

Minutes of BCS Bedford Branch AGM 2005

Held at The Chequers, Millbrook, Bedford

On 21 June 2005

Present:

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.'