



**Minutes of the 2009 AGM of the Transport Economists Group held
on 25th March 2009 at 5:00pm**

Present: Laurie Baker (Chair)
Gregory Marchant (Treasurer & Membership Secretary)
Dick Dunmore (Secretary & Webmaster)
Mary Acland-Hood
John Bates
Stephen Bennett
Robert Cochrane
Simon Lister
Jonathan Pugh
Gerard Whelan

1. Apologies for absence

Laurie Baker announced that apologies for absence had been received from Peter Gordon.

2. Minutes of the 2008 AGM held on 26th March 2008

These were reviewed and no corrections or matters arising identified.

Stephen Bennett proposed and Laurie Baker seconded acceptance of the Minutes.

ACCEPTED

3. Chair's Report

Laurie Baker presented his report for 2008-2009.

The March 2009 seminar had been successful and Laurie thanked Julie Mills, Tom Worsley and Gregory Marchant for their organisation.

All the regular meetings had been held at the Arup Headquarters in Fitzroy Street and average attendance had been 22. Laurie thanked Arup for their continued hospitality and Navin Mishra and Peter Burgess for their assistance. PDFs of speaker presentations were routinely sent to Members when speakers consented.

Laurie also thanked Rebecca Graham for her continued work administering the Group.

The report was reviewed and no corrections or matters arising were identified.

Dick Dunmore proposed and Gregory Marchant seconded acceptance of the Report.

ACCEPTED

4 Treasurer's Report and Accounts

Gregory Marchant presented his report and the audited accounts for financial year 2008, noting that they had also been placed on the website.

Membership numbers remained strong, with 159 paying Members and 10 Honorary Members at the end of the year. Arup's generous provision of a meeting venue had contributed to the control of costs. The seminar on 6 March 2009 had sold all 70 spaces, attracting revenues of around £2,500 which would broadly cover costs.

Stephen Bennett, speaking as auditor, noted that he had approved the accounts but that they should be published to the members with whom the liabilities of the Group lie. It was agreed that the 2008 Accounts will be published in the Journal. The Committee will consider other means of making them available to members.

Robert Cochrane proposed and Stephen Bennett seconded acceptance of the Report and Accounts.

ACCEPTED

5 Appointment of auditors

Gregory Marchant reported that he had invited Stephen Bennett to continue as auditor and Stephen confirmed his acceptance.

Laurie Baker proposed and Robert Cochrane seconded acceptance of the motion.

ACCEPTED

6 Election of the Committee

Dick Dunmore reported that Jeremy Drew had not confirmed his willingness to be re-elected. It was agreed that it would be assumed that he wished to stand down, but noted that he could be co-opted at a later date. Gerard Whelan had been nominated to, and expressed a willingness to join, the Committee. The Committee offering itself for re-election or election therefore consisted of:

Laurie Baker
Peter Burgess
Kevin Cheung
Tom Cohen
Gerard Whelan

Dick Dunmore
Peter Gordon
Gregory Marchant
Julie Mills
Tom Worsley

The meeting unanimously voted to re-elect the existing Committee members.

ACCEPTED

Dick Dunmore proposed and Robert Cochrane seconded the election of Gerard Whelan.

ACCEPTED

Dick Dunmore reported that the new Committee would elect Committee members to specific posts at the next Committee meeting on 30th April 2009.

7 Any other business

Robert Cochrane proposed and Mary Acland-Hood seconded a vote of thanks to the outgoing Committee.

Robert Cochrane noted that the Department for Transport has a new Chief Economist, Tera Allas, and suggested that the Committee invite her to address the Group.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 5:23pm.