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## Minutes of Annual General Meeting 2017

### Meeting Held at RGU Garthedee Campus on Wednesday 25th October 2017

The meeting opened at 18.30 hrs with a welcome from the Vice Chair Renjeev Kurup. The minutes of last years AGM, having been circulated by e-mail, were approved. The Vice Chair then presented the Chair's report as follows:

**Chairman 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 2017/18 session.

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

- Oct. - Doug Milne of Babcock on the 'First Flood Up and Move of HMS Queen Elizabeth.'
- Nov. – Peter Burrige of Maersk Oil on "Drone Inspections in Maersk Oil UK –Topsides and Tanks."
- Feb. – Peter McLean of Furmanite on "Working Under Pressure"
- Mar. – Dr Bev MacKenzie on "The Work of the Special Interest Groups in IMarEST"
- Mar. – Albert Williams and Craig Walker of Shell on "Diverless Riser Removal from an FPSO"

Attendances were reasonably good at the technical presentations with an average attendance of 27. This is down from last year's average of 34, which is disappointing so please pass the word round colleagues and friends.

Our annual technical outing was held on 20th May and was a visit to the pumped storage power station at Cruachan on Loch Awe followed by a visit to the Glenturret Distillery at Crieff. This was followed by a meal at the Murraypark Hotel in Crieff. 21 persons took part in this.

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We also held, in association with other institutions, a Curling event primarily aimed at the Young Professionals.

In addition to this a technical outing to the Aberdeen Community Energy renewable power installation at Woodside was held on 28<sup>th</sup> September in conjunction with the I.Mech.E. This was very informative and we thank Mark Bragg for facilitating this visit.

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

Tonight, on the conclusion of the AGM, we will hear from Mike Gaskin of Maritime Developments Ltd on “Portable VLS Systems”

29/11/17 – David Galbraith of TWI will present on “Additive Manufacture for Application Onboard Ships and Offshore Installations”

24/01/18 – Roderick Wordie of Ship Repairers & Shipbuilders Ltd will present on “Shackletons’ Endurance Voyage, 1914-1916

21/2/18– Alan Stokes will present on “50 years at the Forefront of Technology” - TBC

28/3/18 – Dr Nadimul Faisal of RGU will present on “Auxetic Structures for Marine Safety Applications.

We plan to hold a technical outing in May and the details of this will be advised in due course.

The feasibility of a dinner dance in 2017 is also being examined possibly as a joint venture with the Nautical Institute but this will depend on the level of support which we are likely to have for this. Again we will keep you advised but it would be helpful if any companies who would be interested in supporting such an event could let us know. The sooner the better, so please ask around.

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

I will now pass over to the Treasurer, David Armstrong to present the accounts of the branch.

## **Treasurers Statement**

(Statement of accounts shown on screen)

We the AMB hold 2 accounts. No 1 is for the technical side for which we receive a grant from IMarEST and RINI. I would remind you that 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:

What you will see again this year there is no Bank interest in either the account.

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No 1 account opened the year with a balance of £5,661.77 this figure is up on last year. The income for this account is grant from IMarEST and RINA this year it was £6594.00 a little up on last year. The accounts were audited and submitted following last years AGM and the grant was received In December 2016.

Expenditure is down this year, £3826.16 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 chairman saved us monies this year, attendance at other branch dinner's are normally paid from this account but he was in Glasgow for business so his company paid for him to be there.

So we closed this year with a balance up on last year at£8429.61.

This year we have paid, for three quachs for the RGU award, catch up for 2015, then the 2016 and 2017, we normally present these in December but the person graduated in July. I was there to present the award this year on behalf of the branch. The 2016 that was awarded in December 2016 was presented by Willie Paterson the Branch secretary.

No 2 account

No 2 account started the year at £4592.80.

The Tech visit income was £420.00. This year we paid out £525.00 there was no 2016 dinner dance, the committee did not take this decision lightly but following the down turn in the oil sector we had difficulty selling tables. We do hope to be able to do something this year, this may be a joint dance but we will keep you posted.

The total in the bank in account 2 at year end was £4,487.80 this looks well there are no payments outstanding. These monies could cover any loss in the dinner dance if we hold one.

All funds held by the branch at 30/9/2017 total £12917.41 up on the same time last year so the committee continue to manage the accounts of the branch for our future. We may be capped for our grant

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.  
Adoption of accounts proposed by Renjeev Kurup and seconded by John Butler

## Committee and Office Bearers

There were four vacancies for committee and following invitations for nominees from all members of the branch a survey of all branch members was invited. The results of the survey election were that the following were elected to the committee:

Rory Robertson	Proposed by John Butler, Seconded by Willie Paterson
John Blacklock	Proposed by Willie Paterson, Seconded by Harry Knox
Farshid Fardi	Proposed by Willie Paterson, Seconded by Renjeev Kurup
George Macrae	Proposed by Renjeev Kurup, Seconded by Willie Paterson

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The following office bearers were re-elected:

Chair: Harry Knox, being eligible and having indicated a willingness to serve was re-elected. Proposed by David Armstrong and seconded by John Butler.

Vice Chair: Renjeev Kurup, being eligible and having indicated a willingness to serve was re-elected. Proposed by John Butler and seconded by David Armstrong.

Hon. Secretary: Willie Paterson, being eligible and having indicated a willingness to serve was re-elected. Proposed by Renjeev Kurup and seconded by Djanani Balacoumarane.

Hon Treasurer: David Armstrong, being eligible and having indicated a willingness to serve was re-elected. Proposed by Sam Chadwick and seconded by Shamit Sinha

### **Presentation of Tony Smith Award**

The presentation of this award was made by John Butler to Peter Burrige of Maersk Oil for his presentation on the use of drone technology for inspections in tanks and topsides of offshore installations given to the branch in November 2016.

### **Closing Remarks**

The AGM was concluded by the vice chair expressing the branch's thanks to RGU and to George Kidd and Douglas Robertson for making the venue arrangements and for facilitating the technical meetings during the session.

### **Technical Presentation**

A technical presentation on the use of portable VLS systems by Mike Gaskin of Maritime Developments Ltd was then introduced.

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