IAgrE Wrekin BranchAGM

Minutes of the Wrekin Branch 49th Annual General Meeting, held at 6.30pm on 19th March 2019, at Harper Adams University

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Present:

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Dave Clare (Sec) Simon Cooper (Chair)		Bill Basford	Jim Loynes				
Richard Smalley	Sam Scales	John Gough	Henry Thorpe				
Phil Metcalfe	Alastair Taylor	Kit Franklin	Paul Hemmingway				
Adam Stephen	Clem Kelsey	Oliver Baird					

1	Apologies					
1.1	Apologies were received from: Jake Smith, David White, John Gittins, Graham Higginson, Melvin Johnson, Ruth Metcalfe					
2	inutes of the 48th AGM:					
2.2	The minutes of the 48th AGM were circulated before the meeting. The minutes were accepted as being a correct record of the AGM. (Proposed by John Gough, seconded by Richard Smalley).					
3	Matters arising from the 48th AGM					
3.1	See item 5 below					
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4	Chairman's Report					
4.1	The Chairman gave an overview of the year's technical meetings.					
	The Chairman thanked the committee for their support and assistance in keeping an active and progressive branch for the					
	future.					
	The Chairman also thanked those members of the Wrekin Branch who acted as judges at LAMMA19.					
5	Treasurer's Report					
5.1	Given by the Chairman in absences of the Treasurer.					
	The branch received a grant of £1536.11p from Head Office and has spent £985.47p on meeting expenses.					
	The total number of branch members is down 73 to 534.					
	Many students studying within the Wrekin Branch area and attending Wrekin Branch meetings, are not registered with the					
	Wrekin Branch, but with their 'home' branch. The question as to why was asked of Alastair Taylor (IAgrE CEO). Alastair					
	explained that this is because HQ want to register their long-term address as opposed to a more transient student address.					
	This enables better follow-up/continuation contact in the future.					
	At the previous AGM it was asked if Reasheath was in the Wrekin area and if students there were registered with the Wrekin					
	Branch. Reasheath is not in the Wrekin area.					
5.2	Alastair Taylor explained that HQ are contemplating paying branch expenses directly, therefore foregoing the need for					

6 Election of Branch officers

6.1 The election of branch officers was conducted by the Chair

Only one nomination to be a committee member had been received. The nomination being Adam Stephen.

All existing committee members were happy to continue serving on the committee, including any specific roles held.

It was proposed that if members had no objection, the existing committee and any specific roles held, would be re-elected en bloc. There were no objections. Proposed by Richard Smalley, seconded by Bill Basford.

branches to have their own accounts and a treasurer. The members present did not have any strong views either way.

Adam Stephen was elected. Proposed by Sam Scales, seconded by Henry Thorpe.

At a previous committee meeting (5th March), several HAU students attended and express an interest in joining the committee, but no nominations had been received. It was decided that if these students did want to join the committee then they would be co-opted on.

In summary the committee is as follows: Chairman Simon Cooper

	Honorary Secretary	David Clare			
	Honorary Treasurer	Graham Higginson			
	Vice chairman	John Gittins			
	Information officer	Bill Basford			
	Immediate past chairman	Jim Loynes			
		dd, Richard Smalley, John Gough, Melvin Johnson, Jacob Smith, Henry Thorpe, Kit Franklin. HAU n Wellsbury, Sam Scales, Adam Stephen.			
7 7.1	Presidential Address – Pre Highlights of the address we	ssented by Paul Hemmingway ere:-			
	 The 80th Anaversary of IAgrE was celebrated with several key events including:- The AGM held at Wrest Park. 				
	- A successful conf				
	Improved LandwaOur first lady presiden				
	80 years Horizons boo				
	It is a great time for Agricultural Engineering				
	- Agritech strategy				
	- More research activity				
		IMA and a successful show.			
		bove our weight', shaping future policy.			
	Promoting IAgrE in Ire				
	Developing links in Afr				
	It was acknowledged that membership is 'flat' though at around 2,500				
	There is financial pressure on Biosystems Engineering journal.				
	Alastair will be retiring	in the autumn and so a HQ are seeking a new CEO.			
8	Any Other Business				
8.1	A question was asked, what year?	is HQ doing to encourage EngTech registration for students who have completed their placement			
		It HQ is going to produce an exemplar to help demonstrate what is required to apply.			
	Additionally, HQ is working v	vith JCB to encourage IAgrE membership with apprentices.			
	Alastair agreed to give a talk	to HAU students about to go on placement about EngTech registration .			
9	Close				
9.1 The meeting closed at 7:35pm					

Date

Chairman