



West Midlands Woodturners

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Chairman's Comments.

Our first event of 2009, our AGM, was a very worthwhile and productive meeting with many contributions and ideas coming from members. There were constructive and positive outcomes to a number of proposals, all of which are documented in the minutes later in this newsletter. For those who were unable to attend, please study the decisions taken and the suggestions as to future Demonstrations and format of 'Hands On' Days. Thanks to all the contributions and let's have a good year!! Geoff, the treasurer is ready to accept your Club Membership Fee. We were well entertained by Graham Lovett who demonstrated many projects, tools and techniques, one project, his baby rattle, has been chosen as the Chairman's Challenge Project for the 15th February, -----Lets get to it, see you there.

Brian..

Chairman's Challenge.



Programme 2009

Feb 15th. - 'Hands On' – Half Day

March 8th. - Alan Batty – Full Day

Other Items

AWGB subs for 2009. Complete the membership form as issued with 'Revolutions' together with a Cheque made payable to **West Midlands Woodturners** for the appropriate fee, £14 for Members, £7 for juniors, £22 for family membership. Bring to the February 15th meeting (please note that this is the cut-off date) and hand to the Treasurer.

Annual General Meeting Minutes of Meeting held on Sunday, 11th. January 2009

1. Brian Gibbs welcomed everyone to the meeting. He then said that the year had had 'highs and lows', a high was the opening day of last year with Ray Key as a demonstrator and a low was the last day which was the Christmas Party when the attendance was very low. He thanked the committee for their help and support and also all those who help at 'Hands On' days. He also thanked Dave Wilcox for all his work in running the 'Chairman's Challenge' competition.
2. Apologies were received from Malcolm Pyatt, James Whitehead, John Harris and Ed. Cheshire.
3. Approval for last years minutes was proposed by K. Beresford, seconded by K Lanchester and approved by the meeting.
4. Matters Arising. There were no matters arising from last years minutes.

5. Review of the Year. The accounts were presented by Geoff and showed a loss over the year of just under a £1,000, this was due mainly to the increased cost of demonstrators' expenses. Malcolm Caine asked how much should we have in hand at the end of the year, the Chairman said he thought that £1000 would be the figure we should be looking at. A proposal by G. Newman that the accounts be accepted and seconded by M. Caine was approved unanimously.

Ken Beresford suggested that members should pay an annual fee. It was also suggested that each year the day fee should be increased incrementally. Dave Wilcox said that he was trying to organise a scheme to get a list of demonstrators from local clubs. The Chairman said that we had had some good demonstrators in the past and he had no complaints about their fees, if we want variety and names we have to pay for it. Tim Davies said that paying an annual subscription would make members feel part of the club. M. Caine proposed that we should introduce a £10.00 annual fee, commencing from January 1st. 2009, this was seconded by K. Lanchester and carried unanimously. A further proposal to increase the day fee on demonstrator days to £10.00 was proposed by D. Wilcox, seconded by K. Beresford and agreed by all.

Thanks to Geoff Wolverton for his keeping of the accounts was proposed by K. Lanchester, seconded by T. Davies and carried unanimously.

6. The committee was happy to stand again. The committee was re-elected, en masse, the proposer was K. Lanchester, seconded by D. Roberts. The officers are:

Chairman – Brian Gibbs.

Treasurer – Geoff Wolverton.

Secretary – Brian Goodall.

Events Secretary – John Witham.

Librarian – Peter Ford

7. The post of Regional Representative had been filled by Dave Wilcox, who was keeping up the tradition of the West Midlands Woodturners having a member on the AWGB committee. A show of appreciation was given.

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

9. Format of Meetings. 'Hands On' days, it was suggested that a project be decided for the day rather than an informal day. If the Secretary could be informed of the project that the demonstrator was going to do, he could include in the newsletter. The Christmas Social, K. Lanchester suggested that a short demonstration for about an hour this to be followed by a cup of tea and mince pies. John Witham suggested an evening social event so that thanks could be given to everyone on a formal basis. It was suggested that we hold the meeting a week earlier to prevent clashes with member's Christmas events. The format will be looked at by the Committee and put in the Newsletter early.

The Eli Avesera day will be self catering.

10. Any Other Business:

Thanks were given to Dave Wilcox for producing the membership cards.

Malcolm Caine asked if people would use the forum, Dave Wilcox said that he would help anyone who had a problem trying to log-on to the forum.

Tim Davies said that congratulations should be given to the people who thought of the 'Chairman's Challenge'.

Members were asked to buy their abrasives from the Club supply.

The Secretary asked all members with email facilities to consider having the Newsletter e-mailed to them.

The Chairman said that a lottery bid was being put together for lathes, grinders, vacuums, video cameras etc.

Brian Bateman proposed a vote of thanks to the Committee and members showed their appreciation.

The meeting finished at 10.30 a.m.

Brian Goodall

Secretary

Newsletter

If you have an email address, it would save the club some money if you would agree to receive the newsletter by e-mail. If you are willing to do this please send me (Brian Goodall) an e-mail to brian@goodallb.demon.co.uk.

Thank you.

August 16th. Eli Avesera

We have received an e-mail from Eli Avesera in which he regrets that he will be unable to fulfill his commitment to us.

Annual Membership Subscription.

You will have seen in AGM minutes that it was agreed that there should be an annual membership fee, this year it is £10 and due retrospectively from 1st January.

Our Next Meeting

Sunday 15th. February 'Hands On' - Half day. Start 2.00 'til 5p.m. (£3.00)
Don't forget a cup for your tea.

Items for the Newsletter.

If anyone has any items for the Newsletter please note that the deadline for the March issue is February 18th.