

Men in Sheds Milton Keynes

Annual General Meeting 2015

Held at the Shed on Wednesday 15th April 2015

Attendees: xx members as recorded in the Signing in Book

Chair: Mr Paul Griffiths took the Chair at 12.00 Noon

1. Minutes of the previous AGM held on 23th April 2014.

These had been circulated electronically and printed copies were available at the meeting. Mark Saddler proposed the adoption of the minutes and this proposal was seconded by Dennis. At a show of hands the minutes were adopted nem-con.

2. Chairman's Report

Peter introduced his report, which is attached as an appendix to these minutes, He noted that we now have a fluctuating membership of about 60 men. One encouraging feature of the year has been that a group of younger guys have joined the shed as a special interest group, known by the nick name of 'Hack Space' They use Shed facilities during the evenings on Monday and Wednesday and contribute to the Shed's finances by donating by direct debit. It is hoped that their skills will enable us to upgrade our IT services

Peter noted that he and other officers have been active in trying to establish other Sheds in the area

Peter James proposed that we adopt the Chairman's report; this was seconded by John Ashton, and agreed nem-con

3. Treasurer's report

Les provided a summary of our finances for the past year. He was widely congratulated in managing our finances so well. After a few questions, John Mc Farlane proposed that the report should be adopted and this was seconded by Mark Saddler. Members agreed to adopt the report nem-con.

4. Election of Officers

The Chairman, Treasurer and Secretary formally stood down but all had agreed to stand for election for a further year. There being no other nominations, it was agreed that Peter G, Les H and DJ should serve as our officers for the next twelve month.

5. Election of Trustees. Steve H and Nigel P have offered to serve again, and there being no other nominations it was agreed that Steve and Nigel will continue as Trustees for the next twelve month/

6. Election of External Trustee,

Paul Griffith had indicated that he is willing to stand as an external Trustee. There being no other nomination Paul was elected nem-con.

7. Any Other Business

- 7.1. Fobs.** Peter and Steve explained the system of logging into the Shed using an electronic FOB, and the system that we will use these to gain access to the more powerful freestanding machines in the workshops depending on the level of accreditation. Arrangements were agreed for the distribution of the FOBS
- 7.2. Fire Evacuation Rules.** A note was distributed to every member giving instructions for dealing with any potential fire in the Shed. Members were asked to study this and understand their responsibilities in the event of a fire. Members were alerted that a full fire alarm test will take place at some time in the next few weeks
- 7.3. Accreditation to use free standing power tools.** It was noted that we have a problem, Andrew has stood down as our accreditor, and Cow-Boy John is only available infrequently. It was agreed that the Shed Management Committee should investigate paying for interested volunteers to attend training courses and then assume the role of accreditors for particular items of kit.
- 7.4. Security of the Shed** After a brief discussion it was agreed to refer the question of arrangements for security of the Shed to the Management Committee.