

**INSTITUTION OF AGRICULTURAL ENGINEERS**

**WEST MIDLANDS BRANCH**

**MINUTES OF THE 65<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**HELD ON TUESDAY, 15 MARCH 2016 AT**

**THE FRIENDS MEETING HOUSE, STRATFORD**

<b><u>PRESENT:</u></b>	Ian Moore	(in the Chair)
	Dr Mark Cooper	Presidents Representative
	Andrew Blowey	Stuart Martin
	John Fox	Michael Sheldon
	Antony Johnson	David Williams
		Bob Voss

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Rob Burcombe, Alan Lavers, Bryan Ollier, William Waddilove and James Wallace.

2. **MINUTES OF THE 64th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

The minutes of the 64th Annual General Meeting, held on Tuesday, 10 March 2015, were read and proposed as correct by Stuart Martin and seconded by Andy Blowey.

3. **MATTERS ARISING**

Regarding the Branch Trophies it was confirmed that one was at Evesham College and still being awarded. Bob Voss has the Warwickshire College trophy in his care and William Waddilove has the original special award trophy.

4. **HONORARY TREASURER'S REPORT**

Bob presented a copy of the branch accounts for the past year. He commented that we have £173.34 in the Branch current account held at HSBC in Leamington Spa. The meetings expenses are kept to the minimum and there are few administration expenses due to the use of e-mail.

Mike commented that HQ at Cranfield helped considerably in sending out e-mails, posters of branch events and reminders and that assistance was very valued. Regarding the purchase of a digital projector, it was felt unnecessary as we are able to borrow one when required.

5. **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

The Chairman, Ian Moore, commented on and reviewed the year's programme. He spoke about the excellent speakers and presentations we had had during the year.

He thanked Committee members for all their hard work and commitment in making it happen. He also thanked Bob Voss for keeping good control of expenditure and Mike Sheldon for his secretarial work and keeping the Branch running smoothly.

## 6. ELECTION OF BRANCH OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE

Mike Sheldon had received no new nominations. All the people listed below had agreed to be nominated for a further year.

Position	Name	Proposed	Seconded
Chairman & Branch Rep on Council	Ian Moore )	Antony	Bob
Vice-Chairman	Antony Johnson )	John	Bob
Secretary	Position Vacant )		
Treasurer	Bob Voss )	Mike	Ian
Information Officer	William Waddilove )	Bob	Ian
Past Chairman	John Pedley )	Mike	Antony
Committee Members:	Andy Blowey }	Ian Moore en bloc	John Fox
	John Fox }		
	Tony Linfield }		
	Clive Mander }		
	Stuart Martin }		
	Dan Mitchell }		
	Mike Sheldon }		
	James Wallace }		
New Member to Committee	David Williams		

David Williams was invited to join the committee: proposed by Mike Sheldon and seconded John Fox.

Dr Mark Cooper presented Mike Sheldon (Retiring Secretary) with a certificate recognising his 35 years of service, many as Secretary. Mike gratefully accepted it and commented on how he had enjoyed his time on the committee.

## 7. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There were no matters arising.

## 8. DATE OF 66<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

It was proposed that the 66th Annual General Meeting would take place on Tuesday, 14 March 2017, at the Friends Meeting House, Stratford-upon-Avon (TBC).

After the meeting, Mark Cooper, was invited to give the Presidential Address. It was a very positive address. A full report is available from HQ. Ian Moore thanked Mark for his informative presentation and then, after questions and answers, declared the meeting closed.

Mark then made an excellent presentation on some aspects of his work, entitled Operational Readiness Training based on work done for Easy Jet. He drew attention of how easy it was for important information/experience to be lost with the passage of time and in effect being re-discovered. Ian thanked Mark for making the presentations and closed the meeting at 21.20.