

## **Minutes of BCS Bedford Branch AGM 2005**

**Held at The Chequers, Millbrook, Bedford**

**On 21 June 2005**

### **Present:**

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| Shane Barnes     | <i>Chairman</i>  |
| Paul Stewart     | <i>Treasurer</i> |
| Bob Bethell      | <i>Secretary</i> |
| Richard Maddison | <i>Committee</i> |
| Gary Yorke       | <i>Committee</i> |
| Sam Dagash       | <i>YPG</i>       |
| David Geliher    |                  |
| Paddy Collins    |                  |
| Chris Knight     |                  |
| Robert Lincoln   |                  |
| John Poulter     |                  |
| Damian Acholonu  |                  |
| Peter Parks      |                  |
| Gary Steng       |                  |
| Lee Robinson     |                  |
| David Briggs     |                  |

### **Minutes of 2004 AGM:**

The previous minutes were accepted as a true record with the note that David Briggs had been omitted from those members present and Richard Maddison's surname had been misspelt.

### **Chairman's Report:**

The Chairman welcomed everyone to The Chequers in Millbrook and hoped everyone would have an enjoyable evening. He then presented his report on a challenging year to date, highlighting:

- changes to the committee, with Jerry Crick leaving the committee due to increased work commitments, and welcoming Sam Dagash to the committee as YPG representative.
- Meetings:
  - Thanks to David Geliher for hosting a talk on implementing WiFi at Charles Wells followed by a tour of the brewery (and samples) in June.
  - John Poulter and colleagues presented 'IT reforms in the NHS' at Bedford Hospital in November.
  - Chris Morgan from Cranfield talked on Performance Management in February.
  - A fourth event planned to take place at Silsoe had had to be postponed to next year.
- Northampton sub-branch had been constituted as an independent branch and had held its first AGM but was still on our accounts to date. Their meetings are centred on Nene College.
- BCS corporate have restructured membership and applications are significant and continuing. New BCS business practices are being rolled out.
- The BCS London office has attractive features for those looking for a venue in town.

The Chairman thanked everyone for their support.

#### **Treasurer's Report:**

The Treasurer presented the accounts. This was the first year that the accounts have been centralised by the BCS accounting system.

- There was a surplus of £700 over the year due to the venues not charging for their use – this was not expected to continue.
- The reserves had therefore increased from £3593 to £4295.
- Our new allocation of £2974 for 2005-06 included £300 for the Northampton sub-branch.

The Chairman asked for any ideas for events, speakers and venues as we had a healthy funding balance.

#### **Election of Officers and Committee:**

The existing officers and committee, except Jerry Crick who had resigned from the committee, were re-elected unopposed. Sam Dagash was elected as YPG representative.

**End of Meeting.** The Chairman invited members and guests to enjoy their dinner and welcomed the speaker, Martyn Ould, who gave a very enjoyable and thought provoking talk on 'Business Process Management.'