsletter - Annual review rather than a regular newsletter. Social media update - Continue to share link for the Osteobites talks to social media accounts	All

	and on KnowledgeHub. To push more on social media (eg about the conference) Website - Clear information on our website that stipulates that you don't need to be a CIfA professional member, you can just join the SIG.	SK CB
7.	AOB Future promotional materials - Conference banner and bookmarks, general information leaflet for next BABAO conference. - Only include SIG QR codes on promotional materials.	All
8.	AOB Future events - In January 2026 review Osteobites talks and workshops.	All
9.	AOB Future meetings (restrictions). - To alternate between lunchtime and evening meetings going forward. Sam to update Teams links in calendars (delete recurring meetings – some are still in the diary).	ST
10.	Date of next committee meeting and future events Wednesday 19 November, 12:30-13:30, via Teams December – no meeting Wednesday 14 January, 18:30-19:30, via Teams	