AGM of the IIRSM East Midlands Branch

Meeting held on 31.05.2013 at Donington Park

Present

Gary Musson                                           John Johnstone                                           Robin Filby
Kevin Swift                                             Lizz Fields-Pattinson                                  Andy Winks
Peter Bayley-Bligh                                       Bob Booth                                                  Phillip Pearson (IIRSM)
Phil Wilson                                             Mark Creed                                                  Sarah Binch (HSL)
Dom Barraclough                                           Janine Watterson
Paul Hughes                                             Gary Bramley
Anthony Southwell                                         Stephen Penistone
Tony Vozniac                                             Ciaran Lennon
Adrian Marsden                                           Dennis Johnson
Catherine Wilkes                                         Steve Ruddick

Apologies

Bronwen Macarthur- Williams                               Gordon Stokes
Chris Ogden                                               David Hayman
Graham Bacon                                               Ross Glover

• Venue

Before the meeting got under way, guests were encouraged to visit the racing museum and given a talk on the history of Donington Park and its hopes and plans for the future.

• Welcome and Introductions

A welcome to the meeting was conducted by G. Musson who thanked everyone for attending and read out the apologies. Special thanks were also given to all sponsors and committee members for their support. Sponsors for the day included O Heap and Son, UK Financial Consultants, Quotient Clinical and HSEC.
• **Speaker 1 Phillip Pearson**

The first speaker of the day was Phillip Pearson the Deputy Chief Executive of IIRSM. Phillip spoke about his personal background in industry and his vision for the future of the IIRSM. He talked of pride in the organisation and the importance of membership and the formation of new branches to encourage communication. Members were encouraged to put forward ideas for improvement. The Chairman thanked Phillip for attending and gave a brief overview of how the East Midlands Branch was formed and where we are now.

• **Branch Meeting**

Chair Report – G Musson looked back to when the branch was first formed and the problems with finding suitable venues. Swadlincote Town Hall has now been established as a regular meeting place at reasonable cost and plenty of free parking nearby. The branch tries to bring in speakers of interest to members and this will continue throughout 2013 as well as interacting with IIRSM and offering support at events. A meeting took place in Wolverhampton with members of other branches and it is hoped to do this again soon. The branch Christmas Party was a huge success and enjoyed by all who attended. It is hoped to repeat this again this year (if the dance floor is up to it). It is hoped that more members would attend meetings this year and the committee are working hard behind the scenes to make the branch a success. Treasurer Report – Bank account active with funds. Full report to be made available. Event Co-ordinator – A full schedule of speakers for the year ahead has been produced. This will be issued to members and put on the website. Secretary – Nothing to report Comms Manager – Would like to encourage more use of sites such as Linkedin and Facebook as a networking tool. Use these sites to comment or reply to issues raised by other members.

• **Voting in of new committee members**

The following were voted in or re-elected:

Chairman – Gary Musson
Vice Chair – Phil Wilson

Secretary – Catherine Wilkes
Deputy – Anthony Southwell

Treasurer – Kevin Swift

Comms Manager – Lizz Fields-Pattinson

Events Co-ordinator – John Johnstone
Committee Members – Mark Creed, Tony Vozniak, Dom Barraclough

- **Speaker 2 Sarah Binch**

The second speaker of the day was Sarah Binch a Human and Organisational Factors Specialist with the HSL at Buxton. The HSL’s Safety Climate Tool is a robust psychometric instrument for measuring safety climate. It consists of an online questionnaire that consists of 40 statements that map onto eight key factors that measure employee’s attitudes on health and safety. The tool can be tailored to the user’s organisation with bespoke questions and branding. Sarah gave a brief background and very informative demonstration of the tool.

- **Close**

The Chairman Gary Musson thanked all members, speakers and sponsor’s for attending and making it a very successful AGM. The next branch meeting will be held at 1900hrs on Wednesday 3rd July 2013 at Swadlincote Town Hall. All are welcome and refreshments will be available.

With no further business the meeting closed at 1535hrs.