



BURTON UPON TRENT AND DISTRICT ENGINEERING SOCIETY

74th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

22nd October 2020 - 19.00 hrs

Venue – via ZOOM

MINUTES OF MEETING

Present: Richard Farman – Chairman, Barry Gooding - Secretary, Steve Skeet – Treasurer, Colin Walton – Programme Secretary

Ken Logue – President of the Society

There were 21 members of the Society present

1 Apologies received from:

None received

2 Minutes previous AGM meeting held 26th September 2019

The members present, and who attended the last AGM accepted the minutes as a true record

3 Chairman's Report Year 2019/20

The chairman of the Society gave his annual report to members, copies of the report issued to members prior to the meeting.

"I am sorry that we have not been able to meet during these "strange" times, but I hope you are well and keeping safe.

It seems highly unlikely that we shall be able to meet before March 2021, so thanks to Colin for getting in contact with his two Zoom meetings. Martyn Ralph has started this 2020/21 session with his Burton Waters and Brewery Well lecture which was enjoyed by all those who managed to Zoom in.

The committee have had three face to face meetings (at a social distance) and I must thank Barry Gooding and Steve Skeet for their contribution and enabling us to continue in these difficult times. Also, to Clive Baker for keeping the web site managed and up to date. We are finding that our speakers are using our web site to find out who we are.

I must also pay tribute to Alan Partington and Mike Jobson who were both long serving committee members and they contributed so much in time and knowledge to put the society in the position we are today.

Colin Walton has managed to persuade speakers to present their lectures via Zoom and I am sorry that our members who do not have access to the internet for very many reasons cannot join us. For that reason, the society has agreed that all paid up members for 2019/2020 will have their subscriptions extended to September 2021.

Our friends from the Institutions of Mechanical Engineers continue to support us and also join us in Zoom lectures.

So, I look forward to when we can all meet face to face with a social evening and even with a glass of good Burton Water”

4 Treasurer’s report Year 2019/20 and Statement of Accounts

The Statement of Accounts Year to 31st July 2020, issued to members prior to the meeting, were accepted by members on mass.

“What a strange year, only half a season of lectures all to the usual high standard and well attended.

The social evening in November was well attended and enjoyed by all.

The new year started well and then shut down in March, the committee have worked to keep the society going with zoom meetings whilst we cannot meet socially.

For anyone who is a fully paid member for 2019/2020 the committee propose that this subscription will carry forward through the 2020/2021 season.

I hope you all keep safe and hope to see you in the new year”

5 Programme 2020/21

The 2020/21 Year Programme cards have not been printed to date.

Continuing on from the previous year all lecture meetings will be via Zoom.

The Social Evening planned for Wednesday 18th November 2020 At Marstons Club will **not** go ahead.

The annual President’s day outing for 2021 is not being planned as yet, but will be once conditions allow.

For the November lecture, Colin is to contact Cathy McAteer to see if she is able to present her talk via Zoom.

For the December lecture, Colin is to contact Alexander Lodge at Leicester University Space Centre to see if he is able to present the talk via Zoom

The lectures for 2021 have still to be firmed up, but will be via Zoom until such time as we can use Burton College again.

Members will be kept up to date with the programme arrangements as they are confirmed.

6 Election of Officers and Committee Members of the Society year 2019/20

The Chairman thanked the present members and officers of the Society for their help in running the Society during the year.

The Chairman confirmed that the existing committee members and officers of the Society were willing to stand for the year 2020/21.

The Chairman invited members present to indicate if they wished to be considered for membership of the committee.

The following committee members were proposed to the Society membership:

Chairman – R E Farman

Secretary – B A Gooding

Treasurer – S Skeet

Programme Secretary – C Walton

Committee Members – Vacancies

All members present confirmed committee members and officers for the year 2020/21

7 Appointment of Examiner of accounts

Mr D Clarke had agreed to be Examiner of the Societies Accounts

8 AOB

Martyn Ralph raised a few questions on the role of committee members and meetings to attend etc. Richard responded to the questions raised by Martyn resulting in Martyn requesting to become a member of the Committee of the Society. This was unanimously accepted by all present.