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Institution of Agricultural Engineers - Wrekin Branch Notice of Meeting

Notice is hereby given that the Forty Ninth Annual General Meeting of the Wrekin Branch IAgRE will be held in the Agricultural Engineering Innovation Centre at Harper Adams University, Edgmond, Newport, Shropshire TF10 8NB on Tuesday 19th March 2019 at 6.30pm.

AGENDA

6.30pm

- 1 Apologies for Absence.
- 2 To receive and confirm the minutes of the 48th AGM, which was held at 6.30pm on 20th March 2018 at Harper Adams University.
- 3 Chairman's Report for the year 2018 – 2019.
- 4 Treasurers Report for the year 2018. Including answers to the questions raised at the 2018 AGM with respect to membership numbers.
- 5 Election of Branch Officers.

Nominations are sought from individuals interested in joining the Wrekin Branch committee. All positions are available if anyone is interested in taking over a particular role. Please complete a nominations form and return this to the Branch Chairman or Secretary at the above address no later than Friday 15th March.
- 6 To consider any matters arising from the 48th AGM not appearing in this agenda.
- 7 To receive a report from the President (or representative) of the Institution of Agricultural Engineers.
- 8 Any Other Business.

IN ACCORDANCE WITH IAgRE PROCEDURES

Mr D Clare
Secretary Wrekin Branch

NOMINATIONS FORM:

Nominations are sought from the roles of Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer and Information/Publicity Officer and Committee Members for the Wrekin Branch of the Institution of Agricultural Engineers, to serve on the Committee for a period of one year from April 2018.

Nominees must be members of IAGrE and each nomination should be proposed and seconded by members of the Institution, with the knowledge and agreement of the person being nominated.

Chairman – Name: Grade:

Proposed: Grade:

Seconded: Grade:

Vice Chairman – Name: Grade:

Proposed: Grade:

Seconded: Grade:

Secretary – Name: Grade:

Proposed: Grade:

Seconded: Grade:

Treasurer – Name: Grade:

Proposed: Grade:

Seconded: Grade:

Publicity/Information Officer – Name: Grade:

Proposed: Grade:

Seconded: Grade:

Committee – Name: Grade:

Proposed: Grade:

Seconded: Grade:

IAGrE Wrekin Branch AGM

Minutes of the Wrekin Branch 48th Annual General Meeting, held at 6.30pm on 20th March 2018, at Harper Adams University



The professional body for the landbased sector

Present:

Dave Clare (Sec)	Graham Higginson (Tres)	David White	Andy Newbold
Simon Cooper (Chair)	Jim Loynes	John Gough	Henry Thorpe
Lewis Barlow	Tom Wellsbury	Kit Franklin	Paul Hemmingway
Sam Scales	John Gittins		

1	<p>Apologies Apologies were received from: Richard Smalley, Bill Basford, Jake Smith, Tom Bowers.</p>												
2	<p>Minutes of the 47th AGM: The minutes of the 47th AGM were circulated before the meeting. The minutes were accepted as being a correct record of the AGM.</p>												
3	<p>Matters arising from the 47th AGM None</p>												
4	<p>Chairman's Report The Chairman gave an overview of the year's technical meetings.</p> <p>As well as technical meetings there was also a well-attended Progressing Professional Membership workshop held at the AGRI-EPI Centre.</p> <p>The Chairman thanked the committee for their support and assistance in keeping an active and progressive branch for the future.</p>												
5	<p>Treasurer's Report The branch received a grant of £1041.09p from Head Office and has spent £1097.73 on meeting expenses and £242.92 on supporting the Young Engineers who went to judge at LAMMA.</p> <p>The total number of branch member is down 68. Most grades are fairly static but the Pre-professional grade is up 100 whilst the student membership is down 166. When questioned why these had changed so much Graham did not have sufficient information. It was also asked if Reaseheath College came under the Wrekin Branch area. A further breakdown of the membership numbers is required.</p>												
6	<p>Election of Branch officers</p> <p>The election of branch officers was conducted by Andy Newbold</p> <p>The following members of the committee stood down due to work or family commitments. Robin Carter, Paula Misiewicz and Phil Metcalfe. HAU Student members Ieuan Evans and Tom Bowers.</p> <p>The following members asked to stand on the committee, HAU student members Sam Scales and Tom Wellesbury. These were proposed by Paul Hemmingway and seconded by Kit Franklin.</p> <p>Other current committee members were willing to continue on the committee and continue with specific roles where applicable (Chair, Vice chair, Sec, Tres, information officer), There were no objections to this.</p> <p>In summary the committee is as follows:</p> <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%;">Chairman</td> <td>Simon Cooper</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Honorary Secretary</td> <td>David Clare</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Honorary Treasurer</td> <td>Graham Higginson</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Vice chairman</td> <td>John Gittins</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Information officer</td> <td>Bill Basford</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Immediate past chairman</td> <td>Jim Loynes</td> </tr> </table>	Chairman	Simon Cooper	Honorary Secretary	David Clare	Honorary Treasurer	Graham Higginson	Vice chairman	John Gittins	Information officer	Bill Basford	Immediate past chairman	Jim Loynes
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7	<p>Presidential Address – Presented by Andy Newbold</p> <p>Highlights of the address were:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is a new Memorandum and Articles of Association due to changes in how business is carried out with new technology and methods of communication. • IAgRE is already strong with respect to data protection, but is updating its policy and procedures due to new requirements under the General Data Protection Requirements. • There is new staff at Head Office with the retirement of Elizabeth Stephens and Sally Wood moving on. • IAgRE is influencing the agenda by working with the Engineering Council and Society for the environment in the areas of quality assurance, standards, apprenticeships and status reports. • IAgRE has open communication with RAEng, BEIS and DEFRA. • A successful annual conference 'Decarbonising UK Agriculture' was held at Rothamsted. • IAgRE is part of the Royal Academy of Engineering GCRF Africa Catalyst Collaboration project. Helping to build capacity and improve the status of engineering in Africa. Agricultural Engineering being identified as a significant area of engineering for Africa. • Membership is now on a decline. Membership recruitment initiatives are underway to: bring in new members, broaden appeal, and make the IAgRE offer more compelling. Resources have been committed to a recruitment project. This will not be a quick fix, nor easy, but important for the future of our institution.
8	<p>Any Other Business</p> <p>None</p>
9	<p>Close</p> <p>The meeting closed at 7:12pm</p>

Chairman

Date