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Minutes of BCS Bedford Branch
Annual General Meeting
Held in the St Andrew Church Hall, Bedford
On 18 September 2013 at 19:45

Present:

Ip-Shing Fan	*Chairman /Education Liaison Officer*
Saverio Bongo	*Secretary / Email Co-ordinator*
Richard Maddison	*Treasurer*
Ian Wilson	*Webmaster*
Anthony Bodle	
Steve Porter	
Chris Ireland	
Sue Brandreth	
Maurice Komolafe	
Lee Chant	
Neil Woolmer	

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1. Apologies for Absence

Paul Stewart, Chris Knight, David Briggs, Bill Kenway and Bob Bethell

2. Minutes of Last AGM

The Minutes of the 2012 AGM were accepted as a true record.

3. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising not covered by the 2013 Agenda.

4. Chairman's Report

See attached Chairman's report.

5. Treasurer's Report

- Everything is satisfactory. In 2012/13 we spent £1108 (2011/12 £1771) on meetings and student prizes.
- BCS HQ did not allocate us as much as I bid for. When we got the reduced allocation we cancelled three proposed meetings – saving about £600, and were forced to negotiate a one-off agreement with Bedford College for a substantial reduction in our share of the costs of the meetings there. Some other meetings cost less than had been estimated and allocated. No speaker claimed any expenses. One of the four universities to which we expected to give a student prize did not nominate a candidate to us. So our final expenditure was far less than we were allocated.
- For 2012/13 I have bid for the total based on the Branch Committee proposed meetings and prizes, together with the cost of a special event for Computing in Schools. HQ have allocated a sum to cover the first three months, starting 1 September 2013. I don't anticipate any problem.
- The committee thanked the Treasurer for his continued support and dialogue with BCS HQ.

6. Secretary's Report

- Regular correspondence with BCS HQ was maintained.
- Supported the Branch Committee meetings as well as circulated relevant information about the events amongst the membership and local businesses.

7. Other Reports

- The Chairman updated the meeting regarding the "Computers in Schools" Project. Contacts established with specific individuals in the Councils and Higher Education Schools. Arrangements being made for a visit to The National Museum of Computers, Bletchley on 14 Mar 2014.
- The joint events with Bedford College continue to be successful and well received. They attract a good attendance.

8. Election of Committee

Due to work commitments Paul Stewart and David Briggs offered their resignation from the Committee. The Chairman thanked Paul and David for their contributions to the Branch.

All other existing Committee Members agreed to stand again.

In addition, Sue Brandreth, Maurice Komolafe and Chris Ireland put themselves forward to join the Committee.

The result of the election for the Officers was as follows:

Position	Nominated	Proposed	Seconded	Result
Chairman/Education Liaison Officer	Ip-Shing Fan	Anthony Bodle	Richard Maddison	Elected
Secretary/Email Co-ordinator	Saverio Bongo	Anthony Bodle	Richard Maddison	Elected
Treasurer	Richard Maddison	Anthony Bodle	Ip-Shing Fan	Elected
Webmaster	Ian Wilson	Anthony Bodle	Richard Maddison	Elected
Membership Secretary	Chris Knight	Anthony Bodle	Richard Maddison	Elected
Committee Member	Bob Bethell	Anthony Bodle	Richard Maddison	Elected
Committee Member	Bill Kenway	Anthony Bodle	Richard Maddison	Elected
Committee Member	Sue Brandreth	Anthony Bodle	Richard Maddison	Elected
Committee Member	Maurice Komolafe	Anthony Bodle	Richard Maddison	Elected
Committee Member	Chris Ireland	Anthony Bodle	Richard Maddison	Elected

9. **Any Other Business**
   None

The Chairman declared the formal AGM meeting closed at 20:05.

Guest Speaker – Lee Chant, MD Hays IT Recruitment, gave a brief talk on the latest trends in the IT job market. Highlighting the key findings from the Hays Market Overview and Salary Guide 2013.

The chairman thanked the Guest Speaker and his guest for sharing their knowledge and experience with the audience.