

# **Minutes of the Civil Engineers' Club Hybrid Annual General Meeting held at ICE on Monday 29 April 2024**

Present: Professor David Balmforth (Chair)  
Tony Barber  
Steve Bracken  
John Brownlie (Zoom)  
Phillip Holliday (Zoom)  
Angus McAvoy (Zoom)  
Sam Phillips  
Jean Venables (Zoom)  
Roger Venables (Zoom)  
Peter Richardson (Secretary)

**1. Apologies for absence** were received from Angela Newlands and Martyn Taylor.

**2. Minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting** held on 11 July 2023 were proposed to be accepted. They were agreed unanimously.

### **3. Matters arising**

3.1 There were none.

### **4. Chair's report**

4.1 Professor David Balmforth said that last year's strategy for going forward was continuing: we had drafted and introduced a new constitution, made more links with the regions aiming to diversify events throughout the regions and thereby increasing our membership. We now have representatives on the committee from Scotland, Wales and West Midlands. Our member numbers were now 368 against 362 last year.

4.2 We learnt in the year that we were not covered by ICE's insurance which delayed some of our activities at the time of last Autumn. However we have now obtained our own insurance. This only covers UK though, so any overseas activities are not insured.

4.3 The Club held a successful Question Time Debate last year after the AGM which was highly successful and ICE has now taken this up to make it a regular event. This year's hybrid event after this AGM meeting was over-subscribed.

4.4 The Chair thanked the committee for their hard work in ensuring the successful day to day running of the Club. Much was being done by a few members and we need younger members to join the committee to spread the load. This included finding a new Chair.

4.5 The Chair's report was accepted unanimously.

### **5. Secretary's report**

5.1 Peter Richardson thanked the Chair Balmforth for all his work for the Club in the past year, together with all Committee Members for their cheerful devotion to their duties.

5.2 The Secretary was thanked for his report.

### **6. Treasurer's report**

6.1 Steve Bracken the Treasurer presented the accounts for the year ending 31 December 2023. He reported that the finances were sound and we have supported events throughout the year. There is scope to extend financial help to new activities. The insurance fee was affordable.

6.2 The report was accepted unanimously.

### **7. Approval of Membership Subscription for 2025**

7.1 The Committee proposed that the annual membership subscription for the Civil Engineers' Club should remain at £10 for Ordinary Members and Associate Members for next, 2025. This was unanimously agreed.

## **8. Approval of Accounts for 2023**

8.1 The accounts were accepted unanimously.

8.2 It was proposed that Janet Homer be appointed to review the accounts. This was accepted unanimously

## **9. Election of officers**

9.1 It was unanimously agreed that the officers as listed below would continue to serve on the committee.

Chair	David Balmforth
Vice Chair	Angus McAvoy
Secretary	Peter Richardson
Treasurer	Stephen Bracken

## **10. Election of Committee members**

10.1 It was unanimously agreed that the committee members as listed below would serve on the committee.

Section leaders:

Bouldering	Tony Barber
Contract Bridge	Peter Richardson
Golf	Martyn Taylor
Northern Ireland	Sam Phillips
Singing	Tony Barber
Walking	Tony Barber

ICE regions:

ICE Scotland	Angela Newlands
ICE Wales	Peter Burns
ICE West Midlands	Phillip Holliday

## **11. Section reports**

11.1 The section reports as listed below were all included in the Annual Report as circulated previously.

Bouldering  
Contract Bridge  
Golf  
Northern Ireland  
Sailing  
Singing  
Walking

## **12. Any other business**

12.1 There was none.

## **13. Date of next Annual General Meeting, 2025**

13.1 The date, probably in April 2025, will be announced in good time, preferably to coincide with a Question Time debate.