

Minutes of AGM 7th February 2017

Brian Thomson opened the meeting by welcoming everybody and decided to get straight down to business, explaining that he, of the three “stand-in” chairmen, had drawn the short straw!

Apologies had been received are from John Pratt, Sandra Bell, Richard and Sorrel Richards. Peter Gregory and Barbara Harbut.

The previous minutes were proposed for approval by Pat Beard and seconded by John Banks with the members accepting this.

The secretary reported that the year had been very positive and fulfilling, mentioning some topics and pointing out that this was mainly due to the committee and Pat Beard’s tireless efforts in providing interesting topics and speakers. He then went on to briefly describe committee members individual roles, including Peter Gregory’s as the club’s account auditor. He also mentioned that the current projector was still a item of concern as we did not have a backup and a replacement could be expensive.

John Banks presented the club’s accounts, pointing out that they had not been audited as there was a minor discrepancy and this would be sorted out shortly and posted for members to scrutinise. There were no other comments on the accounts awaiting the final figures.

Brian pointed out that when the accounts were “sorted out”, there would need to be an Extraordinary General Meeting to approve them. This could be done at the beginning of the next monthly meeting.

There had been some changes to the club committee and Brian explained that Paul Voke had volunteered as one of the three “voluntary”, chairmen although ideally a permanent chairman was still preferred. Nigel Edey would take on the role of Treasurer once the accounts were audited. Muriel Astley had agreed to be part of the committee to help if needed. John Banks also agreed to offer his support **as a committee member**.

The new club committee was put to the members for approval. Roger Hunt proposed the changes and Ted Fisher seconded them.

After a break for refreshments, Brian asked the members for ideas and possibly future speakers and topics. Windows 10, Security, Apple products were some mentioned. Pat Beard said there would be an “Open Day” where people would hopefully have their individual problems addressed on a one-to-one basis.

Brian described in detail the clubs web site pointing out tutorials, previous minute, clubs activities and links to other clubs and organisations. A comment was raised as to “who to contact” as only an address was given. John gilbert agreed to have his email listed. It was also asked as to the possibility if somebody wanted to broadcast to the club as a whole. It was stated that all such requests should put to the club committee who would then determine if the topic should be broadcast to all members. Jane pointed out that the web site actually stated that “pcc@emaildodo.com” could be used to do this. Brian wasn’t sure but he did say that the facility would only accept those members currently on the Emaildodo database. John Gilbert was reluctant to commit himself on the matter.*

Shortly after, Brian displayed on the screen the next month's topic and brought the meeting to a close. However, Muriel Astley asked for members present to show their appreciation to the committee for their efforts.

* Foot note:

When John Gilbert took over the managing of the member database, he was given several disks of members, from Jim Noble, and he actually used the facility "pcc@emaildodo.com" to test it and find out which members / email addresses were still relevant. It was later decided that we didn't want members using this facility, at will, to post things to the club members that might not be club related matters. The facility was therefore not made public. John Gilbert was thus reluctant to discuss its capabilities especially as he had forgotten about it and didn't realise it was published on the web!