IIRSM East Midlands Branch Committee Meeting Minutes

3 September 2014

Present
Gary Musson
Lizz Fields-Pattinson
Ciaran Lennon
Paul Bush
Glenn Manners
Andrew Bruynseels

John Johnstone
Phil Wilson
Kevin Swift
Peter Bayleigh-Bligh
Ian Boam

Steve Richards
Catherine Wilkes
Trudy Clements
Trevor Davies
Matt Daft

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Previous Minutes
• The minutes of the previous meeting (2 July 2014) were accepted as a true and accurate record.

IIRSM Branches Forum
• Phil Wilson (PW) and Catherine Wilkes (CW) gave a brief summary of the forum which had been held in London on 10 July. IIRSM have recruited a new Head of Marketing and Communications (Clare Fleming) who has been tasked with ensuring the branch network get the support it requires.
• The next forum is scheduled for 12 November 2014 and will be held in Birmingham at the ThinkTank, the day before the IIRSM conference.
• PW asked that committee members interested in attending, let him know.

Action:
• Committee members to contact PW if they wish to attend the next Branches Forum

Branch Funds
• PW made an appeal to all branch members for sponsorship / donations to assist with the cost of meeting hall hire. The branch currently does not have enough funds to pay its latest invoice. Gary Musson (G S Musson & Associates) pledged £50 at the meeting.

Action:
• Branch members able to assist with sponsorship to contact PW directly at cpwsafetylimited@gmail.com

Next Committee Meeting
• Committee members were reminded that the next committee meeting is scheduled for Wed 17 September, 6pm at the Bonnie Prince Pub, Chellaston.

Guest Speaker – Mark Toplass (South Derbyshire District Council)

Mark Toplass, an Enforcement Officer for SDDC, gave an overview of an innovative pilot project undertaken by Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire Chamber of Commerce in partnership with County and District Council regulators. The project provided local businesses with free health and safety
advice with the aim of finding out more about the perceived burden health and safety regulations place on businesses. It was found that over two thirds of the cases, the regulatory burden was not due to a regulator imposing demands upon the business, but due to the uncertainty of the client about general legal compliance.

In addition Mark fielded questions from the floor, which included topics such as FFI, PUWER and challenging an Inspector.

Following the roundtable discussion, PW led a vote of thanks.

**Next Meeting:**
Wednesday 1 October 2014, 7pm at Swadlincote Town/Market Hall, 16 Midland Road (The Delph), Swadlincote, Derbyshire, DE11 1SR.

**Meeting Closed:** 8.45pm