



Institute Of Quarrying Scottish Branch Annual General Meeting
Stirling Court Hotel – 23rd April 2024 at 17.30hrs

Present: Mark Friel (chair)
With 36 representatives from the committee, general membership and guests.

Item 1.

Apologies: Michelle Latimer
Alan Mackenzie
Andy Gillon
Neil Forbes
Malcolm Stewart
Alastair Cant

Item 2

Mark Friel opened the meeting and thanked everyone for attending.
Review of previous AGM minutes was carried out and agreed, proposed by Ian Healey, seconded by Ewan Bennett.

Item 3

Mark presented the following statement:

Technical Evenings

Full programme of presentations throughout the year covering

Cat performance solutions

QNJAC geotechnical guidance

Routine Structural Inspections

Rockfall remedial techniques

In March we had a joint meeting with the Mining Institute of Scotland. Goal-setting health and safety legislation and its application in the extractive industries. Kevin Wilson HSE Chief Inspector of Mines.

Unfortunately, the joint IAT meeting was cancelled due to the storms.

The meetings have been face to face at Stirling or at Dunfermline

We also have four satellite venues across Scotland for each meeting:

- Leiths Loch Hills Quarry Aberdeen
- Breedon Daviot Quarry Inverness
- Breedon Killoch Office Ayrshire
- Aggregate Industries – Glensanda Oban

The idea is to promote networking.

CPD Day March 2023

Very successful CPD Day here at Stirling. 8 speakers from across the UK. 121 delegates plus committee members and speakers. Topics covered were the following

- Further Reducing Incidents and Challenges for the Industry
- Vision Zero & MPA “The Fatal 6”
- Road Transport Safety - Safer by Sharing – Our Camera Evolution
- Wellbeing Know your numbers
- Women’s Safety
- Strategic Forum for Health and Safety for the Minerals Sector.
- Drugs and alcohol
- Mental Health; Reflections of a former hostage.

We presented our annual dinner dance charity partners with a cheque for £4,367 each. Viv Russell and I presented giant cheques. Posted this on LinkedIn.

Thanks also to Debbie White from IQ for helping out with name badges and CPD certificates

Social Events

We had several social events throughout the year

Golf day in June at Kinross Golf Course won by Team Tarmac

Clay target shoot in September at Cluny Activities in Fife won by Ex Scottish Branch chairman Malcolm Stewart

Karting at Teamsport Cambuslang in October. Winner of the Grand Prix final and fastest lap was Stephen McFarlane of Aggregate Industries.

Annual Dinner Dance in November.

Over 400 guests at the Hilton Glasgow. Our guest of honour was The Institute of Quarrying President Viv Russell

We also presented Andrew Harker from Cloburn Quarries with his past chairman's medal, and Malcolm Stewart with his long service achievement medal for over 40 years in the quarrying industry.

Sponsors this year were Wallace Menzies of Tillicoultry Quarries who donated £1000 for the Tombola Star Prize, and EPC Groupe who donated £500 for the Heads & Tails winner. Many thanks to John Baird for this. Thompson Quarries donated the digital displays.

Through the Auction, Heads & Tails and the Tombola, we raised £13,100 for our charity partners:

- Cancer Support Scotland
- Chest, Heart & Stroke Scotland and
- SAMH Scottish Association for Mental Health.

Membership

The branch continues to be strong and has very healthy membership with 324 active members. To date there have been 15 new members so far this year for the branch

The Scottish branch represents just over 10% of the total IQ membership. It is the 3rd largest branch after Derbyshire and London & Home Counties.

Linkedin

We now have our own Scottish Branch page. I have been promoting each IQ event through Linkedin on my own page. The plan going forward will be to promote the technical talks and social events on the Scottish Branch Page. Each Linkedin member can then repost these to a wider audience, to get as much coverage as possible.

Item 4

Review of annual accounts.

These were discussed and were then approved by Mark Friel and seconded by Ian Christie. Mark thanked Anne Smith for her continued work associated with the accounts and Alan Mongredien for auditing them. Anne is now standing down as treasurer after many years of steadfast work, and Alan is standing down as auditor.

Item 5

Update from Council

Representation: Retired chairman, Malcolm Stewart represented the Scottish Branch at the Council Meetings and, as he was unavailable, Mark gave a brief update.

Item 6

Branch Committee

The following nominations were made and accepted, this is start of the second year of the current committee, however there are several changes as noted below.

Branch Chair	Mark Friel	No change.
Branch Vice Chair	Ian Healey	Proposed by Stephen Barnet, seconded by Jonny Will.
Branch Treasurer	Ewan Bennett	Proposed by Anne Smith, seconded by Mark Friel.
Branch Secretary	Ian Christie	No change.
Resignations	Two	Michelle Latimer, Neil Forbes.
Committee Members	Lisa Procter	Proposed by Ian Healey, seconded by Ian Christie.
	Mike Slade	Proposed by Harry Cant, seconded by Mark Friel

Current committee	Alan Mackenzie, Andy Gillon, Malcolm Stewart, Alistair Cant, Craig McMillan, Harry Cant, Lisa Procter, Mike Slade, Anne Smith, John Baird.
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Item 7

AOB

There were no other issues raised from either the committee or the floor.

AGM was closed at 17.43hrs and the evening continued with a presentation on the Development of the Woodsmith Polyhalide Mine by Neil Webster of the Joseph Gallacher Group.