

THE LEEDS ASSOCIATION OF ENGINEERS

Minutes of the Council Meeting held at 7.30pm on Thursday 2nd February 2023 at the Corner House
Club Moortown Leeds LS17 6QE

1. **Attendance.** R. Town in the chair with, A. Kibler, G. Roper, J. Bentley, A. Rogers, B. Yates, H. Soutar & S. Stacey.
2. **Apologies for absence.** J. Aldersley, J. Burton, G. Toulson, I. Blakeley, I. Scholes, M. Murray
3. **Minutes of the Previous Meeting.** Dated 5th January were approved and signed.
4. **Matters Arising.** Nothing to report.
5. **Treasurers Report.** Mr. Kibler reported the following transactions: -

Date		Item	Debit	Credit
6/Jan/23		Subs - G Roper & I Scholes	0.00	30.00
12/Jan/23		Subs - J Aldersley & Vas Dziombak	0.00	30.00
16/Jan/23		Methodist Church Room Hire - Nov	50.00	0.00
17/Jan/23		Subs - A Hunt	0.00	15.00
23/Jan/23		Subs - C Burgess	0.00	15.00
30/Jan/23		Dinner - Mr & Mrs Murray	0.00	60.00

Mr. Kibler advises that our association member Mr. Jagger approved the accounts.

6. **Correspondence.** Mr. Roper says Dr. Ian Greaves has taken a new role as head of safety and at present no lectures are available.
7. **Membership.** Nothing to report.
8. **Current Programme.** The current program is now complete with the exception of a Spring / Summer daytime or weekend visit. Mr. Kibler suggested that a visit & talk to Neil Cobbold at the Sherburn Airfield could be possible and asked council if an April or May date is preferable. Council decided May would be preferable but ultimately down to Mr. Cobbold to choose and advise the association.
9. **Next Session.** Mr. Yates has agreed that he could revamp one of his old presentations to give to the association. Mr. Town raised the concern that our meetings are lecture heavy and we should look for more visit opportunities. Mr. Yates proposed two possible options Faradion Limited and Esterform Packaging Ltd. since both companies have an existing relationship with Thorite Mr. Town agreed to make contact via Thorite channels.
10. **Website.** Nothing to report.
11. **Annual Golf Tournament.** The event is booked at Garforth GC on Tuesday 4th July.

Mr. Stacey's minor concern is the loss of some sponsors for the day, both of which have donated for many years (Mitchell Fox and Chris Burgess).

Craftsman Tools have also given money for about 25 years, but Rob Johnson, who was the MD, has now retired, but I am hoping that he will get the company to donate.

Hopefully Alan Braime, M A Ford and HKA Financial Services will still donate. I have managed to get Garforth GC to donate a "free 4 ball visit" voucher, to use as a prize.

My concern is that we have continued to keep the presentation dinner as a jacket and tie event for many years. However, all golf clubs have changed the dress code for the clubhouse to become smart casual, and as our event is not a formal dinner, I think it is time to move on to up to date dress code. (Following discussion it was agreed to change.)

I will be issuing the "golf notice" in April, with a cost of £68 per head for the full day golf and catering. There will be a reduced charge for those wishing to take part from lunch onwards. Non golfers are welcome to join us for 3 course evening meal and presentation at cost price, which is likely to be approx £18.

Mr. Stacey says he has been running the event since 2013, and wondered if anybody would like to help me in future, and possibly take over in a few years time. Mr. Town suggests this is asked of the council at the next meeting.

12. **Annual Dinner.** Mr. Kibler advises the menus have been sent out however this year we have revised dessert options replacing the panna cotta with Apple crumble due to popularity. The cost of the Dinner has increased to £25.00 per head and the charge to members & guests for the evening is £30.00 which as Mr. Kibler says is still extremely good value, however due to this increase in cost Mr. Kibler has asked if any council member can donate suitable prizes for the raffle i.e. bottles of wine, spirits or chocolates.

Mr. Kibler proposed the chosen charity for the Evening and recipient of any donations be St. James and council agreed.

Mr. Yates had been in contact with Richard Gibbon as a potential candidate for after dinner speaker with costs of £25.00 + £48.00 each way taxi fares. Mr Yates also said he had personally asked each council member if they would like an after dinner speaker and all had replied "Yes" this however is contrary to what Mr. Kibler had been told individually from several council members. It was decided that the dinner would carry on in the usual new revamped format of after dinner quiz which is very popular amongst guests.

Mr. Kibler informed council that this would be his final year of organising the annual dinner and council should appoint somebody else to organise and run the dinner from next year. Mr. Town says that we should ask other council members at the next meeting and vote.

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

14. **Student Award.** Mr. Aldersley & Mr. Soutar to propose a candidate for the Student Award.

Any other Business. Costs on the association of free meals for events such as the walk & church service to be looked at and discussed at the next council meeting and whether or not they should continue. Mr. Town suggests we ask members at the AGM. Also the cost for free dinners for lecturers & visit host's at our annual dinner needs to be looked at and revised if required.

.....President. Date