

Minutes of the Offchurch Wood Turners Club

Annual General Meeting

3 March 2016

Committee

Chairman	John Davies
Secretary	Steve Jennings
Treasurer	Dave Williams
Membership Secretary	Mick White
Editor	Mike Sharman
Assistant Editor	Jan Lucas

1. Chairman's Address.

The meeting opened at 1930 Hrs and the Chairman welcomed all attending. John Davies gave the Chairman's address and the copy is attached to these minutes.

During the address discussion was made about Pole Lathe and members demonstrations.

2. Minutes of the last meeting.

The minutes of the 2015 AGM were presented, reviewed and passed.

3. Treasurer's Report.

Dave Williams covered the annual financial report and also spoke about:

- There was an increase in the annual cupboard charge of £25 and the annual charge is now £125.00. This was invoiced in Feb 2016 for FY 15-16.
- The raffle is working well with raffle income increasing while outlay for prizes has reduced.
- The state of the club's finances was such that there was no need to increase annual fees.
- There were no questions from the floor and the report was passed.

4. Election of the Committee.

The elected committee for 2016 – 2017 is:

Chairman	John Davies
Secretary	Steve Jennings
Treasurer	Dave Williams
Membership Secretary	Vacant

Editor
Assistant Editor /Web Site Manager

Mike Sharman
Jan Lucas

There were no volunteers for the post of Membership Secretary. This position will be advertised in Woody's World and asked for at the next meeting in April 2016. Mick White will remain as stand in but cannot guarantee attending every meeting.

5. A.O.B.

Nick Milton explained the Daventry Show was on the 13 and 14 May which was a Friday and Saturday. Volunteers were asked for to be on the club stand. Demonstration pieces were requested to be handed in at the meeting on 12 May.

Steve Jennings explained that due to the hall being used as a polling station for the General Election on 5 May 2016 the club will meet on 12 May 2016 instead.

Ken Croft explained the Axminster discount scheme and said he would be the focal point for orders while David Williams will take the money from members. The club will receive a 10% discount on all orders over £100.00 but they must be ordered by a single point of contact from the club. Axminster are having a wood turning open weekend on 11/12 March.

Proposed by Steve Jennings. Seconded by John Davies. The minutes of the AGM be placed on the club website without the financial report. Proposal Carried.

John Davis took an action to produce a written passage for the web site explaining how much the membership fee is and what one gets for this fee.

There was diverse discussion over attracting new members, 'Hands-On' nights and setting up several lathes with each demonstrating a different technique to small groups of members. Several members offered to do demonstrations.

'Wizardry in Wood' is an event in London and John Davies will pass details to Jan Lucas to to put on the club web site.

The question was asked as to what time the club meeting starts. It was decided that all meetings will start 1900 Hrs.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 2025 Hrs.

Offchurch Woodturners AGM 2016 – Chairman's Report

Last Year's Programme

Last year we had three professional turners giving demos. We also had some problems at the start of the year with Axminster not turning up and one of the professional turners bringing the wrong size bowl blank for our club lathe. However all three professional demos were of a high standard which is a relief because the cost for these demos is also very high and the quality doesn't always match the price.

We also had two very interesting demos from club members. David Tilley showed his method of making Christmas trees and Dave Simms showed how to make Christmas decorations.

We also had a couple of hands on evenings and from my point of view I would like to see more members take part in the hands on evenings. The display that we put on for the Daventry Show and the competition entries for the New Year social shows that we have plenty of talent in the club. For next year I'd like to see everybody bring along their tools just once and have a go.

Next Year's Programme

For the coming year we have professional demos from Lea Stoffer and Richard Findlay. We're also trying to finalise one more professional turner and the possibility of a return visit from the pole lathe turners.

Obviously if any members want to do a demo like David or Dave last year then they'd be more than welcome. Please talk to one of the committee.

As regards hands on evenings then a popular type of event in the past is where members bring along a particular type of tool for others to examine or to try out. We've done this with deep hollowing tools and sharpening systems and we can run these again if there's interest.

New Year Social

We had a successful New Year social. Thanks to Mary of coordinating it and thanks to everybody who brought along food and raffle prizes.

Daventry Show

Thanks to everybody who provided samples of work for the Offchurch stand and also to Nick

Milton for organising everything. This year's show will be held on Friday 13th & Saturday 14th

May.

Woody's World & Online Presence

Thanks to Mike Sharman for the excellent reporting and production for Woody's World and to Jan

Lucas for setting up and maintaining our online presence. We've had several comments and enquiries via the website so people are reading it.

Other Comments

We had a complaint from the Hall Committee prior to the refurbishment of the floor regarding scratches and sawdust left behind after our meetings. Thanks for responding to the action plan as regards cleaning up and hopefully we won't have any more problems.

John Davies
Chairman

Treasurer's Financial Report 2014-2015

The Offchurch Woodturning Club					
Accounts Summary		1 st March 2014 to 28 th February 2015		1 st March 2013 to 28 th February 2014	
	Receipts	Expenditure	Receipts	Expenditure	
Social Events (Inc. Hire of Hall)		£194.80			£215.64
Village Hall monthly meetings room hire		£396.00			£363.00
Insurance		£182.01			£182.01
Demonstrators costs		£393.80			£275.00
Annual charge for secure cupboard					£100.00
Shop		£137.20			£72.64
Web site hosting		£50.00			
Raffle monthly	£166.00		£138.00		
Social Evening - Christmas	£236.00		£220.00		
Shop	£144.50		£48.00		
Membership	£375.00		£330.00		
Attendance	£768.00		£544.00		
Wood	£62.42				
Postage					£12.00
Stationary					
Refreshments		£17.35			£11.21
Raffle Prizes		£62.65			£81.21
Totals	£1,751.92	£1,433.81	£1,280.00		£1,312.71
Bank Balance					
HSBC @ 28/02/2015	£1,333.94		HSBC @ 28/02/2014		£1,018.75
Cash @ 28/02/2015	£13.54		Cash @ 28/02/2014		£10.62
Totals	£1,347.48				£1,029.37