

**THE LEEDS ASSOCIATION OF ENGINEERS**  
**Minutes of the Annual General Meeting & Lecture held at The Methodist**  
**Church Hall Morley at 7.30pm on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2025**

1. **Attendance.** Thirteen members of the Leeds Association of Engineers attended the meeting. Mr. Aldersley (President) opened the A.G.M. at 7.30pm.
2. **Apologies for Absence.** G. Toulson, S. Stacey, B. Yates, H. Soutar, I. Auty, M. Golubevs, C. Pinder & A. Rogers.
3. **Minutes of the previous A.G.M.** Held on 25<sup>th</sup> April 2024 were given to all members. After a show of hands by the members the minutes were accepted as a true record of the previous A.G.M.
4. **Matters Arising.** The President reported that there were three visits planned for the next session and the Church Service was planned to be held at Leeds Minster. The President proposed that Gordon Toulson and Malcolm Murray become Honorary Members and this was voted on and approved.
5. **Nominations for Council.** Mr. Aldersley had proposed four of his former students to become council members. These were:- Harry Soutar, Cameron Pinder, Martins Golubevs and Isaac Auty. These nominations were approved by the members with a show of hands. Barrie Yates was resigning from council but his status as a Trustee was not confirmed. Ian Scholes was resigning from the council. A vote was taken to approve other council members to retain their current positions. This was approved en-bloc by the members. The President asked for volunteers to join the council.
6. **Nominations for President.** In the absence of any volunteers for this role Mr. Aldersley agreed to continue in the position of President.
7. **Nominations for Vice President.** Mr. Roper will remain in the role of Vice-President.
8. **Confirmation of Trustees.** Mr. Aldersley noted that we will need a new Trustee to take over from Barrie Yates. Andrew Kibler volunteered and was accepted by a show of hands. Jennifer Burton might leave council but Mr. Aldersley will ask her if she will continue. Sam Wilkinson (of WDS) will join the council and will become a private member. Our four student engineers will remain on council with a two year rotation.
9. **Membership Secretary Report.** Mr. Murray gave his report as follows:-  
"I would like to start my report my thanking all the council members for attending the monthly meetings and carrying out various tasks.  
Special thanks go to John Aldersley, Gordon Toulson, John Bentley & Ian Scholes (for the Journal), Steve Stacey for the Golf Day. Thanks also go to Andrew Kibler for organising the successful 160th dinner. I must

mention Ian Blakeley for carrying out the minutes of each council meeting (I couldn't do it!).

I'm pleased to say that the association has done really well over the last year with the council members all putting ideas forward and helping to implement a programme, Church Service, and the Golf Day etc. because without these events we would not prosper.

We have continued our connection with the Keighley Association and are exchanging programme events and I know some of our members have joined them on occasion. Thanks go to them for attending our 160th dinner.

The Solstice event last year was well attended and we have been invited by the Heckmondwike club to have another go, which I hope is supported by the membership.

I am still finding members don't reply to the circular requests to indicate if they are interested in the events. If not enough interest is shown early the events will not be arranged. So, I would like to remind the membership it is your association and we the council put a lot of effort in for you all, so please support us and advise your interest or by booking. As well as paying your subscriptions, and with email being the main option for correspondence, it's important to keep us informed. Even if you wish to resign.

Finally, If any member has an idea for a talk or a visit don't hesitate to get in touch and we will follow up the suggestion and try to get it arranged.

### **Membership**

Members Removed 3 (4) 3 years arrears or more.

*Note: Last year's figures in brackets.*

Resigned 3 (2) Tony Mathers, Robert Johnson & Mark Batchelor

Honorary Life Members 5

Life Members 2 (2)

Full Members 48

Corporate 4 (2) Two are free gratis for visits + Engineering College)

Students 14 (3)

Total 73 (71) Members

I hope we continue to have your support and it's really good for the future of the association with the increase and interest shown by apprentices in joining our association. On the positive side we have four student members on council who have rallied round and found new student members. Thanks to John Aldersley for getting the ball rolling. With the world changing so fast it's good we now realise we have to add value by manufacturing things on time and at home.

Thank You.

Malcolm Murray – Membership Secretary.”

- 10. Treasurers Report.** Mr. Kibler started by saying the accounts for the last financial year had been audited by his sister Angela Briggs, who was appointed by council to audit the accounts. £500.00 had to be transferred from our savings account to the current account. Subscriptions had been raised to £20 from £15 the previous year. A £5.00 contribution to cost by the association had been previously proposed for members who attend

events with meals but Mr. Kibler said we had decided not to subsidise these events in future. He advised that to avoid paying bank charges (based on multiple transactions) he had arranged with Mr. Stacey to collect Golf payments into his personal account and then make one payment to the association. Mr. Kibler reported that there was still a sum of £350.00 due to the association in unpaid subscriptions. He confirmed the proposal to move the A.G.M to September of this year.

**11. Annual Dinner.** Dinner Secretary Andrew Kibler said hopefully the next anniversary dinner will be held at The Manor, Drighlington in 2026. Everybody was happy with the food and venue but we must remember to take photographs of the event next time.

**12. Annual Golf Tournament.** The annual golf tournament took place on the 4th July 2024 at Leeds Golf Club (Cobble Hall) The weather was cool with gale force winds. The service from the Golf Pro Office, Bar and Caterers was very good throughout the day. It was the 84<sup>th</sup> Braime Trophy event and it was won by Dan Brown who has a handicap of 3. The scores were low due to the winds with Dan Brown retaining the Braime Trophy with 37 points.

**13. Journal.** The journals had been printed and were ready for collection. Mr. Murray thanked Journal Editor John Bentley for producing the journal.

**Any Other Business.** There being no other business Mr. Aldersley thanked members for attending and closed the A.G.M. at 8.05 pm. It was followed by a talk by Andrew Ross who had produced the most amazing model of Hunslet Engine Company as it was in its heyday.

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