

BURTON UPON TRENT AND DISTRICT ENGINEERING SOCIETY

COMMITTEE MEETING: 16th October 2023

MINUTES OF MEETING

Present: Richard Farman – Chairman, Barry Gooding – Secretary, Colin Walton, Martyn Ralph

Apologies received from:

Ken Logue – President; Phil Brocklehurst - I MechE, Jim Jennings

Minutes previous meeting held 12 June 2023 and actions arising

Accepted as a true record. Actions as per Agenda items

Correspondence

None.

Treasurer's report and membership of the Society

Members are requested to inform the secretary of any changes to their contact details.

The membership list has been reviewed and updated.

The membership subscription was reviewed, it was increased at last years AGM, and it was agreed to the maintain it at its present level of £20pa. There is a printing error on the Programme Card for year 23/24. It states that the annual membership subscription is £15pa, which is incorrect.

The Lloyds Bank account has been opened with the Chairman, Secretary and Membership Secretary signed up, until a new Treasurer is appointed, Colin is the bank contact.

The Lloyds bank account is now functioning and payments in and out of the account is operating.

The Society is very pleased to announce that Jim Jennings has agreed to become Treasurer of the Society commencing in the new year

I MechE has paid £312 to the Society for 2 meetings. The Society has paid college fees

Programme 2023/24

2023

26th October – Testing Asdic on diesel submarines – Colin Walton

7th December – “From Trafalgar to Jutland” a modeller’s journey, model ship building – Mark Hawkins

2024

25th January – HS2 construction – Jim Richards. Joint meeting with I MechE

29th February – The Ecton Copper Mines – Ricard Shaw. Joint meeting with I MechE

21st March – Valley Forge & Bolt Mfg. – Barry Thomas

25th April – TBA

23rd May – Special Brewery visit to Tipton– Martyn Ralph

Topics for meetings:

Mill Meece Pumping Station – Phil Brockelhurst

Leicester Heavy Haulage – Richard

JCB – Richard

Hunslet Locos – Dereck Webb

Oil wells in Staffordshire

Derbyshire Industrial Archaeological Society

Statfold Barn Farm – talk/visit. Open days are: March 15/16th; June 11/12th; September 11/12th

Social and visits

15th November 2023 – social evening at Marston’s Club, 7pm for 7.30pm start. – Talk on British Mammals by Nick Martin. Meal first followed by the talk

The 2023 President outing will be to the Space Centre at Leicester. Tuesday 21st November 2023. Ken Logue organising

A visit to the Stone Centre in Wirksworth is to be arranged – date to be confirmed - Richard progressing

A visit to the Ecton Copper mine is to be arranged – the number of members to visit is limited to 10 members. Richard progressing

A visit to Burton and South Derbyshire College Engineering Dept., Swadlincote site, is to be arranged during the day, to tour the engineering workshop. Richard progressing

Any Other Business:

The committee wishes to remind members that all meetings will take place at the University Centre Burton College, Lichfield Street, Top floor Lecture Theatre – a lift is available for members use. Members need to be aware that there is NO car parking available in any of the college car parks. The public car park nearest to the college is in Fleet Street.

After the AGM, members praised the changes to the revamped lecture theatre and particularly the very large screen. The sound system is still to be put into service by the college

Society Programme Cards. Richard had located cards from 1950 to the present day. One card was missing, year 2011-2012, but has now been found. The programme cards are being scanned-in and available to view on the Society web site and some are available now

The Engineering Society Website has been run, since its inception, by society member Clive Baker with regular updates to keep it current. Clive has informed the Chairman that he is no longer able to continue with this task for technical reasons. Richard is to call so see Clive to discuss hand over.

Meeting closed at 8.30 pm. Date, time of next meeting: **TBA**