

Minutes of Annual General Meeting

Midland Railway Centre, Butterley

27th April 2008

Present:

Ian Morris; Mike Lamb; David Smalley; Keith Barnes; Martin Hardwidge; Chris Turner; Des Page, Chris Penfold, Julie Bowers

Apologies:

Gavin Johnson, Mark Woodland, Phil Garvey , Jeremy Plimmer

Welcome to Members:

Martin Hardwidge, the Chairman, welcomed all members to the meeting, especially to Des Page after his recent illness. He thanked everyone for coming and to David Smalley for organising this trip.

Minutes of the last meeting:

The Chairman signed the minutes dated 29th April 2008 of the last AGM as a true record.

Chairman's Report:

Martin tabled his report, see attached, and thanked the committee for their support over the past year. A highlight was the 60th Anniversary Dinner Dance, commenting that a society is only as strong as the people who put the effort in. He congratulated Chris Turner on his Fellowship and David Smalley on receipt of his Outstanding Service Award. He also made the following comments about IOP: The Packaging Society. His main concern is that he doesn't know how the various parts of the Society fit together. The Packaging Board clearly has decisions to make or there wouldn't be any point in them meeting. However, what are they and how do they affect him and his region? Why has nobody from the packaging board ever made official contact with him? Shouldn't he form part of the communications network? Widening it out, he wants to hear how the Packaging Board is acting at their level to add further value to the money that the Society takes from the members?

Secretary and Membership Reports

The report was circulated to all committee members.

In 2007/8 our average attendance for members was 14 and total was 30.1.
It is important to keep numbers attending the top 8 events as high as possible.

Branch membership now stands at 251. There are a significant number of members (79) who have not paid this year. A list was issued in the report so we can contact them.
There are 1620 IOP members, 109 from Starpack entries but 600 have not paid. Reminder letters are due to go out.

David Smalley (chairman), Chris Turner, Keith Barnes, Mike Lamb are part of the Membership Committee with the help of Julie Bowers. Julie was asked if she would like to become a member of our committee. She graciously accepted the honorary position of EMPkgS committee member.

Our website continues to be developed by Martin Hardwidge.
See <http://www.thepackagingsociety.com/> for more details.

Treasurer's Report:

David Smalley, the treasurer tabled his report for the period 21.3.07 – 24.04.08. See attached

Education Report:

Des Page, following his recent illness, asked Ian Morris to give an overview of education activities. Ian Morris noted that training courses in the Diploma and Certificate are being marketed with a new e mail system which recently went out to over 5000 addresses. The software is able to track who has looked at what to allow a follow up to take place. One day courses are being developed and the Print for Packaging has run twice with a third due to run in June.

Election of Chairman:

Martin Hardwidge was proposed by Chris Turner and seconded by Keith Barnes.

Election of Vice Chairman and Membership Officer:

Chris Turner was proposed by Mike Lamb and seconded by Martin Hardwidge.

Election of Officers:

Proposed by Martin Hardwidge seconded by Mike Lamb

Secretary and External Relations -Ian Morris,
Treasurer - David Smalley
Education - Des Page

Committee:

The committee that had stood down was re-elected and now consists of: -

Julie Bowers, Mike Lamb, Mark Woodland, Chris Penfold, Jeremy Plimmer, Gavin Johnson, Phil Garvey and Keith Barnes.

AOB: Next committee meeting 13th or 14th May.

The meeting closed at 12.25pm

Ian Morris
Secretary
5th May 2008

IOP: The East Midlands Packaging Society
AGM 27th April 2008
Chairman's report - Martin Hardwidge

Overview of the year

We have had an interesting year, featuring some good visits, an excellent party to mark the 60th anniversary, and we have built some excellent links with our sister organisations within IOM3. We have seen the partial resurrection of the West Midlands Society and individuals from the East Midlands Society have played an important and increasingly pivotal role in the workings of the wider Society, and have been personally recognised for their contributions. On the negative side, the IOM and IOP within it remain an enigma to me, I still have no real picture of what the packaging board are trying to achieve and have had no communications with the board itself.

The continuing focus on the environment in the media and in the public consciousness has brought some pressure to bear on the industry, although I am pleased to see that the focus has shifted to specific points rather than remaining on 'packaging' generally. I remain convinced that as a technical association we should be maintaining an 'honest broker' position rather than getting involved in helping to protect one special interest group or another. I think it is inevitable that the industry will respond to consumer concerns and furthermore, that the packer fillers and the manufacturers will respond through developments in the supply chain. Packaging will do as it always has done, develop the right solution and probably end up overall that little bit healthier than before.

In a bit more detail:

Visits

In one way these have been a little bit thin on the ground - we have had difficulties in bringing a number of visits to fruition. Notably the potentially excellent visit to PET Power in Holland, Pedigree Petfoods and I think the Christian Salvesen visit would have been very good too. On the positive side we ran the trip to Veolia in Sheffield, the Wastecycle meeting in Derby on Ian's birthday was superb and very well attended and Keith and I enjoyed the Ibstock brick trip. The dinner meeting we attended in Solihull with Sue Panteny's team was very pleasant and surprisingly relevant to our industry.

Some of the trips we missed out on this season I am sure we can organise for next time, and I would like us to bring back some of the more directly 'packaging' trips if at all possible for next season.

I would like to record my thanks on behalf of the Society to everyone who helped organise and put together the trips, and who liaised with other societies.

Society relations

We have enjoyed a number of both social and 'business' trips with our sister organisations, and we have developed an excellent relationship particularly with Sue Panteny at Midlands Plastic and Rubber Group and Mike Chapman at The International Clay Technology Association. I'm sure we all enjoyed the skittles evening and brewery tour in Burton on Trent, I certainly did though modesty forbids mentioning who scored the highest. We attended the ICTA dinner and again had a good time. I hope Mike Chapman and Sue and some of their colleagues will be able to come along to our dinner dance in November. The joint meeting we had

at Derbyshire Cricket Ground was extremely well attended, more than 60 people, and we were treated to two very interesting and relevant presentations. In a reciprocal move, Keith Barnes went over to speak to MRPG on Packaging.

As above, my thanks to those who organised and contributed to these visits, especially Ian, David and Keith.

Events

I thought the Diamond Jubilee dinner was a triumph in all respects. The venue was excellent, the band were great, the raffle was good, a great time was had by all. Thanks to everyone who contributed - raffle prizes, organisation and support. Chris Turner for the Maltesers, David for leading the project and liaising with the venue and the band, Chris Penfold for his help with organisation.

More thanks for David over the golf day. Again, modesty prevents, but I thought it was a good event at a good course and I look forward to defending my title next year!

People

This has been a year that has seen our members take a significant role in the wider Society. Ian and I are leading the IOP web site project within the wider organisation, Des, despite his ill-health this year, is playing his part on the education committee, Keith and David are now ensconced on the Packaging Board, David, Keith, Mike and Chris Turner are involved on membership and I'm confident I have missed several other areas where we are involved.

Communications I think have improved with our local membership, if only because we have the capability of sending out emails and measuring who receives them etc.

I would like to record my congratulations to Chris Turner on his Fellowship, and also to David Smalley on his Outstanding Service Award presented by Sarah Boad at the ICTA dinner.

Overall, I would like to thank everyone on the committee for another year of unstinting effort. I realise that everyone has been involved for several years now and it would be easy to take the efforts that people make for granted, but the East Midlands Society and by extension the Packaging Society generally is only as strong as it is because of the efforts and commitment of the people around our committee table.

National Society

I remain disappointed by the way that the Packaging Board seems to operate. I remain in the dark as to the workings and objectives of the Board and how they are positioning IOP within IOM3. I am also disappointed that I never have communication from the Board at an official level. As a Regional Chairman, I would have thought that it was important for the Board to maintain a communication with me or with the Branch secretary so that we can keep our local membership abreast of thoughts, direction and developments.

Report from The Secretary IOP: The East Midlands Packaging Society For the Annual General Meeting 27th April 2008

The East Midlands Packaging Society has had a varied year of visits and seminar events. Listed below are the events with numbers of both members and guests attending: -

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>IOM3</u>	<u>Guests</u>	<u>Total</u>
29 th April 2007	Annual General Meeting and River Cruise	8	23	31
20 th September 2007	Smart Mat – Consumer Packaging	12	9	21
3rd October 2007	EMPkGS Golf Day,	6	13	19
October 2007	Visit to PET Power, Amsterdam Postponed			
2 nd November 2007	Diamond Jubilee Dinner Dance Park Inn, Nottingham	14	65	79
14 th November 2007	Visit to Veolia Energy Recovery Facility Sheffield	4	1	5
21st November 2007	Visit to Burton Bridge Brewery and Skittles evening Joint meeting with MPRG, EMMS and EMPkgS	16	4	20 tbc
23 rd January 2008	Visit to Christian Salvesen Easton, Grantham, Lincolnshire NG33 5AU Postponed			
10 th January 2008	Talk on materials from MARRS Andrew Smith of Ceram. Joint meeting with Midlands Plastic and Rubber Group	10	-	10
12 th February 2008	The Problem with Waste Speakers: Kevan Wilcockson (Wastecycle) and John Westman (MJCA) Joint meeting with EMPkgS, ICTa, N&D and SMMI,	45	7	52
12 th March 2008	Visit to Pedigree Petfoods, Melton Mowbray Postponed			
9 th April 2007	Visit to Istock Brick Arnold	2	6	8
	TOTAL	117	128	245
	Average Attendance (9 events)	13	14.2	27
	Average Attendance (8 best attended events)	14.6	16	30.6

In comparison to previous years the average attendances are as follows: -

<u>Year</u>	<u>IOP Mem bers</u>	<u>Total</u>
1992/3	15.0	25.0
1993/4	13.4	19.3
1994/5	10.4	14.1
1995/6	8.7	13.0
1996/7	10.4	15.3

1997/8	13.4	16.4
1998/9	12.2	15.6
1999/0	14.9	17.6
2000/1	17.5	19.3
2001/2	14.1	18.3
2002/3	10.3	13.3
2003/4	10.4	16.2
2004/5	11.9	15.2

2005/6	16.5	20.5
2006/7	16	23.75
2007/8	14.6	30.6

We are now on the IOM3 grant system . It is important to keep numbers attending the top 8 events as high as possible.

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 the people and companies who welcome branch members to their facilities.

David Smalley was awarded the Outstanding Service Award at the ICTa dinner on the 7th February by Colin Davies, Deputy Chair of ICTa.



Ian Morris, in his role as Packaging Training Manager at IOP: The Packaging Society, has written articles for Packaging Today and Keith Barnes has written articles and spoke at conferences

Our website continues to be developed by Martin Hardwidge See <http://www.thepackagingsociety.com/> for more details.

Our Diamond Jubilee Dinner Dance was a resounding success and thanks must be extended to David Smalley and Martin Hardwidge for their hard work.

Branch membership now stands at 251. There are a significant number of members (79) who have not paid this year.

A list will be issued shortly so we can contact them.

The historical breakdown is as follows: -

<u>Year</u>	19/2/1997	30/1/1998	11/2/1999	03/2/2000	13/2/2001	19/2/2002	<u>Grade</u>	18/2/2003	29/1/2004	18/2/2005	28/03/2006	26/04/2007
Fellows	9	11	10	9	11	12	Fellows	9	9*	10*	11*#	22*#
Dip Members	115	114	106	104	102	104	Diploma Members	100	92	90	94	78#
Members	66	62	56	51	43	63	Members incl. Elected	70	86	83	86	51#
Associates	38	49	45	49	51	96	Affiliates	88	63	45	46+	35+
Students	51	47	59	41	41	28	Students		1	7		16
Retired	13	10	12	14	14	19	Retired	24	23	22	20#	16
							Resigned				4	90
	292	293	288	268	262	327		291	274	260	260	308

* Includes 2 Life Fellows (J Hornsby J Dale)

+ Includes 2 Life Affiliates (P Creed, L Travis).

Includes 4 Retired Fellows, 4 Retired Members(Elec), 5 Retired (Dip)

East Midlands Packaging Society – Membership Breakdown – 23rd April 2008		
Fellow	19*#	
Diploma Members	76#	
Members	38	
Elected Members	45#	
Affiliates	34+	
Students	Diploma 23	Certificate 7
Retired	13 (4 retired Fellows) (9 retired Members)	
Resigned	40 includes 1 deceased	
Hon Fellows	0	
Hon MInstPkg	0	

*Includes 2 Life Fellows - J Dale and J Hornsby
 +Includes 2 Life Affiliates – L Travis and P Creed
 #Includes 6 retired Fellows and 10 retired Members

Ian Morris
Secretary
East Midlands Packaging Society
27th April 2008

**Members who
 have not paid
 2008 subs as of
 23 April 2008**

Abbott, Mr J	Elliott, Mr J	Nelson, Mr J
Bacon, Miss L	Feary, Mr D	Oram, Ms A
Barron, Mr J	Finch, Mr A	Ormrod, Mr K
Beard, Mr R	Fleming, Ms V	Osilaja, Ms E
Beckett, Mr R	Folwell, Mr RF	Patel, Miss A
Bell, Mr S	Garvey, Mr PM	Pepper, Mr J
Benson, Mr R	Gillan, Ms E	Poitevin, Mr P
Bole, Mr S	Green, Dr P	Richmond, Mr W
Boot, Ms G	Harvey, Mr R	Rippon, Mr S
Brandwood, Ms A	Hatton, Mr CJ	Rous, Mr MD
Brown, Ms H	Hettmann, Mr G	Rowe, Ms E
Browning, Mr M	Horgan, Mr A	Scales, Mr A
Bunday, Mr C	Jackson, Mr D	Searson, Mr A
Burbeck, Ms H	James, Mr K	Shabudin, Mr S
Burns, Mr P	Jefferis, Mr J	Sidey, Mr D
Chambers, Miss D	Jenkins, Mr A	Skipper, Mr A
Charlesworth, Miss J	Jenkins, Mr C	Smith, Ms S
Choudhry, Mr R	Knowling, Mr GE	Staines, Mr G
Clark, Mr K	Lawrence, Mr J	Sutton, Mr K
Colwill, Mr J	Leslie, Mr J	Tonkin, Mr D
Cook, Mr J	Lewis, Mr P	Turri, Mr E
Cowan, Mr J	Loscalzo, Mr S	Wilders, Mr A
Craven, Mr I	Magnin-Robert, Miss C	Wingrave, Mr D
Dance, Mr C	Marlow, Mr T	Woodyatt, Mr D
Day, Mr M	Marsh, Mr R	Young, Miss S
Dicks, Mr L	Maycock, Mr T	
Dunne, Dr FR	Mercer, Mr W	

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Accounts for the period 21.3.07-24.4.08

N.B. IOM3 Grant is £1678 per annum. Received £1258.50 to date.

Current Account

INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
A/C Balance 20/3/07	£89.55	Trent Endeavour	£86.70
Transfer from Savings	£5750.00	Park Inn	£250.00
		RAF Club (Fellows)	£1291.80
		Cotgrave Place G.C.	£422.00
		M. Young Golf Dep.	£100.00
		Mary Wade Sec. Serv.	£25.00
		DTMS Golf Prizes	£38.30
		Park Inn	£1590.00
		Park Inn	£85.00
		DTMS Decs/Flowers	£107.46
		Anniversary Band	£500.00
		Midland Rly. Trust	£50.00
		ICTA Dinner	£100.00
		Band Deposit 11/08	£50.00
		Midland Rly Trust	£467.75
		Midland Rly Trust	£99.75
Totals	£5839.55		£5263.76
Excess of Income over Expenditure			£575.79
Balance in Current Account			£575.79

Savings Account

This includes £464.23 from West Midlands IoP. and Interest of £95.19

Current Balance	£3526.81
Amounts Owing Rly AGM	420.00
Grant to come	419.50

Notes: Fellows Lunch made a surplus of £52.71. 60th Anniversary Dinner Dance lost £32.46
Golf Day lost £20.30. Accounts have not been audited.

D.T.M. Smalley
Hon. Treasurer

25th April 2008.