

**THE LEEDS ASSOCIATION OF ENGINEERS**  
**Minutes of the Annual General Meeting & Lecture) at The Methodist Church**  
**Hall Morley at 7.30pm on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2024**

1. **Attendance.** Eleven members of Leeds Association of Engineers attended the meeting. Mr. Town (President) opened the A.G.M. at 7.30pm. The meeting was to be followed by a talk from Mr. Town (retiring President).
2. **Apologies for absence.** G. Toulson, J. Burton, J. Bentley and A. Rogers.
3. **Minutes of the previous A.G.M.** Held on 27<sup>th</sup> April 2023 were given to all members. Mr. Aldersley proposed these should be accepted as a true record of the past A.G.M. This was seconded by Mr. Kibler and approved by a show of hands.
4. **Matters Arising.** None.
5. **Nominations for Council.** Mr. Town said that our constitution states that council members serve a period of two years after which they must resign and re-apply if they wish to remain on council. All current members of council have agreed to continue in their current roles if the membership wishes them to do so. He asked if any member present would like to join council but nobody volunteered. Therefore Mr. Town proposed that all current members should be re-elected and this was seconded by Mr. Kibler. All were voted back on council with a show of hands from the membership.
6. **Nominations for President.** In the absence of any new volunteers for this role Mr. Aldersley has agreed to offer himself for the role of President, he was proposed by Mr. Town and seconded by Mr. Kibler and was voted in by a show of hands.
7. **Nominations for Vice President.** Mr. Roper offered to take the role of Vice-President. He was seconded by Mr. Aldersley and was voted in by a show of hands by the members present.
8. **Confirmation of Trustees.** Mr. Aldersley having been voted in as President now took charge of the meeting. He said that we need to confirm the names of the trustees at each A.G.M. and minute this for the bank. The names of the trustees are John Bentley, Barrie Yates and Ian Blakeley. He asked the membership to vote to accept that these people continue in their current roles. This was done with a show of hands.
9. **Website.** Mr. Toulson was not present at the A.G.M. but had reported that all is going well with the website. Costs remain low and this proves to be a good way of communicating with our membership. Mr. Yates commented that we need to keep adding new content to the website to ensure visitors return to view it. He urged any of our members who feel they have something that might be of interest to forward it to Mr. Toulson for

inclusion.

- 10. Membership Secretary Report.** Mr. Murray started by saying how sad it was to have lost a well- liked member Ken Norris who attended almost every meeting and visit for a number of years. Ken was very knowledgeable on a number of subjects and will be sadly missed. He went on to thank Ross for staying on as President during the Covid period and welcomes John Aldersley as our new President, in a role he is very familiar with. He continued by thanking Graham Roper for taking the position of Vice-President. He thanked Mr. Kibler for finding the venue and organising a successful dinner and Mr. Blakeley our minute secretary, and Mr. Toulson for the brilliant website. He thanked the council members without portfolio for their contribution in putting forward ideas and helping to implement them, for instance the programme, the church service and the golf day. He commented that the current session got off to a bad start with visits being cancelled at short notice, but with the turn of the New Year things are ticking along nicely. We have improved our connection with Keighley Association and are exchanging programme events and some of our members have participated in their visits. We are having a change this year, instead of the Solstice walk we are going to play Petanque (Boules). However, he did say that members are very lax in responding to invitations to our events. We have recently sent out notifications for the Annual Church Service and an extra event, a visit to the Anderton Boat Lift. If people do not respond then these events will have to be cancelled. He said we celebrate our 160<sup>th</sup> Anniversary next year making us one of the oldest Engineering Associations in the country and another positive is that we have four student members who regularly attend events. Companies are bringing back manufacturing from overseas to our shores. He concluded by reporting on the current membership as follows :-

New members 3 (Students)

Members Removed 4 (3 years arrears or more)

Resigned 2

Honorary Life Members 5

Life Members 2

Full Members 58

Corporate Members 3 (2 are free gratis for visits + Engineering College)

Total membership is 71 (-6) Members.

- 11. Treasurers Report.** Mr. Kibler started by saying the accounts for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> October 2023 have been verified by Angela Briggs, a family member, who was appointed by council to audit the accounts. A copy of the balance sheet has been made available to all present at this meeting. He briefly highlighted the key points within the accounts, these being that the Golf Tournament runs at break even, the Annual Dinner lost £189.39 and other losses amounted to £766.35. This figure includes subsidies given towards meal charges for members who attend events such as the Solstice Walk and the Annual Church Service. A subsidy of £90 was paid towards the meal at the first council meeting of the new season and a £100 donation was given to the Sherburn Airport charity, The

Candlelighters (this donation was a thank you for hosting us for an airport visit and talk). He explained that room hire and postage are a significant amount of our spending but we do try control postage costs by using email where possible. Mr. Aldersley proposed that the accounts should be accepted and this was seconded by Mr. Blakeley and accepted by a show of hands from the membership.

**12. Annual Dinner.** The 2023 annual dinner was at Headingley Golf Club on the 15<sup>th</sup> April the general consensus was that the food was not as good as in previous years. Members were charged £30 per head and this covered the £25 per head that we were charged by the golf club, and contributed towards other expenses incurred for hosting the dinner. Mr. Kibler said he was disappointed with Headingley cutting corners on the menu that had been agreed and replacing items with cheaper options. We have just hosted the 2024 Annual Dinner at The Manor Drighlington and things were much improved, so he plans using this venue for the 2025 event. Unfortunately they have no availability for April 2025 but March 29<sup>th</sup> 2025 is still available at this time.

**13. Annual Golf Tournament.** The annual golf tournament took place on the 4th July 2023 at Garforth Golf Club. The Braime Trophy was contested for the 83rd time. Mr. Stacey is currently trying to raise sponsorship for this year's event and thinks he will have a full complement of 39 players already. However, if any of our members would like to attend the evening meal they will be made very welcome. He anticipates that the cost of the evening meal only will be approximately £18 which will be confirmed nearer the date of the tournament.

**Any Other Business.** Mr. Aldersley thanked Mr. Town for his 4 year tenure as president. He reminded people of the forthcoming Annual Church Service and the Solstice Event, where we will be playing Petanque, before closing the A.G.M. at 8.05 pm he announced our speaker for the evening, Mr. Town (past President) to give his talk.

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