

Dear All,

Thank you to all that attended the AGM on the 23rd May 2018, and to David Towell for again providing us with excellent food.

There were a number of Trustee and Management Committee positions that did not have permanent people elected.

Because of this, we need to call an EGM – Extraordinary General Meeting. Some of those in the acting positions are prepared to convert those positions in to full roles if members consent.

An EGM is therefore called for the 18th July 2018 at 12 noon at Unit 30 Burners Lane. We are required to give 14 days' notice to allow for any other notifications for positions that may be proposed ahead of a meeting.

There is no requirement to attend in person. It is merely to vote. Options to vote electronically and for those less technologically aware will be made available at the next notification following the close of nominations.

Shed Management Committee as left at 23rd May 2018:

- Michael West – Acting Chair; **prepared to stand for full role**
- David Sawyer – Acting Treasurer; does not wish to continue so **there is a vacancy**
- Nigel Pigott - Secretary, prepared to continue
- John Orme – Co-opted Member Representative - metal working; **prepared to stand as Treasurer**
- Nigel Paterson - Co-opted Member Representative - woodworking prepared to continue
- Andy Selby – Co-opted Member Representative - Makerspace
- Dave Towell – Co-opted Member
- Les Hubbard – Co-opted Member

If any member wishes to be nominated for any position, the nomination needs to be made to Nigel Pigott (info@meninshedsmk.org.uk), by the close on 29th June so that due notice may be given for voting prior to the EGM. Note that there is no limit on the co-opted positions so if you wish to join the Committee, let us know ASAP. Contact Nigel Pigott with any nominations.

Current Trustees as left at 23rd May 2018:

- Michael West- Ex Officio Trustee (Acting Management Committee Chair); **Prepared to continue**
- David Sawyer- Ex Officio Trustee (Acting Management Committee Treasurer); standing down.
- Nigel Pigott - Ex Officio Trustee (Management Committee Secretary), continuing subject to retaining role as Secretary
- Nigel Paterson - Elected Trustee, prepared to continue
- John Orme – Co-opted Member Representative
- Andy Selby - Co-opted Member Representative
- Dave Towell - Co-opted Member Representative

- Les Hubbard – Elected “External” Trustee.

Although the nominated external trustee position has been vacant all last year, Les Hubbard is a trustee of the Milton Keynes Play Association and has proposed to be nominated for this role until a fully external trustee can be found. Other sections

The agenda for the EGM is:

1. Election of Officers of the Management Committee
2. Election of Member representatives on the Board of Trustees

Other News

Lease

This continues to progress with the resolution of the dilapidations.

Machinery demonstrations

The Didac training method has now been formally ended. They have been forthcoming in returning our unused subscription that we had been paying towards the continuing access to training materials and record keeping system. We are putting together some in house material, and have another lead from another organisation that already has an arrangement with a shed in Nottingham.

Enlightenment

The lighting within the workshop area has now been completed at a not so insignificant cost. The new light units have a greater light output than the old fluorescent fittings, and also consume less than half of the energy. The payback time for the outlay is many years, however, it does mean that the safe operation of equipment can be carried out as you can see what you are doing. Thank you to the MK Community Foundation for the rent relief to allow us to carry out the work

Up and over

We have had a quotation to carry out some repair work to the roller shutter. This is to re-do the bottom rubber seal, install a proper drainage channel and to sort the draught at the top and rear.

This should be carried out within the next few weeks.