

Institute of Quarrying

Minutes of the Derbyshire Branch Annual General Meeting Held at Buxton Rugby Club on Wednesday 26th April 2023

Attendees: Nigel Morton, John McGough, Chris Rowan, John Austin, Dean Turner, Mark Packham, John Hattersley, Sait Fatih Alagoz, Sarah-Jane Owen, Lewis Pinch, Dan Byatt, Sarah Fry, James Thorne, Wanda Zablocki, Katrina Proctor, Debbie White, John Almoner, Colin Lambert

1. Apologies

Pat Bowles, Phil Shimwell, Lewis Pinch, Jack Berridge, Jason South

2. Minutes of 2022 AGM

Accepted as a true record – Proposed: Nigel Morton, seconded: Chris Rowan All Agreed.

3. Matters Arising - No comments made

4. Chairman's Report

John McGough opened the meeting and thanked the branch for their help and support throughout the year. He went on to thank Pat Bowles for his Chairmanship in steering the branch through troubled waters during the pandemic and also to John Hattersley and Nigel Morton whose roles should not be underestimated. John then went on to talk about how the branch had successfully returned to usual branch activities including a site visit to the Doppelmayer RopeCon System at Bardon Hill and various technical meetings held throughout the year and we still had our upcoming sporting event at Derwent Bowmen and the planned Social Day to incorporate the Branches 100th Year Anniversary celebrations later in the year. On a negative note, John advised that following the previous years AGM a meeting was held with HQ to discuss the Branches dissatisfaction with the perceived lack of exposure on the website there had been no notable change. He ended by once again thanking all the committee for their commitment to the branch, especially as it was done on a voluntary basis in their own time.

5. Secretary's Report

John reported that branch numbers had decreased in membership by 55 from 460 to 405 members. He reported that the branch had five face to face technical evenings and one zoom meeting and a site visit in this year's calendar events. The attendance at the technical evenings ranged between 20 – 37 people with an average of 27 people per event. The decision to stop supplying food and just offer hot drinks and biscuits had been accepted once people knew the reasons. The Rugby Club had confirmed that the facility at Sunnyfields was still available to us and that the cost would be £500 for 6 x events which would include tea and coffee

6. Treasurer's Report

John McGough ran through the accounts for the year 2022 - 2023. The accounts show a yearly trading loss of £ 5,285.91 though this did not include the programme sales or the Safety Conference as at the time these still remain unknown. Waiting upon HQ for the information. Interest generated from the Reserve Bank account was £146.18. The amount earmarked for the chosen charities, Air Ambulance, Macmillan Nurses and MNDS is still to be agreed by the committee and these payment figures will show in the 2023 – 2024 Accounts. John asked that the committee should agree on a budget figure for the 100th Year Celebration. It was discussed to pay the 3 chosen charities a £700 each donation.

7. Branch Programme Report for 2021 / 2022

Nigel reported that in 2022 a 40-page booklet was produced for the first time since 2019. Sixteen advertisers placed a total of 20 pages of advertisements that had generated £ 3,880.00. 1000 copies had been printed and 450 had been sent to HQ leaving 550 to distribute at branch events and Hillhead. The printers' costs was £ 1,798.00 so should leave the branch with a profit of £2,082.00 however, Nigel was still waiting on HQ to confirm this. The 2023 / 2024 Centenary Programme is underway, though to date, only 14 pages of advertisement had been sold.

8. Council Reps Report

Mark Packham reported that he had attended several council meetings over the last year and delivered branch comments and feed back to the council / committee. One of the issues the committee had raised was the lack of contact between HQ and the branch committee. This was raised at council, and it was duly acknowledged with a commitment that direct communication and face to face engagement would increase.

10 Election of Branch Officers for 2022 – 2023

Following on from last year time term extension and resignations all positions were due for re-election

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| Chairman | - John McGough | (2 nd Year) |
| Joint Vice Chair | - Chris Rowan | (2 nd Year) |
| Joint Vice Chair | - Lewis Pinch | (2 nd Year) |
| Treasurer | - John McGough | (Proposed by NM, seconded by CR) |
| Secretary | - John Hattersley | (Proposed by NM, seconded by CR) |
| Council Rep | - Mark Packham | (Proposed by JM, seconded by SJO) |
| Programme Sec | - Nigel Morton | (Proposed by JH, seconded by SJO) |
| Correspondent | - John Austin | (Proposed by CR, seconded by JM) |
| Member | - Pat Bowles | |
| Member | - Phil Shimwell | |
| Member | - Sarah-Jane Owen | |
| Member | - Dean Turner | |
| Member | - Dan Byatt | |
| Member | - Jason South | |
| Member | - Katrina Proctor | (Proposed SJO, seconded by JM) |

9 2023 Dinner Dance

The Dinner Dance for 2023 will be held on Friday the 24th November 2023 at the Palace Hotel in Buxton.

10 AOB

100 yrs. Celebration- Family Day agreed for the 19th August 2023 2pm till 8pm at the National Stone Centre

Several Comments made on HQ Notifications. JM to follow up.

11 Date of next AGM

The next AGM will be held Wednesday 24th April 2024.