



West Midlands Woodturners

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Chairmans Comments

Our next meeting is our AGM, our only business meeting of the year. Formally we are required to elect our Committee and appoint the officers to guide the Club through the next 12 months. It has been 4yrs, since I was appointed Chairman and the remainder of the committee have also served during this time. I believe we are willing to continue if that is your wish. Should anybody wish to stand for election or offer their services, please let it be known prior to our meeting. I must bring to your attention the fact that our Secretary Peter Hockley wishes it to be his last year as he has many other demands on his time and I believe he has 'done his stint' very diligently and deserves a break, so I would ask for any nominations to be groomed for the post, sooner rather than later, to let it be known they are willing to take on the role. I personally believe all posts should be 'time limited' to share the responsibilities. Any proposals can be raised on the day. Two items I would like us to consider are -----

1, The Library , do we wish to continue with it?

2, Christmas Party , an enjoyable occasion but rather disappointingly attended, should it continue ?.

See you at the AGM ,
Regards , **Brian**.

AGM Agenda

1. Welcome by committee
2. Apologies
3. Approval of last years minutes (Feb Newsletter)
4. Matters Arising
5. Review of the past year and financial statement
6. Election of Officers

7. Proposal for local AWGB rep (Ray is standing down)
8. Vote on remaining AWGB
9. Library
10. Christmas Party
11. AOB

Followed by a short demonstration by John Witham

School

The School Christmas fair was a great success and the headmaster is very pleased to see us at every opportunity.

Sad News

It is sad to have to report that Tom Lewis, a long time member became ill during the break and passed on after Christmas. His funeral will be taking place at Stourbridge Crematorium at 10.30am Monday the 15th of January. He will be much missed. There will be club representation at the funeral.

Programme 2006/7

- Jan 28 Wood is Good – Notcutts?
Feb 25 – half day – John Johnson
Mar 25 – full day - Dave Reeks

Our Next Meeting

- Jan 21 AGM with short demo

Start approx 2.00pm finish approx 5.00 pm. Cost £0.00

Do not forget a cup for your tea

I am reprinting the minutes of the last AGM here to give everyone the chance to read them as they will need to be approved .

AGM Minutes

Brian welcomed everyone to the meeting and carried on to thank all those who help in running the club in any way with particular mention of those who help at outside events and with the tea. John Witham was congratulated on the range of demonstrators in 2005 and those booked for 2006.

Apologies were received from Ed Cheshire, Dave Nash, Tom Lewis, Peter Jones, and Rob Hughes.

Approval for last years minutes was seconded by Geoff Newman and they were approved.

Matters Arising. There were no matters arising from last years minutes.

Review of the Year. Because of Geoff's poor health for a good part of last year and others assisting, the figures were not so well ordered as usual. They showed an income over expenditure of £494.76 proving that we had another good year. The approval of the accounts was proposed by Ray Tunstall and accepted by the meeting.

The committee was re-elected en masse, the proposer was Keith Lanchester, seconded by Malcolm Caine. The officers are:

Chairman – Brian Gibbs.

Treasurer – Geoff Wolverton.

Secretary – Peter Hockley.

Events Secretary – John Witham.

Librarian – Peter Ford

The club voted to remain as a branch of the AWGB.

The post of AWGB Local representative comes up for reelection this year. It was proposed that Ray Tunstall should be recommended by this club. Ray was happy to stand again. The proposal was carried.

Any Other Business:

Health and Safety – It was noted by the chairman that we have been less than enthusiastic in doing risk assessments and setting up safe working practices with in the club. The committee agreed to meet and do better this year.

On the same issue it was suggested that at one of the workshop meetings we should get someone authorised to carry out PAT testing on tools etc and make this available to the club at a nominal charge for each tool tested.

It was suggested that the full day meetings should start a little later. This will be implemented to some degree with the demonstrators.

It was suggested that this meeting take place a little earlier in January in future. We will try to move it a week or two next year.

The school is looking at community relations and had asked if we had a website. The possibility of reopening the club website was looked at and as we have a member with knowledge of this area we will pursue this further.

The raffle made £41 for the club. Well done everyone

After tea Keith Lanchester treated us to his first demonstration. He showed us some 'inside out' turning which also showed his enthusiasm and skill at the lathe.

This was also the first demo using the schools projector system which everybody agreed was a great way to see what was going on.