

THE LEEDS ASSOCIATION OF ENGINEERS  
Minutes of the Council Meeting held at 7.00 pm on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2022 at the  
Headingley Golf Club Leeds LS16 8DW

1. **Attendance.** R. Town in the chair with, B. Yates, J. Aldersley, A. Kibler, M. Murray, G. Roper, I. Scholes, S. Stacey, K. Hegarty, A. Rogers and I. Blakeley.
2. **Apologies for absence.** G. Toulson, J. Burton and J. Bentley.
3. **Minutes of the Previous Meeting.** Dated 12<sup>th</sup> May 2022 were approved and signed.
4. **Matters Arising.** None.
5. **Discussion Regarding use of Leeds Association Funds.** At the Annual walk one of our members questioned whether we should be using the Associations funds to purchase meals for members attending social events, for instance the Annual Church Service, the Ladies Evening and the Solstice walk. We felt that as these events are open to all our members and we have not increased subscription charges for a number of years, we have no reason to stop doing this but we could consult the membership at some point. We also discussed whether it is appropriate that the dinner at the first council meeting of the new session should come from association funds. We agreed that this was appropriate as council give up a significant amount of time organising events and a number of our council members attend the meeting straight from work.
6. **Treasurers Report.** Mr. Kibler gave a summary of our accounts including the balances in both the current account and savings account however they are not published here because the minutes appear on the website.

Date		Debit	Credit
24/May/22	Golf – JC & CJ Bennett	-	56.00
25/May/22	Mike Bate	-	30.00
27/May/22	Golf Sponsorship & Subs Alan Braime	-	265.00
30/May/ 22	Golf – Sibbons PS & LK	-	50.00
30/May/22	Golf – R. Johnson	-	168.00
06/Jun/22	Golf & Subs – R Johnson Craftsman Tools	-	100.00
08Jun/22	Deposit For Solstice Dinner - Opco	140.00	-
15/Jun/ 22	Golf – HKA Ltd	-	218.00
16/Jun/ 22	Golf – M A Ford Europe	-	1096.00
17/Jun/ 22	Golf – C Burgess	-	40.00
22/Jun/ 22	Golf – K Preston	-	50.00
27/Jun/ 22	Golf – D Newman	-	56.00
	Golf – J. Shergill + 5 Others	-	300.00
	Solstice Walk Supper Final Payment	62.25	-
14/Jul/22	Golf – Leeds Golf Club Invoice	2145.00	-
	Golf – Transfer to Steve Stacey	274.00	-
18/Jul/22	Golf – F Beesley	-	50.00

7. **Correspondence.** Mr. Toulson sent an email to Mr. Kibler which related to the current programme so I have incorporated the content into that section of the minutes.
8. **Membership.** Nothing to report.
9. **Current Programme.** We have not got a lecture confirmed for September and have a number of enquires which are currently being pursued but if none of these can speak to us at such short notice Mr. Aldersley ( Our Vice President) will give us a talk on Martial Arts. Mr. Roper is trying to get a talk by Ian Greaves about the inspection of nuclear power facilities. We have been offered a talk by Steve Gledhill of Mandate Systems. Mr. Yates suggested that we arrange a visit to Poynton Engine Museum, this will be a Saturday visit,

he stressed that we must be flexible in order to get visits. We can no longer expect them to be available on the last Thursday of the month. Mr. Kibler said he will check with Neil (one of our members) whether it would be possible to visit Sherburn Airfield where he is a member. Mr. Town will check when the world record attempt is to be made with the steam powered motorbike and whether we could get a follow up talk. Mr. Aldersley will speak to one of his neighbours who can give us a talk on the science behind wind turbines and he is looking into the possibility of us getting a tour of Leeds City College but this will probably be in the new-year.

These are notes for the meeting from Mr. Toulson :-

- 1) Malcolm mentioned Ian Coates, the world travelling motorcyclist. I tried Facebook (two separate pages) and Twitter, but no response. His last posts were several years ago, so maybe he no longer offers a lecture. I didn't find any telephone numbers, he is quite elusive.
- (2) Malcolm also mentioned Andy Wormald of Allseas Logistics in Oldham for a lecture on the Forgemasters press. I sent messages via their website contact page (several times) phoned but no response. Their direct email addresses were blocked, so again a difficult outfit to contact. Malcolm was in email contact, so maybe he could send a new message without being blocked.
- (3) I am still trying to get Mark Batchelor to lecture on his restoration of a model steam loco. He is getting closer to completing his powerpoint presentation, so I'll keep in touch with him.

10. **Next Session.** Nothing to report.

11. **Website.** Nothing to report other than it is all up to date.

12. **Annual Golf Tournament.** See Appendix 1 for golf report by Mr. Stacey.

13. **Church Service.** Nothing to report.

14. **Student Award.** Mr. Yates said he was disappointed that we only had one candidate for the student award, but now we have Mr. Aldersley (Vice President) working in Leeds City College he will hopefully be able to find more candidates in the future. Harry this year's recipient has expressed an interest in becoming a Leeds Association Council member. We need to purchase and award the prize. Mr. Yates will source and purchase a Digital Vernier Caliper for this purpose as agreed by council. We have to locate the student award shield (current whereabouts unknown) so that it can be engraved and awarded to Harry.

**Any other Business.** We agreed to send Jen Burton flowers along with our congratulations on the birth of her new baby boy. Having no other business Mr. Town closed the meeting after thanking those who attended.

.....President.

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## Appendix 1

### **September 1<sup>st</sup> meeting ---golf report**

The golf day was held at Leeds (Cobble Hall) GC on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> July. This was the 82<sup>nd</sup> time that the Braime Trophy has been contested. The previous 2 years were cancelled because of the Covid 19 restrictions. The weather, golf course and catering were excellent. We were well supported with sponsorship and I've managed to have some money to carry forward towards the 2023 event. Mitchell Fox have sponsored a memorial putter as a "nearest the pin" prize for many years, but unfortunately have decided not to continue. The Braime Trophy was won by Dave Ward, who is the MD of M A Ford, and he retained the trophy with an excellent score of 45 points. The full listing of prize winners is listed on the Association website, along with a report and pictures of the presentation.

I tried to get a booking at Scarcroft GC for next year, hoping to get a good deal as the wife of one of our members, John Miller, is currently the lady captain. However, Scarcroft GC wanted £90.50 per head for the full day, and then reduced it to £80 as a special offer, after I'd told them that it was far too expensive! I played in a Transport Golf Society at Garforth GC on 9<sup>th</sup> August and found the course in excellent condition and the catering was very good. While I was there I started negotiations with them for our golf day next year.

So, I have booked the 2023 event, which will be held at Garforth GC on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> July, with our normal format of Bacon Sandwiches + Coffee, a 9- hole team event in the morning, Chips and Sandwiches for lunch, followed by the individual 18 hole golf for the Braime Trophy and other prizes. There will be a 3 course meal for the presentation, including wine. I've negotiated what I consider to be a good price for the day, which will be £68 per head for the full day, and £56 per head for those who wish to have lunch, followed by the afternoon golf etc. Any members and guests can attend the evening meal, for which I will only charge the cost price. This will be agreed with the golf club near to the date of the event, probably about £18 per head.