



## YEOVIL BRANCH

22<sup>nd</sup> May 2009

### MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON 21<sup>st</sup> May 2009

*This meeting was chaired by Mr Jeremy Graham in accordance with the agenda items shown below.*

1. **Apologies:** Graham Cole, Alan Vincent, Alisdair Wood
2. **Minutes of the AGM held 19<sup>th</sup> June 2008:** distributed to the meeting. Accepted as read.
3. **Matters Arising:** None.
4. **Hon. Secretary's Report:** was distributed to the meeting and is attached to these Minutes. This report covers: Branch Membership, Branch Activities, Medals & Awards, Lectures, Yeovil Branch activities within the Society, and Publicity. The Chairman drew attention to the Medals & Awards won during the year; particular notice being drawn to the abilities and achievements of our younger engineers. The Chairman briefly described the efforts that are being made by the Branch to encourage young people into engineering, and referred those present to the report (Appendix C) of the Engineering Day which was held at Buckler's Mead School. The Chairman commended David Belt for the excellent work that he has done during the year on the branch website, the lecture posters and the publicizing of branch lectures in local papers.
5. **Hon. Treasurer's Report:** was distributed to the meeting and is attached to these Minutes. The Treasurer gave an outline of the financial activities during the year and reported that, at the end of the year, the Branch had a balance of £4136.45 in the bank. The Treasurer announced that the branch will offer a season ticket, costing £12, for the 2009-2010 series of lectures.
6. **Election of Officers:** The Chairman invited proposals for the election of officers from the meeting, but none were received. All of the serving officers offered to continue. The following were elected unanimously as Officers of the Committee for the following year:-

|                           | Name          | Proposer   | Seconder      |
|---------------------------|---------------|------------|---------------|
| <b>Joint Chairmen</b>     | A H Vincent   | S J Love   | J C Hamm      |
|                           | J P Graham    | S J Love   | J C Hamm      |
| <b>Deputy Chairman</b>    | S J Love      | J P Graham | J C Hamm      |
| <b>Honorary Secretary</b> | J C Hamm      | J P Graham | S R Whittaker |
| <b>Honorary Treasurer</b> | S R Whittaker | J P Graham | J C Hamm      |

7. **Election of the Committee:** Rob Scarre will stand-down, having served on the Committee since 2002. Christine Jackson has volunteered to join the Committee. The Chairman invited further proposals for committee member nominations from the meeting, but none were received. The Chairman proposed that the election of committee members be taken en-bloc, this proposal was seconded by S J Love. The following were elected unanimously:-

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| <i>Lectures &amp; Membership</i>         | F N R Ballam |
| <i>Publicity &amp; Membership Deputy</i> | D Belt       |
| <i>Branches Committee</i>                | A E Wood     |
| <i>Branch Newsletter</i>                 | H Nobbs      |
| <i>Schools Liaison</i>                   | R Brodie     |
| <i>Deputy to the Secretary</i>           | S Bidwell    |
| <i>Young Members</i>                     | C Jackson    |

8. **Appointment of President:** the Chairman announced that Mr Graham Cole, MD Westland Helicopters Ltd, had kindly agreed to continue as Branch President for the coming year. In addition, Mr Richard Case will continue in the post of Branch Honorary President.
9. **Appointment of Vice-Presidents:** the Chairman announced that Mr Ron Sams, Dr Mike Tutchter (Honeywell) and Mr James Hamilton (Principal of Yeovil College) would be invited to continue as Vice-Presidents of the Branch.
10. **Appointment of Auditor:** The Chairman announced that Mr A P Gosney ACMA was proposed to continue as the Branch Auditor: this proposal was carried by the meeting.
11. **Meetings Programmes:** The Chairman, on behalf of the branch membership, thanked and congratulated Fred Ballam for once again organizing and running a full, varied and interesting series of lectures. The Chairman encouraged those present to attend the final lecture in the 2008/9 season, and drew attention to the provisional lecture programme for 2009/10, which is attached to the Secretary's Report.
12. **Any Other Business:** None
- There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 18:55 hrs.
13. **Lecture:** "Night Fighters – 1940s Radar Technology" by Ian White, MRAeS.



Honorary Secretary  
RAeS Yeovil Branch