

## Minutes of the Annual General Meeting 27 July 2021

### Venue: The Nurseryman, Beeston

Present: Keith Barnes, Jeremy Plimmer, Ian Morris, Tim Barbary, Christian Rossel, Allan Hayles  
Apologies: Andy Nudds-Hunter, Sal Dempster, Liam Barbary, Bob Smith,

<p><b>Welcome by Chairperson</b> Tim Barbary welcomed everyone to the meeting and was pleased to welcome Christian Rossel and Allan Hayles.</p>	
<p><b>Apologies for absence</b> – as above</p>	
<p><b>Minutes of the last meeting</b> dated 5 August 2020 – nothing reported</p>	
<p><b>Matters arising from the minutes</b> – nothing reported</p>	
<p><b>Chairperson’s Report</b> – Tim Barbary summary. see Chairperson’s Report dated 27.07.21</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The AGM year 2020/2021 will be one we will all remember for several reasons not least because of COVID-19 and how this has changed many of our lives and in so many ways.</li> <li>• Although the COVID-19 pandemic appears to disproportionately affect those in informal employment, lockdowns changed work for us all – for those lucky to continue working it introduced ‘home working’, new language was introduced Zoom and Teams had a whole new meaning with online meetings - whereas for others ‘Furlough’ affected millions of employees.</li> <li>• The biggest impact to packaging producers appears to be losing staff due to infection or the staff coming into contact with infected people and the subsequent isolation restrictions.</li> <li>• If that was not enough the UK Government took us out of Europe adversely affecting trade and global supply chains leading to longer lead-times and shortages of many raw materials. This has seen a significant return of produced volumes to the UK.</li> <li>• Whilst critical shops remained open during the pandemic e.g., for food the online business became the preferred way to conduct business – Amazon’s 10-year growth aspirations materialised in 12 months. Other retailers took to delivering food to homes in turn leading to a shortage of vans and drivers. This too impacted on availability of packaging.</li> <li>• UK packaging have been one of the more successful industries during the pandemic seeing longer lead-times and huge increases to the price of raw materials</li> <li>• Of the local packaging societies in the UK the EMPkgS has been the shining light as we delivered with online monthly committee meetings, webinars and newsletters..</li> <li>• The EMPkgS is more relevant to consumers, retailers, and brands than ever - not just for promoting careers, providing technical insights, and highlighting the benefits of packaging with the brands to; protect the product, improve shelf life, reduce costs, inform consumers etc, it’s also about materials in a circular economy – recycling and how waste is managed. Our webinars addressed the major topics of the year - packaging waste in our oceans and the UK government’s major initiatives; £200 tax (for materials not consisting of 30% recycled content), Extended Producer Responsibility, Deposit Return Scheme and of the greatest importance - Carbon Emissions -our greatest threat to humanity and main cause of Global Warming.</li> <li>• I am proud and privileged to have been your chair and of the contributions from the whole committee during what has been an extraordinarily challenging year for us all.</li> </ul>	

<p><b>Secretary, Activities and Membership Report</b> Reported by Ian Morris. See Activities and Membership Report dated 27.07.21</p>	
<p><b>Treasurer's Report</b> – reported by Ian Morris. See Treasurers Report dated 27.07.21</p> <p>For the period 05/08/2020 to 27.07.21 We have been involved in several events this year, but due to the coronavirus outbreak the Pack to the Future Conference and associated visits were cancelled. Where possible webinars were used to promote packaging activities in the East Midlands. Not all of these events have had financial implications for the EMPkgS. Financially though there has been a positive movement in our reserves. The Cheque account started with <b>£13.83</b> and remains at <b>£13.83</b>. The Savings account started with <b>£8497.82</b> and now has <b>£9459.77</b>. In 2020/21 we have a surplus of <b>£961.95</b>. Therefore, our total reserves are now <b>£9473.60</b>.</p>	
<p><b>Election of Chairperson</b> Tim Barbary          Proposed by Jeremy Plimmer    Seconded by Keith Barnes</p> <p><b>Election of Officers</b></p> <p><b>Secretary, Treasurer &amp; Membership</b> Ian Morris          Proposed by Christian Rossel Seconded by Keith Barnes</p> <p><b>Communications</b> Jeremy Plimmer      Proposed by Ian Morris Seconded by Christian Rossel</p> <p><b>Committee</b> Christian Rossel and Allan Hayles were officially accepted onto the Committee The committee that had stood down was re-elected and now consists of Keith Barnes, Bob Smith, Andy Nudds-Hunter, Sal Dempster, Liam Barbary</p>	
<p><b>AOB (relevant to AGM)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Memorandum of Understanding between IOM3 and EMPkgS The MOU has been considered by IM and JP and, apart from some minor clarifications, had been accepted by the committee. A question was raised by AH about the name of the Society and should we rename ourselves to cover the whole of the Midlands rather than East Midlands. This needs further discussion at the next committee meeting.</li> <li>• EMPkgS Constitution and Privacy Notice IM presented the latest version of the Constitution and Privacy Notice but this was put on hold as to the outcome of the name of the Society.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>2020/2021 Programme</b> see Activities and Membership Report dated 27.07.21</p>	
<p><b>2021/2022 Programme</b> to be discussed at next committee meeting</p>	
<p><b>General AOB</b></p>	
<p><b>Date of next meeting</b> Online Wednesday 1 September 2021 @ 5.00pm</p>	