

Institute of Packaging **East Midlands Branch**

Minutes of Annual General Meeting **River Princess, Park Yacht Club, Nottingham** **13th March 2005**

Present: Mark Woodland; Mike Lamb; Ian Morris; David Smalley; Keith Barnes; Martin Hardwidge; Chris Turner; Des Page; Gordon Stewart; Phil Garvey.

Apologies: Gavin Johnson; Mike Pidding; Malcolm Brown; Christian Rossell.

Welcome to Members:

Mark Woodland, the Chairman, welcomed all members to the meeting and thanked everyone for coming, especially David Smalley for organising this trip.

Minutes of the last meeting:

The Chairman signed the minutes of the last AGM dated 18.02.04.

Chairman's Report:

Mark Woodland thanked the committee for their support. He noted the success of the various visits we have had during the year

MW noted how pleased he was that the merger had gone through and how he hoped for a more productive year going forward. Gordon Stuart answered a question raised about the actions of PPMA during the merger. He noted that the PPMA had agreed not to pursue their proposal to set up another packaging institute.

Secretary, External Relations, and Membership Report:

This report was tabled and copied to all members present. Branch membership stands at 260 (18.02.05). Members attending the visits vary greatly. News from the East Midlands branch continues to be published in the Packaging Professional. Articles are intended to be informative and provide an opportunity to thank companies for their hospitality. Average attendance per visit has increased to 11.9 for members and to 15 for all attendees.

54 members have no e mail address (21% cf to 27% last year), Chris Turner will look at this in more detail now that membership lists are available.

IM, KB and ML went to a recent IOM_ - East Midlands Material Society meeting for their Lecture competition. It was very enlightening listening to the student's presentations and we felt we could look to do something along the same lines.

DS noted that we need to look to arrange joint meetings with some of the local societies and groups. (EMMS has indicated it would like to arrange a meeting with us in December this year)

Des Page asked for it to be minuted that the branch has three new Fellows - Mike Lamb, Ian Morris and Phil Garvey and that they are to be congratulated on their achievement.

GS noted that it was also possible for members to qualify for Chartered Scientist. He will circulate details shortly.

Treasurer's Report:

David Smalley, the treasurer tabled his report. He noted that the current and saving accounts have funds of £292.32 and £290.59 respectively. He noted that with the new branch structure we are likely to be able to draw down funds for future events.

DS noted that a IOM_ - Local Society Forum meeting will be held in London on 23rd March and that he and IM would attend to represent the branch.

Education Report:

Keith Barnes noted that as Ian Morris had effectively taken over the education side, he would ask IM to update the committee.

IM noted that currently three courses are being run locally. A diploma course in Nottingham with 11 students and two certificate courses, one at North Notts College, Worksop with 6 students and the other at Burton College has 8 students.

KB asked for it to be minuted that congratulations are extended to IM for his career move into the area of Packaging Education and for his hard work in getting these courses up and running.

KB also noted that Des Page had agreed to assist on Education matters.

(Secretarial Note - Although not discussed at the meeting - it should be noted that Keith Barnes has worked tirelessly over many years to run diploma courses in the East Midlands and represent the branch on educational matters and he should be thanked for all his efforts)

Election of Chairman:

Mark Woodland was proposed by David Smalley and seconded by Mike Lamb.

Election of Vice Chairman and Assistant Secretary:

Martin Hardwidge was proposed by Keith Barnes and seconded David Smalley.

Election of Officers:

Secretary and External Relations – Ian Morris, proposed by Mark Woodland and seconded by Keith Barnes.

Treasurer – David Smalley, proposed by Mike Lamb and seconded by Chris Turner.

Education – Des Page was proposed by Keith Barnes and seconded by Mark Woodland.

Membership - Chris Turner, was proposed by Keith Barnes and seconded David Smalley.

Committee:

The committee that had stood down was re-elected and now consists of:- Roy Cosslett, Mike Lamb, Gavin Johnson, Phil Garvey and Keith Barnes.

AOB:

MW checked the status of the two remaining meetings for this year - Ashbury Confectionery on 15/3 and Clifton Packaging on 20/4. These are planned to go ahead as scheduled.

MW felt we should e mail all branch members and ask if anyone would like to join the committee - Action IM

The next committee meeting was arranged for 7.30pm on 30th March 2005 at the Star Inn, Beeston.

The meeting closed at 2.03pm.