

**MINUTES OF SOUTHERN BRANCH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - WEALD & DOWNLAND OPEN AIR MUSEUM, SINGLETON - THURSDAY 9 JUNE 2005**



**1. Welcome.**

The Chairman BG, welcomed 17 members and 3 guests to the meeting, including Gerry Harvey, IHIE President.

**2. Apologies**

Received from Gerald Cole, Alison Coffey, Nia Griffiths, Geoffrey Whittaker, Graham Hodgson.

**3. The President Gerry Harvey**

Thanked the Branch for the invitation and commended it on its choice of venue. He gave a brief history of the founding of the IHIE 40 years ago and up to the present day. He said this achievement had only been made by the support of Branches and their members. He thanked the Branch for its contribution to the Institute's increasing success. He reported a membership of approximately 3000 and said that the 1000<sup>th</sup> professional revue had recently been undertaken.

He was also pleased to report that due to Branch assistance/involvement, a modest financial surplus had been achieved over the past year for the organisation as a whole. He again thanked the membership for that.

In closing he referred to the Institute's anniversary charity and looked forward to seeing the Branch's results from their activities later in the year.

**4. Minutes of 2004 Annual General Meeting**

Circulated. **Proposed by Peter Dryburgh, Seconded Chris Bowley** they be accepted as a true record. Agreed unanimously

**5. Matters Arising**

5.1 Item 10.3 The Secretary apologised to John Stevens that the matter he raised at the previous meeting had not been progressed for many reasons, works pressures mainly, but he would continue to keep it on the agenda.

5.2 Question from the floor regarding new corporate ties etc. President replied that this was in hand.

**6. Chairman's Report**

Chairman reported the following activities since the last AGM:-

(a) **15 July 2004 – M25 Motorway Widening.** A presentation by Tom Lawson, on the widening of the M25 Motorway between Junction 12 and 15, including the new terminal 5 link roads. The talk covered the development of the project with an overview of some of the major problems encountered and overcome. Delegates - 24

(b) **7 October 2004 – Paint Technology.** Presentation by Peter Blundell of Leigh's Paints on various resin systems, performance of coating systems and the latest advances in wet night visibility and skid resistance of road markings. Due to many other local commitments, a low attendance – 6 delegates.

(c) **26 November 2004 – Wine & Wisdom.** This annual fund raising event supported the Shooting Stars Trust set up to provide a much needed children's hospice in the north Surrey area. A good turn out of supporters resulted in a total of £1500.00 being donated from the Branch and also a very entertaining evening.

(d) **16 February 2005 – Ordnance Survey HQ-Southampton.** A presentation by David Baldwin and colleagues from the Ordnance survey on 'Mastermap' the OS's new Integrated Transport Network system which will assist transportation professionals, local government and the public alike in the future. The presentation was followed by a guided tour of the map printing works. Delegates 24

(e) **8 April 2005 – Chichester Flood Relief Scheme.** A presentation by Andrew Gilham, Project Manager for the Environment Agency on the Chichester (West Sussex) Flood Alleviation Scheme. The areas has a long history of flooding and Andrew gave the background to the current scheme, especially the emergency situation that occurred when construction on the overall scheme was ready to proceed when extreme weather conditions required urgent

interim action to save the area from major damage. An extensive costly scheme that included many environmental considerations. Delegates – 25

**(f) 19 May 2005 – ‘Risk it or get Court’ Seminar at Winchester.**

A well attended seminar looking at Litigation and Risk Management. Prompted by increasing risk of litigation against any sector of the highway industry, speakers from the legal profession, risk management and highway contractors provided a valuable insight into this contentious subject which will not diminish in the future. A positive feedback was received from delegates. Delegates (including Committee/Speakers) – 92. Opportunity was taken to remind members that the 2006 event had been booked – 18 May 2006.

The Chairman also paid tribute to the work of David Essex Crosby both within the Branch and on a national field following his unexpected death in January 2005.

Following from the President’s closing remarks on finance, the Chairman said that southern Branch had also been able to maintain revenue from its Seminars over the past two years and accordingly he was able to hand over a cheque to the value of £5,000.00 from the Branch to Central funds.

## **7. Treasurers Report**

On behalf of the Treasurer, Peter Dryburgh presented the audited report which showed a healthy balance in the Seminar Account which. In turn supported the general account.

The Secretary advised that whilst a modest profit had been realised from the running of the seminars, this was not the Branches intention, but rather one of providing educational and informative events at value prices. It was, however, necessary to determine a price that would cover expenses in the event of a calculated attendance to avoid a loss for which we were not covered. At times this figures provided a reasonable excess of income over expenditure.

**Proposed by Phillip Herring, Seconded Peter Dryburgh** that the report be accepted. Agreed unanimously

## **8. Appointment of Auditors**

Both auditors had indicated their willingness to remain in place and it was therefore **Proposed by Grahame Bath, Seconded Peter Dryburgh** that they be re-appointed. Agreed unanimously.

## **9. Elections to Committee**

There has been one nomination received, that of Chris Stark. There were no further nominations and it was agreed unanimously that he be elected.

## **10. Any Other Business**

10.1 President thanked the Branch for its generosity in making the donation to Central funds. He also reminded members of the 40<sup>th</sup> social tour of Warwick Castle followed by Dinner and hoped that as many as possible could attend.

10.2 The President also added his personal tribute to David Essex Crosby.

10.3 Phillip Herring asked for more support in getting visits organised and publicised.

**Meeting closed.**