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Minutes of Annual General Meeting 2018

Meeting Held at RGU Garthede Campus on Wednesday 31st October 2018

The Chairman, Mr Harry Knox opened the meeting and gave the following report.

Good evening and welcome to this our annual general meeting of Aberdeen Maritime Branch, and to the first of our technical presentations for the 2018/19 session.

Before we move on to the new session I would like to take a look back at the immediate past session. Our thanks are due to all those who have supported the branch over the past year, the committee, those who attended events and to our speakers who were:

October – Mike Gaskin of Maritime Developments Wood on “Portable VLS Systems”

November – David Galbraith of TWI on “Additive Manufacture for Application on Board Ships and Offshore Installations”

December – Roderick Wordie of SRS on “Shackleton’s Endurance Voyage of 1914-16”

February – Alan Stokes on “50 Years at the Forefront of Technology”

March – Dr Nadimul Faisal on “Auxetic Structures for Marine Safety Applications”.

Attendances during the session were reasonable with an average attendance of 25 persons, which is down for the 27 average last year.

Our Annual Technical Outing in May was a visit to the ship simulator and workshop facilities at Glasgow College of Nautical Science. This was followed by a meal at Perth before an evening show at Perth Theatre with Karine Polwart. A total of 19 persons participated in this.

A dinner dance in association with the local Nautical Institute was held at the end of September. This event was successful but not as well attended as we would have liked. A number of lessons have been learned should we decide to host a similar event in 2019.

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A considerable amount was raised at this event for the benefit of the Aberdeen Seafarers Centre and the Institute Guild of Benevolence.

Moving on to the coming session, we have an interesting set of speakers lined up, which we hope will be well supported.

Tonight, on completion of the AGM, we will hear from Rotimi Alabi of RAB Microfluidics on “Predicting Machinery Failures – A Technology Shift”

28/11/18 – Houlder on “Design of an Autonomous Vessel for Windfarm Operation and Maintenance”.

30/01/19 – Robert Paterson on “Navigation in Ice”

27/2/19 – Pieter Hendriks on “Brent Delta Topsides Decommissioning – Preparation and Execution of the Largest Offshore Lift”.

27/03/19 – Norsesea Group on “Peterhead Port Development”.

We plan to hold a technical outing in the spring and details of this will be circulated in due course. We are also looking at shorter outings to local facilities, which again will be circulated once we manage to finalise arrangements.

As always I am indebted to the support given by the committee for the work involved in organizing the events.

I will now call on the treasurer of AMB to present the financial report.

Treasurers Statement

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I hope you can all see the statements of account which detail the accounts 2017/8 save some trees and project it on the screen.

We the AMB hold two accounts. No 1 is for the technical side for which we receive a grant from IMarEST and RINA. These monies include an amount for promoting young engineers, we already sponsor a prize for a student at RGU if there is anything you think the branch should support speak to one of the committee.

No 2 is the social funds and is the responsibility of the branch. I do not propose to go through the balance sheets line by line but the following are the main highlights:

Again this year there is no Bank interest in either account.

No 1 account

No 1 account opened the year with a balance of £8,429.61. The income for this account is grant from IMarEST and RINA this year it was £7094.00 this is £500 up on the previous year. For the grant to be paid the accounts must be audited and submitted, following last years AGM I sent them off to HQ so the grant was received.

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Expenditure is down this year, £2,995.58 this includes hire of a room for the talks, food before the meeting and entertain the speakers after the meeting. The bus for the Technical outing and for the entry for the Tech outing. Committee expenses include postage, framing certificates, our vice chairman attendance at another branch dinner the rail travel came to £92.00.

This year we have paid, for one quaiach for the RGU award, this will be presented in December at the prize giving and the cheque will show on next years accounts.

So we closed this year with a balance up on last year at £12,528.03. there are £251.00 expenses, these came in after the end of September, these will show here next year

No 2 account

No 2 account started the year at £4,487.80.

The Technical visit income was £685.00. This year we paid out £811.40 as subsidy for the outing, there was no 2017 dinner dance but we did have a joint dinner dance this year at the end of September 2018 and this will show in next years accounts.

The total in the bank no 2 account at year end was £4,361.40 there are payment outstanding of £500 for the guest table at the dance and any profit will also be shown here next year. The monies held would cover any event where make a loss.

All funds held by the branch at 30/9/2018 total £16,889.43 up on the same time last year so the committee continue to manage the accounts of the branch for our future. I said last year we may be capped for our grant or be asked to refund some of the monies. The committee have proposed that we should only accept a 50% grant this coming year and this proposal has been sent to IMarEST HQ.

Finally I would like to give a big thank you to Siva for checking this years accounts.
I will now take any Questions

If there are no more questions I only require the accounts to be adopted by the branch.

Motion to approve the accounts:

Proposed by: Harry Knox

Seconded by Renjeev Kurup

No objections being raised the accounts were formally approved.

Appointment of Office Bearers

Chair, Harry Knox, having indicated that due to work commitments he felt unable to continue in the role, stepped down. The current Vice Chair, Renjeev Kurup being eligible and willing to take up the role is proposed.

Proposed by Willie Paterson

Seconded by David Armstrong

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Vice Chair, As Renjeev Kurup has been appointed as Chairman a new Vice Chair is required. John Butler, being eligible and having indicated his willingness to serve was proposed.

Proposed by David Armstrong
Seconded by Willie Paterson

Hon Treasurer, David Armstrong indicated that he no longer wished to continue in the role.

Mr. Rory Robertson, committee member, was proposed.

Proposed by Renjeev Kurup
Seconded by David Armstrong

Appointment of Committee

Harry Knox and David Armstrong, as past chairman and treasurer respectively, were appointed to the committee for a period of one year.

There was a proposal from David Armstrong that we should appoint a Social Secretary and he proposed that Mr Harry Knox be appointed. This proposal was seconded by Renjeev Kurup.

There being no objections from the floor, the persons mentioned above were duly elected for the year 2018/19

Presentation of Awards

The outgoing chair then presented the *Tony Smith Award* for the best technical presentation to the Branch for year 2016/2017 to Mr Trevor Jones of Shell and Mr Craig Walker of Proserve for their paper on “Diverless Riser Removal from an FPSO” given to the branch on 29th March 2017

The Tony Smith award for 2017/2018 was presented to Mr Roderick Wordie of Ship Repairers & Shipbuilders Ltd. For his paper on “Shackleton’s Endurance Voyage 1914-1916”, which was given to the branch on 24th January 2018.

There being no other business the AGM was then closed.

Mr Harry Knox then introduced the speaker for the Technical Presentation for the evening.

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