IIRSM East Midlands Branch Meeting Minutes

Meeting held 2 April 2014, 7pm, Swadlincote Town/Market Hall

Present
Dennis Johnson  Kevin Swift  Ian Boam
Phil Wilson  Ciara Lennon  Paul Nephin
Catherine Wilkes  Jeremy Squire  David Benford
Paul Ellwood  Gary Musson

Apologies
Tony Vozniak  Paul Dexter  Amanda Chamen
Lizz Fields-Pattinson  Matt Barker  Roger Rees
Anthony Southwell  Mark Creed  John Johnstone

Welcome by Chair
Gary Musson (GM) welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Minutes of the Last Branch Meeting
The minutes of the last branch meeting (5 March 2014) were confirmed as a true record. NB. Branch meeting minutes are no longer emailed out to all members. Minutes are now uploaded onto the IIRSM East Midlands branch web page.

AGM – 1 May 2014
• GM announced that the venue was confirmed (St George’s Park, Burton-upon-Trent) with Fleet 21 being the main guest speaker. They will be conducting a mock trial with magistrate and barristers, to illustrate what could be expected should one of your drivers be involved in a work-related road traffic accident.
• Sponsors are still being sought for what is hoped to be a very well attended event – should you know any businesses who may be interested please contact GM directly (gary@gsmusson.com).

Committee Elections
• All committee officer positions will be open for nominations. Should you wish to fulfil any of the positions, please let GM know (gary@gsmusson.com).
• Committee positions open to be filled are:
  o Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, Secretary, Deputy Secretary, Treasurer, Events Coordinator, Communications Officer and 3 further general officer positions
• Please note that you must be nominated, and your nomination seconded by two separate branch members.
Guest Speaker – David Benford (Blackstage Forensics)

- David delivered an engaging and thought provoking presentation covering the security risks from social media and smart devices.
- Using a number of case studies, David demonstrated how easy it is for criminals to access information through careless and naive use of social media, and perhaps more worryingly how they could then use the information to gain access to a person or their family. A number of criminal objectives were covered including blackmail, security breaches, and identity theft.
- David concluded his presentation recommending that businesses conduct social media risk assessments – two objective for this (i) to protect businesses from employees unintentionally opening the business to risk; (ii) to educate employees for their own safety.
- GM thanked David on behalf of the meeting. A brilliant presentation – not one to have been missed.

Any Other Business

- GM noted that John Johnstone (Events Coordinator) would be presenting the branch meeting speaker program for June 2014 onwards at the AGM.
- GM asked if anyone would be prepared to sponsor meetings going forward – there is a small charge for the hire of the Market Hall and the Branch is currently running low on funds. If your business would be prepared to sponsor the hall, please contact Gary (gary@gsmusson.com).

Next Meeting: AGM
Thu 1 May 2014, 12 noon
Sir Bobby Robson 3, Hilton at St George’s Park, Newborough Road, Needwood, Burton Upon Trent, DE13 9PD
Pre-registration required – please contact Catherine Wilkes (Secretary): catherinewilkes@ntlworld.com

Meeting Closed 9.10pm