
Annual General Meeting 2011: Wednesday 14th September 2011

Venue: The De Havilland Aircraft Heritage Centre, St Albans, Hertfordshire AL2 1BU

Meeting opened at 7:35pm

Present

Committee: 11

Stephen Browne (Chairman), Siva Niranjana (Secretary), David Clarkson (Treasurer), Jeremy Withrington, Michael Barwise, Geraint Williams, Sarah Jacklin, Bob Thurlby, Malcolm Appleford, Andrew Bull and Sarah Davies

Members (excluding the Committee): 19

Apologies: Nigel Sedgwick

No	Item
1	<p>Minutes of the last AGM (21st September 2010)</p> <p>Agreed, proposed by Sarah Jacklin and seconded by David Clarkson.</p>
2	<p>Committee Report</p> <p>The Chairman, Stephen Browne introduced the report, copies of which had been distributed to the attendees, on behalf of the Committee.</p> <p>The key points highlighted by Stephen Browne were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a) Membership at 1,573 (1580 at AGM 2010).b) 9 Branch meetings/events were planned, but 8 were held in this year. The gliding event was taken off the calendar owing to HQ decree that the risk to BCS from potential litigation was unacceptable.c) Average attendance at events was 25 (excluding this event). We have stopped sending Meeting Post Cards at the request of HQ due to cost reasons and so attendance has fallen.d) Special thanks were due to Committee Member, Bob Thurlby for stepping in at short notice with an interactive session on Climate Change.e) Some of the presentations have been recorded and are available on the website. Thanks to Committee Member Mike Barwise.f) Our thanks were expressed to Steria for the use of their location and refreshments.g) Members were invited to join the Committee.h) Stephen expressed his sincere thanks to the Committee and HQ Branches Team for all of their support and hard work.

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3	<p>Treasurer's Report</p> <p>Report was summarised by Treasurer David Clarkson. On a budget allocation of £1,950 the actual spend was £864. The underspend was mainly in the area of Room Hire and Refreshment (sponsored by Steria). Our request for at budget of £1,440 was reduced by HQ due to budget cuts (~40%) to £864. The risk to the Branch is that in the event of Steria not continuing their sponsorship for hosting the meetings further funds will have to be requested.</p>
4	<p>Election of Officers for 2011-12</p> <p>Nominations were received as follows:</p> <p>Chair: Siva Niranjana, proposed by Stephen Browne, seconded by Andrew Bull</p> <p>Secretary: Sarah Jacklin, proposed by David Clarkson, seconded by Stephen Browne</p> <p>Treasurer: David Clarkson, proposed by Sarah Jacklin, seconded by Jeremy Withrington</p>
5	<p>Election of the Committee for 2011-12</p> <p>The following members of the 2010-11 Committee stood for re-election and were elected:</p> <p>Malcolm Appleford, Michael Barwise, Andrew Bull, Bob Thurlby, Geraint Williams, Sarah Davies and Jeremy Withrington.</p> <p>The following members came forward to join the Committee and were nominated:</p> <p>Shuchi Tomar, proposed by Mike Barwise, seconded by Geraint Williams</p> <p>Peter Klein, proposed by Sarah Jacklin, seconded by Jeremy Withrington.</p> <p>Sarith Chandra, proposed by Stephen Browne, seconded by Malcolm Appleford</p>
6	<p>Any Other Business</p> <p>Stephen Browne thanked Committee Member Andrew Bull for organising the AGM at Museum, and the Museum for accommodating and hosting this event.</p> <p>On behalf of the Committee, Siva Niranjana expressed sincere thanks to outgoing Chairman Stephan Browne for the sterling service on the Committee over 15 years including 5 years as Secretary and 4 years as Chairman.</p>
	<p>Meeting Closed @ 7.55pm and was followed by Museum visit.</p>