

MIDLANDS MECCANO GUILD : REPORT of 51th AGM 13/10/2018

The following summarises the proceedings of the AGM. The reports by the treasurer and secretary will be found on the website: www.midlandsmeccanoguild.com.

Apologies – those received are: Jim Gamble, Ken and Margaret Senar, Tom McCallum, Eric Wright, Mike Cook, Terry Pettitt, Philip Drew, Huib Wingaarten and Geoff Wright.

The Chairman summarised the activities by the Guild in the year – two meetings at Baginton were well attended, a successful exhibition at British Motor Museum resulted in us being invited back in 2019. He said a more detailed report from him was unnecessary because both the Secretary and Treasurer had produced full reports. He thanked them and all the other members who made the Guild and its meetings work so well.

The Treasurer gave his report: Main points:

1. The year closed with a surplus on the general fund of over £200, more than expected due to the identification of a printing firm with lower costs for the bulletin; new members joining increased the subscriptions and savings on postage. In view of this no increase in subscriptions is needed.
2. A Guild computer had been purchased at a cost of £1057 – slightly above the £1000 expected due to the purchase of a back up drive.
3. The expenditure for the 50th anniversary was summarized and over the two financial years has been £2169.09. This has been paid from the bequest fund which has benefitted from a further bequest from the family of Ron Fail.
4. The guild funds were increased by £578 during the year resulting in reserve funds of over £3300.

The Treasurer thanked Richard Payn who had scrutinized the accounts and found them in order.

The Secretary gave his report: Main points:

1. Membership remains stable with new members usually balancing those who leave. We welcomed seven new members during the year.
2. Publications: The bulletin is now produced three times a year in December, April, and August. Many thanks to the model reporters, Bob Thompson for photography and those who have contributed articles. Three MMG model plans have now been produced with another in preparation. These have provided an income in the current year of £208.32 to club funds. (In total MPs have contributed £322.46 to club funds).

Election of officers

In the absence of the president the Chairman asked former Treasurer Paul Brecknell to chair the elections. He asked for nominations for chairman, treasurer and secretary. The present officers agreed to stand again, All were re-elected by the meeting nem com.

Business meeting:

1. As recommended by the Treasurer the Chairman proposed that subscriptions (now due) remain as £16 for UK members, £19 for Europe and £23 for the rest of the World and the meeting fee of £3, ie no change to the current levels. Agreed.
2. The secretary proposed that we continue the subsidy for the MMG shirts for the first shirt purchased by a member. However orders will only be placed with the supplier when orders for six items have been received. Agreed
3. Finally the chairman thanked the ladies in the kitchen for the preparation of the lunch and tea.

Any other Business

Tony Homden gave a short report on his visit to a Dutch meeting in Belgium to which he had been invited.

Meeting closed