



**IOSH East Midlands Branch Annual General Meeting
Nottingham Forest FC, City Ground, Nottingham.
Thursday 25th April 2019 at 19.30**

Chair's Welcome:

Martin Goodman welcomed all to the 2019 AGM.

Apologies:

Darren Broadhead, Bill Gabriel, Graham Twigg, Michelle Twigg, Brian Stones.

Minutes of Previous AGM

The Minutes of the 2018 AGM were agreed as a true record.

Treasurer's Report:

Martin introduced Roger Mitchell to the meeting. Roger was acting as Treasurer as Bill Gabriel was standing down as Treasurer at this AGM. Roger gave a summary of the Branch accounts for the financial year to the end of March 2019. The Branch Accounts had been audited by two members of the Committee and will be submitted to IOSH as required by the constitution. The Branch had a budget for 2018- 2019 of around £12,000, Roger reported we had a closing balance of £123.10. The budget for 2019 – 2020 would be increased to pre-budget cut levels allowing regional events and talks to be resumed.

Chair's Report:

The following is the report presented to the meeting. My final year as your Chair has been challenging with a significant budget cut and an annual membership price increase to manage. We have in part coped well and have managed to stretch the budget to its absolute limit, as mentioned previously with £123 to spare. The cost to the branch was to scale back our regional meetings and limit our ambitions for the February away day, this at least was able to maintain a high level of quality content if not the fancy Caterpillar diggers of last year. The East Midlands Branch Membership, as a whole, has remained relatively constant of around 2150 members. Which such a restriction placed on us in spend per head, I think this can still be regarded as a success.

May I congratulate Members who have become Chartered and Fellows during the year. The overall number of Chartered Members has remained static at around 650 and the overall number of Fellow Members has increased slightly to 34.

To regain the ground lost by the budget cut we have already started with the regional meetings, earlier in April we held the first of many Continuous Professional Development (CPD) and Initial Professional Development (IPD) Events at the Acacia Community Centre in Kirkby-in-Ashfield and Lincoln Football Club. It is the Committees' aim to hold at least one CPD/IPD event in each region throughout the year. Further regional meetings are being discussed to supplement the main branch

meetings and further communications will be sent out in due course. We have a full schedule for 2019/20 already planned, with potentially more to fit in.

The committee are volunteers giving their time to enhance your learning and experience with IOSH and they have once again been excellent in giving up their time to arrange guest speakers and venues to provide you with the informative and sometimes alternative event, the February Away Day was supposed to be in a completely different venue with a different topic, however, thanks to Michelle Twigg, Mark Creed and a few others we were able to secure an alternative venue and pack it with quality speakers; and that includes our Graham!!

We have not been able to maintain the relationship with the Institute of Fire Engineers and the Midlands Working Well Together Branch this year but hopefully this can be resurrected.

I thank the committee for all their efforts and continued patience with me over my two year term.

A special big thank you to Bill Gabriel who steps down from the committee and Treasurer this time round. Bill has been on the committee for 6 years with the last 2 as Treasurer and has been instrumental in arranging the Nottinghamshire regional talks and providing many of the speakers to the main branch meetings. A mention also goes to David Spilsbury as secretary who keeps me informed and prompts me when needed, to Alan Dunn for the CPD drop-in sessions at the beginning of the Branch meetings, and to Andrew Needham for the battle and fight against the odds in maintaining the output of communications through the IOSH Mailer and social media. IOSH continue to not make it easy as they migrate over to the new server and system.

Thank you for your continued support and may you extend that to your next Chairperson.

Election of Committee Members:

David Spilsbury led the election process. All nominations had been made using the IOSH electronic nomination procedure, including Committee members standing for re-election. All nominees, proposers and seconders had been through the IOSH Good Standing checks. Additionally there were Committee members who did not require to re-stand for election (ie they had completed only one year of a two year appointment) also passed the Good Standing checks.

As mentioned above Bill Gabriel had advised he will be standing down from Committee.

Election of Branch Committee Members:

- The following Committee Members have served one year of their two-year appointment and do not require a further vote: Martin Goodman, Andrew Needham, Roger Mitchell, Darren Broadhead, Graham Twigg & Michelle Twigg.
- The following have completed two years and seek re-election: Clive Bolland, David Spilsbury, Mark Creed, Lee Murphy and Alan Dunn.
- The following are new nominations to Committee; James Carter, Dawn Sylvester, and Colin Jenkinson (Colin has previously served on the Committee for 11 years and has previously served as Chair for 2 years).

The Committee have considered its' future role and recommend that all nominees should be elected. The vote in favour was unanimous.

Election of Branch Officers

The following nominations have again been made through the IOSH nomination process.

- Chair: Clive Bolland
- Secretary: David Spilsbury

The vote in favour was unanimous.

The following nominations as Officers have been made since the Nomination Process closed. The nominees were proposed by Clive Bolland and Seconded by Martin Goodman.

- Vice-Chair: Alan Dunn
- Treasurer: Roger Mitchell

The vote in favour was unanimous.

The following Officers have been agreed by Committee and do not require voting on:

- Immediate Past Chair: Martin Goodman
- Communications Officers: Andrew Needham, Mark Creed
- Branch Mentor: Alan Dunn

David noted that should other Members be interested in joining the Committee they would be welcome to approach any of the current Committee for further information.

Chain of Office

The Chain of Office was handed to the incoming Chair, Clive Bolland, who outlined his vision for the Branch for his time in office. Clive had three key areas on which he would focus:

- The Branch has a wide geographical coverage. This year, with the re-instated budget, the Branch had an opportunity to deliver an increased regional programme of events and talks.
- Clive noted that he wished to increase diversity within the Branch – the Committee and the events arranged for Members.
- Clive also wished to engage closely with members and listen to what they wanted – in terms of location and the events they wished to attend.

Clive closed by thanking the members for their support, he was honoured with the privilege of serving as Chair.

AOB

There was no AOB

Talk

Lisa Ramos and her husband Dave Garton gave a heartfelt presentation on Lisa's industrial accident in 2006 where they discussed the impact on their family. Lee Murphy led the vote of thanks.

The next Branch meeting would be held on the subject of Construction, the speaker is John Lacey of PIB Risk management (one of our Members and a Past President of IOSH).

Thursday 23rd May 2019 at 19.30 - Nottingham Forest FC Executive Suite.