

IOP East Midlands Packaging Society

Minutes of Annual General Meeting

River Princess, Park Yacht Club, Nottingham

9th April 2006

Present:

Mark Woodland; Mike Lamb; David Smalley; Keith Barnes; Martin Hardwidge; Chris Turner; Phil Garvey.

Apologies:

Gavin Johnson; Ian Morris.

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 13th March 2005

Chairman's Report:

Mark thanked the committee for their support. He noted the success of the various visits we have had during the year. He thanked committee members for taking time and trouble to attend committee meetings and set up a useful set of visits.

Secretary, External Relations, and Membership Reports:

This report will be circulated to all committee members.

From 2006/07 we will be on the IOM3 grant system - details to be covered at next committee meeting. It is important to keep numbers attending the top 8 events as high as possible.

Branch membership now stands at 260. There are a significant number of members (121) who have not paid this year. Reminders will be sent from IOM3 Stoke shortly, however, a list will be issued shortly so we can contact them.

Chris Turner kindly agreed to send a letter to all members asking for feedback, preferences for branch activities & a request for up to date contact details.

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. Pictures are also being used to enhance the reports.

Treasurer's Report:

David Smalley, the treasurer tabled his report. He noted that the current account has funds of £229.00 with boat trip payments to follow and saving accounts £960.09. This includes £463.23 from West Midlands IoP and interest of £7.77.

Education Report:

Keith thanked Ian Morris for his efforts running courses at Worksop and Nottingham. Numbers are sadly small, Keith mentioned that this needs to be changed as a major industry such as ours needs a supply of trained personnel
Keith mentioned SMART. mat, the new DTI initiative to help UK industry to exploit 'Smart' technology, which Keith felt would have useful spin offs for packaging.

Standard Diploma course appears to be up and running fairly well. The Certificate course has not reached levels expected.

Election of Chairman:

Mark Woodland was proposed by Mike Lamb and seconded by Martin Hardwidge.

Election of Vice Chairman and Assistant Secretary:

Martin Hardwidge was proposed by Keith Barnes and seconded by Mark Woodland.

Election of Officers:

Proposed by Mark Woodland seconded by Mike Lamb

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

Committee:

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

Mike Lamb, Gavin Johnson, Phil Garvey and Keith Barnes.

AOB:

The meeting closed at 15.30pm.

Mark Woodland
Chairman
30th May 2006