



## 1. Minutes of the Annual General Meeting – 6<sup>th</sup> April 2017

- 1.1 The proceedings of the Annual General Meeting held on 6 Apr 2017 were opened by the President Philip Wilson at The Holiday Inn, Bromsgrove. The Minutes of the AGM held on 7th April 2016 were accepted as a true record – proposed John Scott, seconded Andrew Bostock and agreed by all present.
- 1.2 Present: 16 members and one guest, apologies received from Roy Painter, Paul Knight, Catherine Howell, and Bill Walton.
- 1.3 The President's Report. The change in venue from the Garden House to the Holiday Inn at Bromsgrove from September 2016 had been well supported. We are not charged for the use of the facilities and would be hard pressed to find a choice of one or more meeting rooms on such favourable terms elsewhere. Whilst at least 10 if not more members have a meal beforehand then the room is free and is subject to renegotiation at six monthly intervals. We have much to thank Dave Seeney for in this respect. The BMS is charged for the tea and coffee provided. The President thanked those present for their continued attendance at meetings which averaged between 15-16 members. Acceptance of the report was proposed by Roger Bragger and seconded by Chris Burns and agreed.
- 1.4 Secretary's Report: Martin Harrison presented a very thorough report reminding members that the proceedings of our meetings are summarised and can be viewed in the BMS website. The highlight of the year being the BMS Mini-Convention, at Knowle RBL. - President's Cup & Research Trophy – a good day with a reasonable attendance and some good displays for the PC and excellent talks, with Paul Handford giving his superb update on Herbert Kendal Mowle. Acceptance of the report was proposed John Scott, seconded Tony Sturgess and agreed.
- 1.5 Treasurers Report. John Scott, on behalf of Dahlia Harrison circulated a comprehensive breakdown off BMS funds. The surplus for the year stood at £490 making total funds held £3,502. Acceptance of the report was proposed by Chris Burns and seconded by Ken Weston.
  - 1.5.1 There then followed a discussion on the need to not only encourage new members to join but should a situation arise were we had to pay for room hire a room, either at the Holiday Inn or elsewhere then the present level of reserves would be depleted unless we made provision for sufficient operating costs and reserves.  
New Subs from April 2017: Members £30, Family Members £40 and Out of Town £18, proposed Andrew Bostock, seconded Tony Sturges and agreed
- 1.6 Elections – The Secretary confirmed no nominations had been received.  
President 2015-18 – Philip Wilson  
Vice President 2015-18 – Martin Harrison  
Secretary – Martin Harrison (Will be standing down once successor can be found).  
Treasurer – Mark Platt - proposed Chris Burns, seconded Paul Murray and agreed  
Committee – Dave Seeney, John Scott, Roger Bragger, Paul Handford & Chris Burns – proposed Chris Newton, seconded Dave Seeney and agreed.
- 1.8. Any Other Business: 2018 Drummond Lecture – Simon People 'The Last 100 Days.'