

Manchester Polymer Group

AGM

10th June 2020

Minutes of Meeting

Present: Dr C Williams (CW) D Baker (DB), D Wetters,(DW) Dr G Ogden,(GO), S Patrick, (SP), Dr C Fenn (CF), R Shankhachur (RS), K Watkinson (KW)

Apologies for Absence: None

- 1 **Minutes of 2019 AGM** had been circulated. Approved GO, Seconded CF. All in favour of true record

- 2 **Matters Arising** - None

3 **Chairman Report (CW)**

MPG attended the IRC 2019 at London, celebrating the 200th year of Hancock in September 2019. The stall promoting the MPG seminars and explained the educational, technical and social work that we do. I was assisted greatly by Pravin Mistry, committee member.

Prof Averil MacDonald tour around schools in the North West region with her Fantastic Plastic lecture in October 2019. Stuart Patrick Committee Member hosted and assisted transport to the various locations, further afield in Warrington as well as the Manchester area. The lecture is designed to match the Science National Curriculum at Key Stage 4 and bring in elements of Enterprise. Very well received by pupils and teachers alike.

Held the MPG Dinner Dance at Manchester Midland Hotel in January 2020. Numbers were down (some 200) as two large parties did not attend this year. Supported the Polymer Study Tours in Victrex.

The Rubber Seminar scheduled for May, was postponed due to Covid-19. This is a joint meeting of the MPG and RIEG.

The Chairman thanked all committee members for all their hard work during the year. Work was progressing well on the planned Rubber Seminar planned for Q2, 2021. I hope we can retain all the speakers for the new date.

4 Treasurer Report (DW)

Bank situation as of 9/6/20

Current bank account £ 19,415.57

Deposit Account £ 23,606.88.

General Report.

This financial year has been a little different for MPG with some reductions in revenue streams due to the reduction in numbers for the Dinner Dance and the single seminar due to the Rubber Seminar being at a similar time to the International Rubber Conference resulting in our decision to postpone the Rubber event to 2020 which has since been cancelled due to the current situation.

The bank balances have taken a hit with the IOM grant being lower than usual but we hope “normal service” will be resumed before long.

This next year already is causing some issues, the PST may be cancelled so we have not paid any funds yet. We have also not paid any Dinner Dance deposits for the Jan 2021 or indeed the deposit for the planned seminar in Autumn. On the alternative side we have some grant to receive and the £1000 from the Horner’s for their contribution towards the school visits by Prof MacDonald.

We have sufficient funds to mean we need not worry about budgeting to cover any spend over the next few years.

5 Secretary Report (DB)

The mailing list for events had been cleansed and approvals for contact made to comply with GDPR.

6 Election of Officers

<u>Position</u>	<u>Nomination</u>	<u>Proposed</u>	<u>Seconded</u>
Chair	Dr C Fenn	GO	SP
Vice/Chair	Dr C Williams	GO	SP
Secretary	D Baker	GO	CW
Treasurer	D Wetters	GO	CF

The other committee members were elected en-bloc

7 Comments by Incoming Chairman

CF thanked all the committee for their support and it was an honour to be elected MPG Chairman. He was looking forward to the forthcoming 2 years tenure. CF thanked RS for his help with the ZOOM technology for the previous virtual Philip Law Seminar. The meeting was then closed.