

Institute of Quarrying

Minutes of the Derbyshire Branch Annual General Meeting **Held at Buxton Rugby Club on Wednesday 24th April 2024**

Attendees: Nigel Morton, John McGough, Chris Rowan, John Austin, Dean Turner, Mark Packham, Sarah-Jane Owen, John Hattersley, Pat Bowles, Kelsey South, Lewis Pinch, Chris Wainwright

1. Apologies

David & Ann Needham, Phil Shimwell, Jack Berridge,

2. Minutes of 2023 AGM

Accepted as a true record – Proposed: Mark Packham, seconded: Sarah Jane Owen. 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 and great to welcome new committee members following last year's AGM and also to John Hattersley and Nigel Morton whose roles should not be underestimated. John then went on to talk about how the branch continues to provide relevant CPD activities and though attendance had varied, he felt that on the whole they had been well attended. John reported that the planned site visit to Middleton Mine unfortunately didn't come off though we still had the planned sporting event which this year is Clay Pigeon shooting and the Social Event that is Gin making Cocktails followed by the all-important tasting test. The Centenary Family Day Celebration took place at the Stone Centre and was reasonably attended and was an enjoyable day out. The dinner dance back in November had 205 people attend and the feed back was very positive and confirmed that this coming years dinner dance at the Palace Hotel has been provisionally booked for the 22nd November 2024. John signed off as Chairman after completing his 2 year tenure he thanked everyone for all the support he has received over the years saying it has been an honour and privilege and handed over the Chairmanship to Chris Rowan

5. Secretary's Report

John reported that branch numbers had increased in membership by 23 from 405 to 428 members. He reported that the branch had six face to face technical evenings meeting in this year's calendar events. The attendance at the technical the evenings ranged between 15 – 33 people with an average of 23 people per event. The Branch and Committee WhatsApp groups were working well and an effective way of communication. The Raffle Money cash float was £231.10 at the 23rd April 2024. The Rugby Club had confirmed that the facility at Sunnyfields was still available to us for 7 x events in the upcoming new programme which the branch would like to continue to use. Food was served at the last technical meeting and the AGM with positive feedback, however, with attendance acknowledgments now going direct to HQ, relaying this information and coordinating catering numbers needs to be addressed.

6. Treasurer's Report

John McGough ran through the accounts for the year 2023 - 2024. The accounts show a yearly trading profit of £ 4,688.57. The 2023 Conference profits of £2,100.00 have not been included as they remain to be passed onto the branch from HQ. Interest generated from the Reserve Bank account was £ 448.00. 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 2024 – 2025 Accounts. The 2023 Dinner Dance showed a profit of £ 2,227.20, however when the £2,200 deposit from last year is taken into account, the actual profit was £27.00. John said that The Centenary Fun Day celebration came in under the budget figure of £5,000.00 and cost £ 3,497.82 and also thanked HQ for their support in putting on the day.

7. Branch Programme Report for 20223 / 2024

Nigel reported that in 2023, 17 advertisers placed a total of 22.5 pages of advertising. This generated an income of £4,455 which after printing costs of £1,894 gave a profit of £2,561. For 2024, 1,000 copies have been ordered to allow 500 for head office, 300 for branch uses and 200 for Hillhead distribution. The Hillhead copies will be delivered by SJ. All of last year's advertisers have been emailed with this year's advertising details, at the date of the AGM 9 pages have been booked.

8. Council Reps Report

Mark opened his report thanking all at HQ for arranging the Council Meetings and making it a friendly and informal event. He went on and said that there had been 3 council meetings over the last year, 2 via Zoom and 1 Face to Face. He reported that other branches seem have the same queries and comments and these revolve around increasing Technical Evening attendance, difficulty in communicating directly with the Branch Membership and the desire for some form of electronic recording of meeting attendance.

10 Election of Branch Officers for 2024 – 2025

Chairman	- Chris Rowan	(1 st Year) Succession from Vice Chair
Joint Vice Chair	- Lewis Pinch	(1 st Year) (Proposed CR, seconded by JA)
Joint Vice Chair	- Sarah-Jane Owen	(1 st Year) (Proposed CR, seconded JA)
Treasurer	- John McGough	(Proposed by JH, seconded by NM)
Secretary	- John Hattersley	(Proposed by CR, seconded by JM)
Council Rep	- Mark Packham	(Proposed by JA, seconded by SJO)
Programme Sec	- Nigel Morton	(Proposed by JA, seconded by JM)
Correspondent	- John Austin	(Proposed by CR, seconded by JM)
Member	- Pat Bowles	
Member	- Phil Shimwell	
Member	- Dean Turner	
Member	- Dan Byatt	
Member	- Jason South	
Member	- Katrina Proctor	Resigned
Member	- Kelsey South	(Proposed SJO, seconded by DT)
Member	- Chris Wainwright	(Proposed JM, seconded by CR)

9 2023 Dinner Dance

The Dinner Dance for 2024 will be held on Friday the 22nd November 2024 at the Palace Hotel in Buxton. Bands/Disco to be reviewed. CR to follow up.

10 AOB

Several Comments made by members on HQ Notifications and advertisements. CR to follow up. CPD Certificates and Hours. Review of Branch level CPD Technical Meeting Hours and Issuing of Certificates discussed and voted to be brought back into Branch Control

11 Date of next AGM

The next AGM will be held Wednesday 30th April 2025.