



BURTON UPON TRENT AND DISTRICT ENGINEERING SOCIETY

76th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

22nd September 2022 - 19.00 hrs

Venue – Burton College

MINUTES OF MEETING

Present: Richard Farman – Chairman, Barry Gooding - Secretary, Martin Ralph
Ken Logue – President of the Society

There were 19 members of the Society present

1 Apologies received from:

Colin Walton, Steve Skeet, Roy Ottewell, Richard Hoskins, Howard Parks

2 Minutes of previous AGM meeting held 23 September 2021

The minutes of the 2021 AGM were proposed by Nigel Warrington, seconded by Don Blackall, and accepted as a true record by all those attended the meeting

3 Chairman's Report Year 21/22

The chairman of the Society gave his annual report to members, copies of the report issued to members prior to the meeting, is as follows:

After our 75th Anniversary Programme of the Engineering Society, Colin Walton has put together again a very interesting programme of Lectures and Events which I hope all members will support by their attendance. Can I thank the Committee on your behalf for all their hard work in keeping the Society functioning so well

On a personal note, can I thank everyone for all their support on my losing Merle my wife. Who for many years (along with other wives) catered for Ladies Night and the AGM with splendid buffets. Plus doing all the typing pre-computer days using the trusty typewriter now consigned to the museum

4 Treasurer's report Year 2021/22 and Statement of Accounts

The Statement of Accounts Year to 31st July 2022, issued to members prior to the meeting, were proposed by Martyn Ralph and seconded by Jim Firman, and accepted by members on mass.

The Chairman highlighted the fact that due to Covid and the decision to not pay subscriptions for the last 2 years, income from subscriptions for year 20/21 was £75 (new members). Room hires, Zoom costs and speakers' expenses continued to rise resulting in a reduced balance going forward from the previous year.

5 2022 Members Subscriptions

The chairman explained the situation as regards keeping the annual subscription at £15pa for another year, would result in the account balance running out in 6 to 7 years. The committee view is that the annual membership subscription should increase to £20pa. Jim Firman proposed to accept the committee proposal to increase membership subscription to £20pa, seconded by Barry Gooding. By a show of hands', it was unanimously agreed to increase the membership subscription to £20pa at this AGM

6 Programme 2021/22

The 2022/23 Year Programme cards are available

The Social Evening planned for Wednesday 23 November 2022 at Marstons Club is confirmed and a talk on "Ride on a Tram" by Gerald Wright. A meal will be provided prior to the talk being Gammon or a veggie option

There is an additional event on Thursday 17 November at which students from Derby University, the IMechE, and Will Taylor of Alstom their sponsors will, with the aid of a 10 ¼ inch gauge model locomotive, describe the design and build challenge.

The visit to Clayton Equipment in January will be ticket only, details to follow.

Members will be kept up to date with programme details prior to the meetings, and as they occur

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, apart from the Treasurer, the stand for the year 2022/23.

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

The following committee members were proposed by John Carlton and seconded by Clive Baker to the Society:

Chairman – R E Farman

Secretary – B A Gooding

Treasurer – S Skeet *****

Programme Secretary – C Walton
Committee Members – Martyn Ralph

All members present confirmed the committee members and officers for the year 2022/23

***** Prior to the AGM Steve Skeet, our treasurer, informed the Chairman that he wished to stand down as Treasurer of the Society at the AGM. After discussion he has agreed to continue the duties of Treasurer until December 31st 2022 to enable a new treasurer to be confirmed and a “hand-over” period commence. The Chairman has asked for any person wishing to carry out the duties of the Society Treasurer to contact him after the AGM.

Due to Steve giving over 25 years of devoted service, the Chairman proposed that he be given Honorary life membership. By a show of hands, it was unanimously agreed.

7 Appointment of Examiner of accounts

Mr D Clarke will be contacted to confirm to be Examiner of the Societies Accounts

8 In Memoriam

Members were informed of the death of Mike Briers, his wife shortly after, and Merle Farman and a minute silence enacted

9 AOB

Clive Baker, the Society Webmaster, explained that there had been a few problems with the website but these has now been resolved. Clive is also continuing with the task of scanning-in the annual programme cards which should be completed soon. Also, Richard stated that the only Programme Card missing from a complete set is the 1946 card, the first one.