



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 17th May 2012.

The Chairman of the Meeting was Mr Robert L. Ibell.

1. James Clark Medal

The James Clark Medal was awarded to David Court for his longstanding contribution to tunnelling and the BTS. David was not present to receive the award, and this is to be presented at the BTS June meeting.

2. Minutes of the AGM held on 19th May 2011.

The Minutes of the AGM of 2011 were presented for acceptance. Acceptance was proposed by Kate Cooksey and seconded by Alan Finch. The motion was passed.

3. Chairman's Report

The 2011 Annual Report was presented by the Chairman, who apologised that the Report had been distributed unsigned and stated that signed copies were available from the BTS Secretary on request. No comments or questions were received about the report. Acceptance was proposed by Rod Young and seconded by Andrew Hindmarch. The motion was passed.

4. Accounts for period ending 31st December 2011

The Accounts were presented for acceptance. The Chairman commented that the BTS held more funds than was usual for a charity. However a significant proportion of the fund is reserved for sponsorship of students wishing to attend the Tunnelling MSc course. There were no comments or questions. Acceptance was proposed by David Hindle and seconded by Alistair Smith. The motion was passed.

5. Constitution

There was one proposed change to the constitution of the society, proposed by the Committee:

The proposal is for the following paragraph to be added to the Constitution under 6. Governing Body:

"The Committee may vary the number of members elected to between nine and ten to regulate the number of new members elected at any one annual election but always returning in due course to a nine person elected committee"

The motion was taken to a vote and was carried unanimously.

6. Election to BTS Committee

As a result of the above change to the constitution, there were three available spaces to fill on the Committee. The result of the annual election for new Committee Members was that the following were elected to serve 3-year terms: Mark Leggett, John Heffernan, and David Terry.

Outgoing Chairman Robert Ibell handed over to incoming Chairman Damian McGirr, with Roger Bridge as Vice-Chairman. They will serve a two-year term, up to the AGM of May 2014.

7. Auditors

The meeting was asked to confirm the retention of the auditors Lindeyer Francis Ferguson. This was proposed by Alistair Smith and seconded by David Hindle. The motion was passed.

8. Any Other Business

There was no other business, and no further questions were raised.