

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 2007.

The Chairman of the Meeting was Mr. Bill Grose.

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Paul Hoyland (Vice-Chairman of the Society), Douglas Parkes and Rodney Craig.

2. James Clark Medal

The James Clark medal was presented to Tommy Talbot in recognition of his contribution to British tunnelling over many years. Chris Hughes gave a humorous but perceptive overview of Tommy Talbot's career in tunnelling. Mr. Talbot in reply, thanked the BTS for awarding him the medal.

3. Minutes of the AGM held on 18th May 2006.

The notice convening the 2007 AGM had been circulated in advance, along with the Minutes of the 2006 Annual General Meeting. However the Chairman apologised to the few members who had apparently not received their copies of the 2006 Minutes in advance of the meeting.

No questions on the accuracy of the Minutes as a true record of the 2006 AGM were raised.

The motion for the approval of the Minutes was proposed by David Court, seconded by Colin Eddie, and was carried unanimously.

4. Chairman's Report

The Chairman's Report had been circulated to members before the AGM.

The Chairman highlighted a number of aspects of the report including the work of the lobby group APGUS, and thanked Helen Natrass for her work in leading the group.

The 2006 Dinner had been a success with Doug Oakervee (CEO Crossrail) as the principal guest.

Society members had been engaged in drafting two new guidance documents – on exposure to Nitrogen Monoxide and on Timbering – which it was hoped would be published during 2007.

The Chairman reminded members that the monthly informal discussions were the backbone of Society activity.

Membership has increased and the Society's funds were in good order.

The Chairman thanked the committee for their support during the year and the membership for their participation in Society activities.

Acceptance of the Chairman's Report was proposed by Mike Francis, seconded by Geoff Bateman and carried unanimously.

5. Accounts for period ending 31st December 2006

The Chairman apologised for the absence of Paul Hoyland.

Copies of the accounts had already been circulated prior to the meeting. There were no comments on the accounts from the membership.

Adoption of the accounts was proposed by Myles O'Reilly, seconded by Anthony Umney, and was carried unanimously.

6. Election to BTS Committee

The committee had three vacancies to be filled this year. As only three candidates had been nominated, an election was not necessary and C Dulake, N Willmott and L Halls would join the committee.

7. Auditors

Grant Thornton were proposed as auditors of the Society's accounts for a further year by Ian Williams, seconded by Damian McGirr, and the motion was carried unanimously.

8. Constitution

No changes to the constitution had been proposed this year.

9. Any Other Business

As there was no other business, the meeting was closed.