

THE LEEDS ASSOCIATION OF ENGINEERS
Minutes of the Council Meeting held at 7.15pm on Thursday 1st March 2012 at
Cornerhouse Club Leeds

1. **Attendance.** J. Shergill (President) in the chair with A. Kibler, M. Murray, G. Toulson, A. Rogers, J. Aldersley, J. McClarty and I. Blakeley.
2. **Apologies for absence.** J. Bentley, K. Hegarty and B. Yates.
3. **Minutes of the Previous Meeting,** dated 2nd February 2012 were read, approved & signed.
4. **Matters Arising.** None.
5. **Treasurers Report.** Mr. Bentley was unable to attend this meeting due to holiday but had sent his report for Mr. Toulson to present at the council meeting. It was reported that letters of thanks had been received from the Lord Mayor of Leeds and the Vicar of Leeds for the cheques for their respective charities. This money was raised at the Annual Dinner through our raffle. Mr. Bentley has spoken to Graham Mallinson to confirm that he will continue to audit our accounts for the foreseeable future. Mr Toulson along with Mr. Rogers and Mr. Bentley have been working to ensure the books are ready for the audit. They are also working on a spreadsheet to make the bookkeeping easier in future. The following figures were presented to council.

Figures are correct as at 25th February 2012

3 Month Savings Account Balance £12959 – 09

Current Account Balance. £1083 - 90

Recent Transactions :-

Receipts: -

Alan Sayer - (2 x Dinner Tickets)	-	£50-00
Ken Norris - (2 x Dinner Tickets)	-	£50-00
Subscriptions	-	£135-00
Dinner Raffle Takings	-	£100-00

Total Receipts - £335-00

Expenses: -

Mr A. Rogers – (For Dinner Tickets made Payable to LAE)	-	£100-00
Cheque to Lord Mayor's Charity - (from Dinner Raffle)	-	£50-00
Cheque to Chaplain's Charity - (from Dinner Raffle)	-	£50-00
Mr. Frank Smith - (Village Hotel Room Charge)	-	£66-00
Mr. A. Rogers - (Dinner Expenses)	-	£176-76

Total Expenses: - £442-76

Cash Account: -

Surplus from Dinner Raffle Takings	+ £3-20
Expenses - (Raffle Envelopes)	- £4-35
Expenses - (First Class Stamps)	-£5-52

Cash Account Balance in Hand £10-13

6. **Correspondence.** Mr. Murray received a letter informing him that Mr. McHugh has died; this letter was received as a result of sending out our circulars.
7. **Membership.** No new members since last meeting. However Mr. Aldersley, Mr. Murray and Mr. Rogers are all hopeful of persuading someone to join us. Mr. Murray said he has heard nothing from the corporate members but Mr. Yates is now looking after them.
8. **Current Programme.** The next event will be the Ladies event, a visit to Leeds City Variety Theatre. This is an afternoon visit. It was agreed that the Association member should pay £5 –00 but Ladies will be free of charge. Mr. Murray said he would be on holiday for 3 weeks in April so his next circular will include details of the A.G.M (26th April A.G.M).
9. **Next Session.** Mr. Rogers said Mr. Yates is happy to continue compiling / organising the programme but he feels other members of council should make a more positive contribution. He said Mr. Yates would like to raise the possibility of Leeds Association taking out public liability insurance because this is often the reason why we are denied factory visits. Council considered this point but decided not to buy insurance just now because we feel that any employer should have insurance already and are just using this as a reason to say no.
10. **Annual Dinner.** Mr. Rogers said 103 people attended but this was boosted by the number of ladies attending and also by Doosan Babcock who use the Dinner as corporate entertainment. He briefly went over some of the costs of the dinner, these included the V.I.P. Bar £37-00, Wine for top table £84-00 and £176 to Mr. Rogers for expenses. Initially it looked like we had made a small loss of £2-41 but when Frank Smiths hotel expenses of £66-00 are taken into account the loss became £68-41, still a great improvement on recent years. Mr. Rogers said he has received a number of emails from people attending saying what an enjoyable evening they had, however he still found it very disappointing that only 18 members attended. Mr. Kibler said he will produce a questionnaire by the next council meeting which if approved could be circulated to our membership to establish why they do not support the dinner in larger numbers.
11. **Website.** Mr. Toulson said we need to make haste and get the website up to date and the new software running, we are in danger of the membership losing interest if the site is not maintained. This is becoming increasingly difficult, he asked Mr. Shergill to prompt his brother Kally to do the conversion as soon as possible; Mr. Shergill said the delay was due to Kally waiting for delivery of a new laptop computer.
12. **Golf.** This year's tournament will be at Garforth Golf Club on 29th June.
13. **Donation in Lieu Of Flowers.** It was agreed that the association will make a donation of £50 to each of the two nominated charities "Patterdale Mountain Rescue" and the "R.N.L.I." in lieu of flowers as requested at Bill Shelton's funeral.

Any other Business. Having no other business Mr. Shergill closed the meeting.

.....President.

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