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27th February 2019

Dear Member,

Election Of Branch Officers.

Please find enclosed the Notice of the 68th Annual General Meeting of the West Midlands Branch of the IAgrE, which will be held on Tuesday, 9th April 2019, commencing at 7.30pm, at The Friends Meeting House, Maidenhead Road, Stratford upon Avon, Warwickshire, CV37 6XT.

The following Branch Officers and Committee have tendered their resignations but have offered themselves for re-election:

Chairman:	Ian Moore
Vice-Chairman:	Antony Johnson
Treasurer:	Position Vacant
Secretary:	Position Vacant
Information Officer:	William Waddilove
Immediate Past Chairman:	John Pedley
Representative on Council:	Ian Moore / Antony Johnson

Committee Members:

Andrew Blowey, John Fox, Tony Linfield, Stuart Martin, Mike Sheldon and David Williams.

Further or alternative nominations for the above positions are welcome and should be submitted, either in writing to me at any time up to the date of the AGM, or verbally at the AGM itself. Any two Members of the following grades: Corporate Member, Associate Member or Associate of the Branch, may nominate any other duly qualified person for adding to the list. All "Rules for Branches", as laid out by the IAgrE, will be followed, copy available at the AGM.

Yours sincerely,

Ian Moore
Branch Chairman

I.M. 27/2/19

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Graham Higginson will give the Presidential Address and take questions from the members present. Following this, he will give a short presentation based upon recent developments in agri-tech at Harper Adams University.

If you are interested in joining the Branch Committee let me know please as new committee members are always welcome. It is not an onerous job and only involves one evening committee meeting a year in January. It also looks good on your CV and counts towards CPD. Give me a call (or e-mail) and I can appraise you of what is involved.

The committee also welcomes ideas from members for possible branch meeting topics, so don't hesitate to contact either myself, or one of the committee members, with the details any ideas you may have,

Yours sincerely,

Ian Moore
Branch Chairman

A G E N D A

1. Apologies for Absence
2. Minutes of the 67th Annual General Meeting (attached)
3. Matters Arising from the Minutes
4. Chairman's Report
5. Election of Branch Officers and Committee
6. Any Other Business
7. Date of Next Meeting TBC (Tuesday, 14th April 2020)

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INSTITUTION OF AGRICULTURAL ENGINEERS

WEST MIDLANDS BRANCH

MINUTES OF THE 67th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

HELD ON TUESDAY, 10 APRIL 2018 AT

THE FRIENDS MEETING HOUSE, STRATFORD

PRESENT:

Antony Johnson (AJ)	(in the Chair representing Ian Moore)
Graham Higginson (GH)	Presidents Representative
William Waddilove (WW)	I Whittingham (IW)
Bob Voss BV)	R Lewis (RL)
Jimmy Wallace (JW)	Richard Barrowman (RB)
John Fox (JF)	David Williams (DW)
Peter Lewis (PL)	David Shaw (DS)
Peter Ward (PW)	

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Ian Moore, Mike Sheldon and Stuart Martin.

2. **MINUTES OF THE 66th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

The minutes of the 66th Annual General Meeting, held on Tuesday, 14 March 2017, were summarised by AJ. No comments were received.

3. **MATTERS ARISING**

None

4. **HONORARY TREASURER'S REPORT**

Bob presented a copy of the branch accounts for the past year which were also circulated to attendees at the meeting. He commented that as of 31/12/2017 the branch have total funds of £1349.35 which is made up of £173.38 in the Branch current account held at HSBC in Leamington Spa and £1175.97 held in a Central Deposit Account. He advised that we were able to maintain a healthy balance due the low expenditure incurred.

Bob also advised that it was his intention to stand down from the committee as treasurer as he was intending to start travelling. AJ requested at the meeting if anyone would be willing to take on the role as treasurer but unfortunately no volunteers were forthcoming. BV advised that he would be more than happy to provide a full handover to anyone who volunteered to take on the role. AJ advised that in view of the difficulty in finding a replacement for Bob, the issue would need to be discussed further by the committee.

5. **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

Antony Johnson standing in for the Chairman (Ian Moore), commented on and reviewed the year's programme and also thanked Ian for his preparation for the meeting. He summarised the year and the excellent speakers.

Dr Claire Butler Ellis Presidential Address / Silsoe Spray Application Unit

Richard Grounds	Farm visit at Wolston focussing on Conservation work
William Waddilove,	A set of short films (the second in this series) on Tractor
Bob Voss,	Development at Banner Lane
Ian Moore	
Tony Turner	Presentation and factory tour of the Greenmech Wood Chipper manufacturing facility
Neil Warren	Presentation of Spearhead Machinery which looked at the Company's history, products and developments.
Dr Mark Moore	Presentation on the "AGCO Future Farm" which focussed on the Future Farm in Lusaka, Zambia and how this is helping to improve the productivity of African agriculture.

He thanked Presenters and 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 various committee members for their secretarial work and keeping the Branch running smoothly.

6. ELECTION OF BRANCH OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE

No new nominations have been received. All the people listed below have agreed to be nominated for a further year except Bob Voss who wishes to stand down as treasurer

Position	Name	Proposed	Seconded
Chairman & Branch Rep on Council	Ian Moore) All the positions were voted en bloc	
Vice-Chairman	Antony Johnson) John Fox	Bob Voss
Secretary	Ian Moore / William Waddilove)	
Treasurer	Positions Vacant)	
Information Officer	William Waddilove)	
Past Chairman	John Pedley)	
Committee Members:	Andy Blowey	}	
	John Fox	}	
	Tony Linfield	}	
	Stuart Martin	}	
	Mike Sheldon	}	
	James Wallace	}	
	David Williams	}	
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7. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There were no matters arising.

8. DATE OF 68th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

It was proposed that the 68th Annual General Meeting would take place on Tuesday, 12 March 2019, at the Friends Meeting House, Stratford-upon-Avon (TBC).

After the meeting, Graham Higginson was invited to give the Presidential Address. It was a very positive address. A full report is available from HQ. Antony Johnson thanked Graham for his informative presentation and questions were then taken.

Graham then made an excellent presentation on some aspects of his work, entitled Specialist Machinery for Field Scale Trial Plots. The presentation initially covered Graham's early career before moving on to his work on trial plot machinery in particular combine harvesters. He finalised the presentation with his work on the hands free hectare which had place at Harper Adams University College. William Waddilove gave the vote of thanks and the meeting was closed at 21.30.

A. Johnson
April 2018