

**MIDLAND MECCANO GUILD
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 13 OCTOBER 2012
REPORT OF THE MEETING**

The Chairman (George Ilingworth) thanked members for their attendance and welcomed guests and new members. In remembrance of our two recently deceased colleagues, Jack Partridge (President) and Trevor Pryce-Jones a period of silence was held.

Apologies for absence were received.

The secretary (Roger Marriott) distributed a written report. The report noted that the bulletin has been printed at well below commercial rates for the last year thanks to Richard Payn. This facility is no longer available and a substantial increase in cost is inevitable. The cost of postage has also increased such that current subscription rates will not cover the costs of producing and distributing the bulletin, especially to overseas members.

The Treasurers annual report and statement of accounts had been circulated and the accounts (audited by John Nuttall). The accounts were approved by the meeting. The report recommended that the subscription should be increased to £13 for UK members and for overseas members there should be two levels: Europe at £16 and the rest of the world at £20. This will still result in shortfall in income which will be covered by the reserve funds. A motion to increase the subscriptions, as above was proposed and agreed by the membership. It was suggested that the offer of receiving the bulletin electronically be made to overseas members enabling the lower (UK) subscription.

The Chairman proposed that the MMG adopt the insurance code as detailed in Bulletin 51. After some discussion it was agreed that the code be adopted.

It was proposed by the chairman that the committee be increased to include the web master Dave Bradley. It was agreed that the committee membership should be President, Chairman, Treasurer, Secretary and WebMaster. In response to a question about the position of President the Chairman suggested that a short vacancy was appropriate and asked for nominations to be made in confidence to him.

The chairman advised members of the MMEE from 17-21 October and the Meccano stand being organized by Geoff Devlin (see report in this bulletin)

The meeting moved to the election of officers and it was proposed that the present officers be re-elected. This was unanimously supported by the guild.

There being no other business the Chairman thanked the ladies for the preparation of our excellent refreshments and closed the meeting.

Roger Marriott (Hon Sec MMG)