

## **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MMG 12 OCTOBER 2019**

The meeting was opened by the chairman who called for the official investiture of the President (which was not completed at the previous AGM). The secretary produced a new Chain of Office, made from Meccano parts (in a similar vein to the chain presented by Bert Love to Doug McHard in former years). Having been invested the President made a short statement regarding the vibrant nature of the Meccano hobby and the MMG.

The Chairman then made his report, thanking officers of the club and those who help with setting up and clearing the hall, and the luncheon arrangements. This was followed by the report from the secretary (see website for full report): membership remains strong at 114 members with typically 60-70 attending meetings. The exhibition at the British Motor Museum (Gaydon) was well attended by modellers and the public and will take place again in 2020. Publications have included additional model plans with further plans in the pipe line. The secretary would like to continue production of the plans despite some uncertainty over the future of MWMO. The Guild computer is working well; a new printer is now required which will support colour production. The year has seen unprecedented donations to the club and also a significant increase in funds from commissions through the sale of Ken Senar's meccano collection. Further details are in the accounts and treasurer's report (on the website). The treasurer was unable to attend due to illness but Richard Payn who had audited the accounts stepped up and provided a succinct summary of the financial position. There is a healthy surplus on the general fund (covering the normal revenue/running costs of the guild) and so it was recommended that subscriptions remain at the same level as previous year. The bequest funds had benefitted from sales of the Ron Fail bequest amounting to some £1720. The sale of the Ken Senar collection together with donations resulted in a further £2900 added to club funds. This means the club is in a very strong financial position and can look at how best to ensure its assets ( eg computer eqpt) can be secured for the future. Other expenditure will be needed in the near future on table coverings and equipment for meetings. The meeting approved the accounts and the reports from the officers.

The President then called for nominations for the offices of chair, secretary and treasurer. In the absence of nominations the existing officers were invited to stand again and were voted en bloc to continue. The chairman advised the meeting of the forthcoming exhibition at the MMEE (Fosse) and called for additional helpers. He then proposed that Ken Senar should be made an Honorary member of the club in recognition of his modelling skills, several times winning the Issigonis Shield at Skegness, and his contribution to the club and its future. This was enthusiastically supported by the membership.

The meeting concluded with an appreciation of the work done by officers and most importantly the Ladies providing the luncheon.

Report prepared by Roger Marriott (Hon Secretary) October 2019.