

Minutes of Annual General Meeting

River Princess, Park Yacht Club, Nottingham

29th April 2007

Present:

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

Apologies:

Gavin Johnson. Mark Woodland, Phil Garvey.

Welcome to Members:

Martin Hardwidge, the Vice 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 Vice Chairman signed the minutes dated 9th April 2006 of the last AGM as a true record.

Chairman's Report:

In the absence of the Chairman, Martin thanked the committee for their support over the past year.

Secretary and Membership Reports

The report was circulated to all committee members.

In 2006/7 our average attendance for members was 16 and total was 23.75
It is important to keep numbers attending the top 8 events as high as possible.

Branch membership now stands at 233. 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.

A query over Dixie Dean not included in our membership was raised. Julie Bowers subsequently advised that Dixie was listed as an EMMS member.

David Smalley (chairman), Chris Turner, Keith Barnes, Mike Lamb are part of the Membership Committee and with the help of Julie Bowers have produced a membership brochure for packaging people. A vote of thanks was given to Julie for the hard work put in to produce the brochure. Members will be attending Total exhibition and using some of their time to recruit new members.

Our involvement with the media has risen significantly over the last few months. Ian Morris and David Smalley have appeared on the Politics Show and Radio Nottingham programmes respectively to represent the packaging industry. 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.

Treasurer's Report:

David Smalley, the treasurer tabled his report for the period 30.3.06 - 20.3.07

Education Report:

Des Page noted that he had attended the Education committee meetings but was frankly disappointed in that one member 'took over' the last meeting and he is considering resigning. He commented on the work being done with Student Resources for the NVQ.

Ian Morris noted that training courses in the Diploma and Certificate are continuing

Election of Chairman:

Martin Hardwidge was proposed by Mike Lamb and seconded by Keith Barnes.

Election of Vice Chairman and Membership Officer:

Chris Turner was proposed by Keith Barnes 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: -

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

AOB: Next committee meeting 8th May.

The meeting closed at 1.15pm

Ian Morris
Secretary
7th May 2007