

BURTON UPON TRENT AND DISTRICT ENGINEERING SOCIETY

COMMITTEE MEETING: 27th February 2023

MINUTES OF MEETING

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

Representatives of the I MechE did not attend

Apologies received from:

Ken Logue – President; Phil Brocklehurst - I MechE

Minutes previous meeting held 9th January 2023 and actions arising

Accepted as a true record. Actions as per Agenda items

Correspondence

Burton College has informed Richard that the lecture theatre will be being used for students sitting examination May, this will affect our 25th May talk by Smiths Clocks. The theatre style seats will be taken back and tables chairs in their place. Society members will be able to sit in groups at the tables.

The Secretary had received an email from member David Phillips promoting links with the Derby Railway Engineering Society

Treasurer's report

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

The membership list has been reviewed and updated. Some members have indicated that they no longer wish to remain members of the society

There are 11 members who have not paid their annual subscription for a number of years and are not recorded has attended meetings. The secretary is to contact them

Annual membership subscriptions can be paid at the next meeting on 23rd March or via BACS

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

At the meeting the petty cash was totalled. It was agreed to hold £150 in the cash box as a float and £300 to be banked by Colin with Lloyds. Martyn, who is arranging the talk at the Tower Brewery, was provided with £100 cash for the fee.

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

The search for a new treasurer is on-going. Members wishing to take on this role are asked to contact the Chairman.

Programme 2022/23

23rd March – explosives – Dave Welch of Institution of Explosives Engineers
27th April – Tower Brewery Visit and talk – “Building Raya Brewery” in Ethiopia - Martyn Ralph
3rd May – Joint meeting with the I MechE - AGM followed by talk on Nuclear Powered Satellite
25th May – Smiths Clocks – Tony Charlesworth

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

The 2023 President outing will be to the Space Centre at Leicester. To be arranged for a Tuesday in September. Richard progressing

A visit to Wabtec has been arranged for Wednesday 19th April. The group size will be limited to 20 persons and members will need to provide their own PPE consisting of safety shoes/boots and goggles.

Lichfield and Hatherton Trust canal walk in 2023 – arrangements being made for walk on a Wednesday in either May 2023. Numbers for the walk will be limited – Colin progressing

A visit to the Stone Centre in Wirksworth is to be arranged a Tuesday in June – 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 Stevenson College in Colville is to be arranged to tour the engineering workshop. Richard progressing

Visit to Bob’s Engine Club (Everitt) at the Central Midlands Vintage Stationary Engine Society (07794 877194). Tractor Rally 10.00 Easter Sunday, Woodside Farm, Orton Lane, Twycross. CV9 3HA

Any Other Business:

The committee wishes to inform members of the sad loss of Mary Jobson. Members will remember her late husband Mike Jobson who was a committee member and Officer of the Society for many years. Mary’s funeral will take place on **Tuesday 8th March at Rolleston church, time 11.30am.**

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.

The login details for the It network is: **Username – engineering.society; Password – Thursday123**

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 is run by Clive Baker with regular updates to keep it current. Thanks to Clive for his excellent work, www.burton-eng.co.uk, email: enquiries@burton-eng.co.uk.

The committee has been discussing for some time developing links with other societies and technical bodies in Burton and the surrounding areas. A society member, David Phillips, has introduced the society to the Derby Railway Engineering Society (DRES). It was agreed that the secretary contact the membership secretary of the DRES, David Saunders, to progress this link

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