



British Tunnelling Society

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the British Tunnelling Society which was held in the Institution of Civil Engineers, Gt. George St., London on Thursday 20th May 2010.

The Chairman of the Meeting was Mr Paul Hoyland.

1. James Clark Medal

The award of the James Clark medal to Martin Knights was announced. Martin was unable to attend the meeting due to ITA commitments and will be presented with the award at a future meeting. The Chairman briefly described Martin's career, with the award made in recognition of his long association with the tunnelling industry, his contribution to the Society and particular his role as ITA Chairman for the last three years.

2. Minutes of the AGM held on 21st May 2009.

The notice convening the 2010 AGM had been circulated in advance of the AGM, along with the Minutes of the 2009 Annual General Meeting.

There were no comments from the floor on the Minutes and the motion that they should be accepted as a true record of the 2009 AGM was proposed by Damien McGurr and seconded by Steve Parker. The motion was carried unanimously.

3. Chairman's Report

The Chairman's Report had been circulated to members before the AGM. The Chairman reported that he felt it was a comprehensive account of the Society's activities during 2009.

The Chairman noted one error: On page 9 of the report, the record of the Dec 2009 meeting records that "the motion was carried by a small majority". This should read that "the motion was defeated by a small majority". Members were asked for any further comments on the report, but none were forthcoming.

The motion for acceptance of the Chairman's Report was proposed by Helen Natrass, seconded by Chris Dulake, and carried unanimously.

4. Accounts for period ending 31st December 2009

Copies of the accounts had been circulated prior to the meeting. The Chairman indicated that the Society's Treasurer, Bob Ibell, was available and willing to take comments or questions on the accounts. There was one question "when were the accounts audited, and when will they next be audited ? The Chairman responded that the accounts are not audited but examined, which meets with the requirements for a Society of this size.

Adoption of the accounts was proposed by Miles O'Reilly, seconded by Kate Cooksey, and was carried unanimously.

5. Election to BTS Committee

The committee had three vacancies to be filled this year. The Chairman advised the meeting that Mark Kirkbride, John Corcoran and Ian Blight had been elected to the committee.

The Chairman announced that Bob Ibell had been elected Chairman for the next two years and would take up office immediately following the AGM. He would be supported by Damien McGurr as Vice-Chairman.

6. Auditors

The Society's Treasurer, Bob Ibell, proposed that the Society change from Grant Thornton to Lindeyer Francis Ferguson as auditors of the Society's accounts for the next year. The motion was seconded by Laurence Halls, and carried unanimously.

7. Constitution

No changes to the constitution had been proposed this year.

8. Any Other Business

As there was no other business raised, the Chairman declared the meeting closed.