Meeting of the IIRSM East Midlands Branch

Meeting held on 03.10.2012 at Swadlincote Town/Market Hall

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Present
Gary Musson
Kevin Swift
Roger Rees
Phil Wilson
Lizz Fields-Pattinson

Catherine Wilkes
Anthony Southwell
Mark Creed

Apologies
Bronwen MacArthur-Williams
Edward Braisher
David Matthews
Dom Barraclogh
John Johnstone (joined by phone link)

Welcome
A welcome to the meeting was conducted by G. Musson who also welcomed new member Mark Creed.

Minutes of the last Branch Meeting
The minutes of the last meeting dated 16.05.2012 were read and signed off as a true and accurate record.

Correspondence
G Musson informed the group that the present venue had been booked until Christmas with the option to extend into the New Year at reasonable cost. G Musson agreed to sponsor this meeting and P Wilson agreed to sponsor November’s meeting.
A suggestion was raised with regards to having a venue nearer to main transport routes for ease of access for members. All agreed to get feedback from members before changes were made.
A question was raised about claiming CPD points for meetings and most agreed that these could be claimed depending on what members got out of it.
Officers Reports

- G Musson explained the benefit of having an online account which costs in the region of £5.00 per month for the package and this would be looked at in more detail. The branch was represented at the Health and Safety Midlands event where several people showed an interest in joining the group. It was important for the branch to start moving forward again and encourage members to attend meetings. All agreed to boost activities and sort out a speaker’s calendar for 2013. R Rees suggested a breakdown of membership types to arrange speakers that would reach the majority. It was also suggested to invite other branches to a specific event.
- Lizz Fields-Pattinson commented that not many members were using the social network sites (Facebook and Linkedin) as a communication tool. She would like to see more interaction on these sites.
- John Johnstone joined the meeting by phone link and informed the group that the last speaker had to pull out due to other commitments but it was hoped that he may be able to make November. A visit to the Eco Centre, including presentation, was planned for the 18th January 2013, details of times and cost would be circulated shortly. Searches for other speakers were on-going and details would be announced as they are confirmed. Possible dates for the Christmas Party were the 21st or 22nd of December at the Mickleover Hotel with the option to stay over if required, all agreed that the 22nd would be the preferred choice. A raffle would be organised by members with donated prizes and members would be given the chance to pay online. Full details of cost/deposit/payment/tickets etc. will be given following the Officers meeting to be held shortly.

Any other Business

- Phil Wilson reminded members of the IIRSM/HSW Conference which takes place in Birmingham on November 15th 2012.
- Suggestions were made to encourage student membership by having a stand at job fairs.
- Members were asked for ideas to boost membership and also to put forward suggestions for future speakers and/or topics of interest. Any ideas may be sent to the Chairman, Secretary or John direct (or use one of the Social Network sites).

The next meeting will take place at 7pm on the 7th November 2012 at Swadlincote Town Hall. Your support would be greatly appreciated.

Meeting closed at 8:45 pm.