

British Society of Rheology

Minutes of the 76th Annual General Meeting

Held at Lake Vyrnwy Hotel, Mid Wales
on Tuesday 11th April 2017, 5.20-5.50pm

Present: the President and 29 members.

Apologies: received from Phil Banfill, John Patrick and Patrick Haxell

1. **Minutes of the 75th Annual General Meeting:** These were agreed as a true record of the meeting and signed by the President.
2. **Matters arising:** there were none.
3. **Reports of the Officers:**

- **President:** Helen Wilson gave her report as the outgoing president. She reported that since the last AGM, most of her BSR efforts had been directed towards the Midwinter Meeting that was ran last December in Reading. This was dedicated to a theme of the science of Alexei Likhtman, and many of his international collaborators came over to speak at the dedicated symposium on the middle day - also attended by his family. It was a wonderful event - but none of the science, no matter how impressive, came close to the impact of Katrina Likhtman's after-dinner speech, both funny and immensely moving. None of us who were there will forget that meeting in a hurry.

Helen also talked about other achievements over the past year including a technological step forward (and saved travel money!) by having our first ever Skype council meeting - which worked beautifully until just after 3.30pm when all those members who were working from home found that their signal fell apart as the kids came home from school and started using the internet!

Helen added that Rheology is, by its nature, an interdisciplinary subject. One of our challenges as a society is reaching the people - embedded in their own academic disciplines and industrial settings - who do rheology and care about rheology, but are perhaps the only person in their group who does. There are some things we do very well in this respect - the Non-Newtonian Club is a good example of the way we can try to reach out to industrial rheologists - but it's also true that we sometimes relax into our comfort zone, organising meetings on themes we're familiar with and meeting the same old friendly faces year on year.

Helen expressed her pleasure of seeing a forging of links with the field of volcanology during the past year. At the MWM in December, by complete coincidence, all three of the awards we gave - the Annual Award, the Vernon

Harrison thesis award, and the Poster Prize - went to Durham. Both the Annual Award winner, Ed Llewelin, and the Vernon Harrison Award winner, Jen Truby, were working on lava rheology. It's clear that this is a field where the impact of rheology is relatively new, and yet volcanic lava and magma have really complex rheology and are incredibly important if you live somewhere with volcanoes. This year's Midwinter Meeting is to be co-organised by Ed Llewelin and a colleague from Bristol, Heidy Mader, on a theme of rheology and vulcanology, and this will bring these two fields closer together.

Helen expressed that it had been an honour to lead the BSR for two years and wished her successor as much pleasure in the role as she had.

- **Honorary Treasurer:** Richard Watson circulated a summary of the accounts:-

THE BRITISH SOCIETY OF RHEOLOGY - REVENUE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31/12/16				THE BRITISH SOCIETY OF RHEOLOGY	
	2016 [2015]				
BALANCE 01/01/15	<u>£73,566.25</u>	[75631.20]			
INCOME			EXPENDITURE		
Annual subscriptions	3519.00	[4152.00]	Council expenses	802.09	[2851.17]
Publishing (Bulletin)	3,420.00	[4940.00]	Publishing (Bulletin)	2,524.44	[3312.84]
Web Advertising	400.00	[400.00]	Web maintenance	1,585.91	[95.99]
Miscellaneous			Miscellaneous		
Interest	509.07	[0.12]	Paypal Charges	102.79	[292.65]
Sponsorships	350.00	[350.00]	Public Liability Insurance	541.95	[504.45]
2015 MWM (Glasgow)	80.00	[4840.00]	2015 MWM (Glasgow)	3786.60	[4873.74]
			Travel Awards, Prizes	2,974.89	[4794.62]
			Others (postage)	9.29	[21.61]
			Fraud	2,200.00	
			Non-Newtonian Club	813.95	
	939.07	[5190.12]		10,429.47	[10487.07]
TOTAL INCOME	<u>8,278.07</u>	[14682.12]	TOTAL EXPENDITURE	<u>15,341.91</u>	[16747.07]
EXCESS INCOME/EXPENDITURE	<u>-7,063.84</u>	[-2064.95]			
BALANCE 31/12/14	<u>£66,502.41</u>	[73566.25]			

One item of miscellaneous expenses was the fraud and loss of £2,200 as a result of a Phishing E-mail sent to Richard.

Simon added that, following the fraudulent e-mail, prevention measures were now in place. The Treasurer should have voice contact with council members in order to approve any transactions greater than £500. This had been reflected in the updated Council memoranda.

- **Honorary Secretary:** Karl reported on a very successful BSR MWM, held in Reading, and thanked to Helen and Daniel and the local organising team. A small profit was made which Council decided to donate to the Alexei Likhtman Memorial Fund.

The Vernon Harrison prize was awarded to Dr Jen Truby from Durham University. The winner of the 2016 annual award was Dr Ed Llewellyn also from Durham University. Both awards were presented at the MWM. Nominations for the 2017 award are now welcome.

Applications for student travel awards continue to be welcomed at any time. Since the last AGM we have given out 13 travel awards including 7 for the ICR in Kyoto, 1 for the SOR in Tampa, Florida, 2 for the AERC at Copenhagen and 3 for this meeting (INNFM 2017).

- **Membership Secretary:** Maria Charalambides noted 21 new members for the year and 3 new Honorary members. 3 members have resigned and 64 have been “struck off” due to non payments over the last 3 years. This leaves 284 total members.
- **Bulletin Editor:** Daniel Read gave an update on the bulletin. Since the last AGM, all three issues of volume 57 of the Bulletin have appeared. The contents included articles from Christian Clasen and Rob Poole. Volume 58, issue 1 has been sent to Manlio for printing. It’s quite a “thick” issue, 40 pages in all including the cover. We also have a new advertiser (Meritics), so that is a little more income. Daniel reminded members to feel free to send him articles and letters for the bulletin... the threshold is very low.
- **Web Editor:** Peter Hodder gave his Web Editor’s report and provided an update on a “nearly there” new website. Peter admitted the project seems to have had many delays and has been a little disappointed with the amount of contact between the web company and himself. He has requested the link several times to see the “proof” of the website, but this has not been fruitful. He would like to have a chance to suggest any possible improvements before we settle the account.
- **Publications Manager:** Manlio Tassieri provided his report. Volume 58 (1) of the bulletin was to be sent out soon. The volume includes articles from Jen Truby and Ralph Oliver.

4. **Changes to the constitution:** The Council proposed to modify the rules of the society, so that that in future years we should elect the president to stand for a year as President-Elect, followed by a 2 year period as President, and a single year as Immediate Past President. This proposal was unanimously agreed.

5. **Election of Officers and Council members:** There were no further nominations for council members, and the nominations circulated with voting papers were approved without dissent by those present at the meeting. The Council for 2016-17 is therefore:

President	Prof. T. Phillips
Hon. Secretary	Dr K. Hawkins
Hon. Treasurer	Dr R. Watson
Membership Secretary	Dr M. Charalambides
Bulletin Editor	Dr D. Read
Web Editor	Mr P. Hodder

Ordinary members of Council:

Dr A. Clarke
Prof. S.J. Cox
Mr S. Goodyer
Prof. R. Poole
Dr M. Tassieri (Publications Manager)
Prof. P. Threlfall-Holmes

Note that Manlio Tassieri will serve an exceptional fifth year to continue his current role of Publications Manager.

6. **Any other business:** There was none.

Karl Hawkins
Honorary Secretary

Tim Phillips
President