

Institute of Physics: Yorkshire Branch.

Annual General Meeting, 24th March 2009

Minutes of meeting held at the Yorkshire Air Museum, Halifax Way, Elvington.

Present: John Hemmingway, David Jenkins, Paul Davies, Ian Jones, Henry Curtis, Chris Butlin, Chris Hogg, Harry Harper, Richard deGrijs, Charles Barton, John Williams, Tammy Cooper, Chris Walker.

1. Welcome and apologies:

Apologies: David Hutchings

The chairman notes that the AGM is quorate.

The chairman welcomes all members to the 2008 AGM

Note from secretary: although this meeting was held in 2009 it was in fact the 2008 AGM. An earlier meeting was void due to an irregularity with the meeting notice.

2. Minutes of meeting held in September 2007

The minutes of the meeting held in September 2007 were accepted as a true record of the meeting and were approved without correction.

3. Matters arising.

Chris Butlin asked for a report on the meeting between the committee, the IoP President and the Chief Executive (Dr Robert Kerby-Harris)

The chairman summarised his recollection of the meeting held on 14th February 2008

On the back of the chairman's report to the AGM it was asked if anyone has consulted the other branches to find out how they are reacting to the behaviour of head quarters.

The honorary secretary will contact other branches to see how they are getting along with the IoP and dealing with the implementation of the new constitution.

Action: PJD

4. Reports from officers.

Chairman's report: read into the record by the Chairman, copies of the report are attached.

Secretaries Report: copies on hand and distributed to members, copy attached

Treasurers report: read into the record by the treasurer, a copy is attached.

5. Election of committee members:

No contest to the members was presented and all candidates were duly elected.

David Jenkins as Chairman
Paul Davies as Honorary Secretary
Chris Walker as Honorary Treasurer
Charles Barton as an Ordinary Member

6. AOB

6.1 Minutes of AGMs

Chris Butlin raised the following points regarding the distribution of AGM minutes to branch members:

- That all AGM Minutes, complete ones, be sent out in hard copy form to all branch members with the meeting notice.
- That the 2007 AGM Minutes, again complete ones, get sent to all branch members as hard copy regardless of the AGM having taken place.
- That such minutes should accompany the AGM Meeting Notice.

(Note from secretary: In a break from what had previously happened at the Yorkshire Branch the AGM minutes were not sent in paper form to all members but were placed on the website and notice was put on the AGM notice that the minutes were made available online and in paper form by request.)

Chair and secretary agreed to circulate the AGM minutes with the next meeting notice. As these points had not been placed on the AGM notice no vote could take place to change or put in place a rule regarding the distribution of minutes to branch members. The decision was referred for consideration at the next AGM.

Action: PJD

6.2 Notification of AGM date

Chris Butlin raised the following points:

- That the date of and AGM should be made known enough in advance of the date for printing and distribution of the AGM Meeting Notice in order

for any proposed alteration or additions to the Constitution and Rules to be set out in full

- That any items that branch members or the branch committee wish to be made known in advance of the AGM be placed on the Agenda. This to not replace the capacity for matters to be raised with at least seven days notice.

The honorary secretary will investigate how the AGM date can be made known to branch members in advance of the written notice being sent to members. As these point were not included on the AGM notice no vote was taken to amend the rules of the Yorkshire Branches current practice.