IIRSM East Midlands Branch Meeting Minutes

Meeting held 2nd October 2013, 7pm, Swadlincote Town/Market Hall

Present
Gary Musson  Mark Creed  Ciarán Lennon
Phil Wilson  Lizz Fields-Pattinson
Anthony Southwell  Matt Barker

Apologies
John Johnstone  Kevin Swift
Tony Vozniak  Bryan Dawson-James
Dom Barraclough  Catherine Wilkes

Welcome by Chair
Phil Wilson (PW), Branch Vice-Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Minutes of the Last Branch Meeting
The minutes of the last branch meeting (4th September 2013) were read and signed off as a true record.

Branch Christmas Party
- At the moment there are 10 people who have paid for their places on the Branch Christmas Party, possibly 12. PW asked those at the meeting, if they have wish to attend the Christmas Party that they should book, via e-mail, with the Branch Secretary, Catherine Wilkes and that payment should be made by Friday 25th October.

Updates
- RIDDOR is being updated. The changes made to RIDDOR have been ratified and are now active.
- First Aid guidance – Training (Approved Trainers), there have been changes made to this guidance as well.
- G Musson said that if anyone wants any further information, then getting involved in networking at IIRSM East Midland Branch Meetings is a good idea. G Musson also flagged up that there have been changes made to HSG65. P Wilson commented that the H&S guidance and documents seem to be changing and also being updated very rapidly at the moment.
- P Wilson asked those in attendance if anyone was going to the upcoming IIRSM Conference at the NEC, Birmingham. There will be a legislative update session being run by the HSE. Information regarding this event can be found on the IIRSM website.
- It was also noted at the meeting that HSG107 Electrical Equipment has also been revised.
• Ciarán Lennon raised an environmental point. There have been changes made to the Scrap Metal Waste procedures.
• P Wilson noted that he will provide a brief summary of what was said during the legislative update session by the HSE at the NEC, Birmingham when he attends. He will give this update at the January meeting.

**Guest Speaker**

• Mick Smith – Newground Business Services

• Newground was groundwork company to begin with. The company is now part of a much wider group that has been formed by a merger of a number of Housing Associations in the North-West of the Country, the company acts as a social business, so all the profit they make goes back into their social and charitable programmes.
• The company has provided environmental business support for the past 28 years and also offers health and safety business support and HR support as well.
• The company has an online legislative update database for environmental, health and safety, and HR issues. Companies can pay a subscription to Newground Business Services for access to these online update databases. They also provide clients with monthly updates for environmental, health and safety and HR. Once you have access, you can interrogate their online update system to find the particular piece(s) of legislation you are looking for. The Company also offers a Consultancy Service.

**Any Other Business**

None

**Next Meeting:**

Wed 6\(^{th}\) November 2013, 7pm at Swadlincote Town/Market Hall, 16 Midland Road (The Delph), Swadlincote, Derbyshire, DE11 1SR.

**Meeting Closed** 8.15pm