

CIWEM South Eastern branch Annual General Meeting 2019

Tuesday 9 July 2019 | 6:00pm – 7:00pm

Black and Veatch Ltd, 60 High Street, Redhill, Surrey RH1 1SH

Minutes of the CIWEM South Eastern branch Annual General Meeting 2019

Present: Neil Gunn (NG), Barbara Woods (BW), Ben Tonkin (BT), Stuart Rapson (SR), Tak Fan Chan (TFC), Dicken Wood (DW).

Dialled in: Sebastian Bures (SB), Kirsty Thomas (KT), Anne Wiltshire (AW), Michaela James (MJ)

Apologies: Jack Southon, Claire Longhurst, Gavin Johnson, Michaela James, Kathy Howard, Ian Dennis, Ian Mayor-Smith

1. Introduction and welcome

There were no matters arising from the last meeting.

2. Chair's report

NG reported that although we have held quite a few visits in the last year there has been mixed levels of attendance. The best event in terms of turnout were Worthing (mixed speakers) and Redhill (Natural Flood Management). However, we have had events with much lower turnout.

BW suggested that advertisement such as Twitter, as well as the new CIWEM community pages could be utilised to advertise more widely. Potential to link in with other branch events e.g. CIWEM branch AGM in London. NG and SR suggested that wider use should be made of intranets and mailings and posters in meeting rooms at places of work.

3. Secretary's Report

No exceptions to report

4. Treasurers report

As there was no income and no expenditure, the treasurer had nothing to report

5. Report on CIWEM headquarters activities

BW reported that a new CIWEM president (David McHugh) has been appointed and will be inducted into the post on 12 September 2019 in Cork. The CIWEM national AGM will be held in Bath on 11 July 2019. The new CIWEM webpage is now up and running, however this will no longer link flyers to events. There is the potential for committee members to have a photo displayed on the website, however they can only be displayed if in high resolution. This is something that is still being explored, and shall be reported back on by BW. CIWEM activities that are being promoted include the Junior Water Prize, The young environmentalist of the year and environmental photographer of the year.

BW conveyed that collaboration could be essential to support participation and ensure new events take place. Suggested avenues included linking in with Universities, as this has been successful with other branches. For example, the Central Southern branch has linked up with Southampton University. Another link to consider included the International Day for Biodiversity (22nd May) as a potential avenue for advertising events.

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BW informed the group that Zoom webinar and video conference facilities are now available to use through CIWEM.

Links to CIWEM policy team were encouraged by BW, with CIWEM keen to get members engaged/ involved.

6. Election of new committee members

Neil Gunn announced this would be his last year as chair and another would have to be found in 2020 but indicated that he was willing to serve another year as chairman. Proposed and seconded.

- Kirsty Thomas announced resignation as Secretary
- Ben Tonkin was proposed and seconded as Secretary.
- Jack Southern was proposed and seconded as Treasurer
- Sebastian Bures was proposed and seconded as Vice Chair
- Kirsty Thomas was proposed and seconded as Junior Vice Chair
- Tak Fan Chan was proposed and seconded as Senior Vice Chair
- Ian Mayor Smith was proposed and seconded as Ordinary Committee Member

Therefore the committee composition will be as follows:

Officer roles

Chair	Neil GUNN
Honorary Treasurer & Immediate Past Chair	Jack SOUTHON
Secretary	Ben TONKIN
New Members Group Chair	<i>Vacant</i>

Ordinary Committee Members

Senior Vice Chair	Tak Fan CHAN
Vice Chair	Sebastian BURES
Junior Vice Chair	Kirsty THOMAS
Ordinary Committee Member	Stuart RAPSON
Ordinary Committee Member	Ian DENNIS
Ordinary Committee Member	Kathy HOWARD
Ordinary Committee Member	Michaela JAMES
Ordinary Committee Member	Gavin JOHNSON
Ordinary Committee Member	Claire LONGHURST
Ordinary Committee Member	Ian MAYOR-SMITH
Ordinary Committee Member	Anne WINKEL

7. Any other business

BW thanked the CIWEM South Eastern Committee for all their hard work throughout the year.

Meeting closed.