



Isle of Man Section

BCS (IOM) Ltd

MINUTES OF 2018 AGM

18:00 on Thursday 18th October 2018 at the Barrule Suite Tynwald

OPEN MEETING

The meeting opened at 18:15, Chaired by Bob Sullivan.

APOLOGIES

Roger Cowin, David Gimbert, Steven Wilson

PRESENT

Committee : Stephen Beesley, Zak Hoosen, Graham Hurley, Graeme Jones,
Bob Sullivan

Members : Ffinlo Craine, Owen Cutajar, Chris Hogben, Jill Ruane

MINUTES

Copies of the Minutes for the 2017 AGM were distributed prior to the AGM. The meeting voted to adopt them as a true record, Proposer: Chris Hogben, Seconder: Ffinlo Craine.

CORRESPONDENCE

The Chair stated that no correspondence had been received prior to the meeting.

ANNUAL REPORTS

The Annual Reports of the Chair, the Membership Secretary, and the Treasurer were made available to the meeting, occasioning discussion as below (see AOB).

CHAIR

Mr Sullivan reviewed the year just past, which had had difficulties as well as successes, against a background of an IT sector that was doing reasonably well in the Island. The age profile of the membership was a matter for remark, and for future attention.

Other Annual Reports, being those of the Treasurer and the Membership Secretary were taken as read.

ACCOUNTS

These were laid before the meeting in accordance with the law.

ELECTION OF COMMITTEE: 2018/2019

There being no contested nominations, the present Committee was re-elected unopposed. Proposers: Owen Cutajar and Ffinlo Craine, Seconder: Chris Hogben.

PROGRAMME 2018/2019

The expected pipeline of future events included:

Nov 18: Tech Crowdfunding

Jan 19: BBC Head of Innovation

Feb 19: Head of Telco

The Membership Secretary (Graham Hurley) remarked that during the past year we had canvassed the opinions of members we were able to reach, and a strand of opinion had emerged that, while training in Technical matters was mainly catered to by employers, the membership would like to see more general managerial subjects addressed, for example in project management, organisational skills and career opportunities and progression. To cater to that, the Committee had held a pilot Networking Event, and plans to repeat these on a regular basis. A call for ideas was issued.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Two subjects were addressed.

Chris Hogben noted that in the Accounts, the Education Fund stood at £3000, and had not been utilised during the year. A discussion of possibilities ensued, especially in relation to Codeclub IOM, in which Chris Hogben, Owen Cutajar and John Middleton are all active, and on possible ways of utilising this funding.

The Age Profile of the Membership, in a profession which was thought to be mainly composed of the young, was remarked upon. The Membership Secretary's prior remarks upon the apparent demand for career development and social and networking events, project and wider managerial skills, was again alluded to, along with the need to engage, if possible, with schools and colleges. The Chair recounted the reactions of some young persons he knew well.

SET DATE OF THE NEXT ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Proposed for October 10 or 17th of 2019. Date and venue to be confirmed

CLOSE MEETING

The meeting was closed at 18:35 by the Chair.

After refreshment, the meeting heard a presentation by Phil Makinson, the Chief Commercial Officer from the peer to peer car sharing service "hiyacar".