

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 15th May 2008.

The Chairman of the Meeting was Mr. Bill Grose.

1. James Clark Medal

The James Clark medal was awarded posthumously to Jack Knight in recognition of his contribution to the industry and the Society over many years. David Court briefly described Jack's career in tunnelling and recalled his interests in Victorian tunnels along with his determination in producing the Society's guidance on HAVS. He said that above all Jack would be affectionately remembered for his inimitable style when asking the first question at BTS meetings whereby he would first congratulate the speakers on their presentation before asking a penetrating question on what had just been presented. The medal was accepted by Mrs. Susan Knight.

2. Minutes of the AGM held on 17th May 2007.

The notice convening the 2008 AGM had been circulated slightly in advance of the AGM, along with the Minutes of the 2007 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 2007 AGM was proposed by David Court and seconded by Chris Dulake. The motion was carried unanimously.

3. Chairman's Report

The Chairman's Report had been circulated to members before the AGM. He felt it was a comprehensive account of the Society's activities during 2007. Although members were asked for comments on the report none was forthcoming.

The motion for acceptance of the Chairman's Report was proposed by Damian McGirr, seconded by Nathan Wilmot and carried unanimously.

4. Accounts for period ending 31st December 2007

Copies of the accounts had been circulated prior to the meeting. The Chairman indicated that the Society's Treasurer, Paul Hoyland, was available and willing to take comments or questions on the accounts. However no member chose to speak.

Adoption of the accounts was proposed by Michael Francis, seconded by Anthony Umney, and was carried unanimously.

5. Election to BTS Committee

The committee had four vacancies to be filled this year. The Chairman was delighted to record that six candidates had put themselves forward for election. He advised the meeting that Messrs Spiby, Hindmarsh, Sykes and Parker had been elected to the committee.

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

6. Auditors

Grant Thornton were proposed as auditors of the Society's accounts for a further year by Paul Hoyland, seconded by Neville Harrison, and the motion was 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.