

Minutes of the 2004 AGM of the Transport Economists Group held on 24th March 2004 at 5:00pm

Present: Roger Mackett (Chairman)
Don Box (Vice-Chairman)
Dick Dunmore (Secretary)
Gregory Marchant (Treasurer & Membership Secretary)
Emily Bulman (Webmaster)
Chris Castles
Robert Cochrane
Laurie Baker
Peter Gordon
Eileen Hammond
Peter White
Two non-members who took no part in the proceedings

1. Apologies for absence

Roger Mackett passed on apologies for absence from Martin Lawrence.

2. Minutes of the 2003 AGM held on 26th March 2003

These were reviewed and no corrections or matters arising identified.

Laurie Baker proposed and Peter Gordon seconded acceptance of the Minutes.

ACCEPTED

3. Chair's Report

Roger Mackett presented his report. The role of webmaster, and management of the website, had been transferred from Peter Gordon to Emily Bulman, that of Treasurer and Membership Secretary from Don Box to Gregory Marchant, and Joanna Hase had been replaced by Rebecca Graham as Administrative Assistant. Greater use of e-mail had improved levels of service to members. Attendance had averaged 28, up from 27 during 2002/3, and had been over 40 during the 2 meetings held during 2004. These were reviewed and no corrections or matters arising identified. Acceptance proposed by Laurie Baker and seconded by Peter Gordon.

Don Box proposed and Robert Cochrane seconded acceptance of the Report.

ACCEPTED

4 Treasurer's Report

Gregory Marchant thanked Don Box for his previous service and an effective handover. He presented his report and the audited accounts for financial year 2003. A surplus of £804 had been aided by strong recruitment, with membership at around 140 by year end, control of meeting and printing costs, and a decision not to renew the public liability insurance. He noted that expenditure was largely fixed and that the key was to maintain subscription income to create a surplus.

Peter Gordon noted the apparent low cost of meetings. Gregory said that this was partly because of the favourable terms obtained from UCL.

Don Box asked where the costs of the website were recorded. Gregory said that these were included under administration but amounted to less than £100.

Robert Cochrane moved that thanks be expressed to Don and Gregory.

Peter White proposed and Peter Gordon seconded acceptance of the Report.

ACCEPTED

5 Election of the Committee

Dick Dunmore reported that as of 16:30 he had received no nominations to the Committee or requests to stand down. Peter White informed the meeting that he wished to stand down. Roger Mackett confirmed that Martin Lawrence had expressed a willingness to stand again. The Committee offering itself for re-election therefore consisted of:

Laurie Baker	Don Box	Emily Bulman
Robert Cochrane	Dick Dunmore	Peter Gordon
Martin Lawrence	Roger Mackett	Gregory Marchant

Robert Cochrane moved that thanks be expressed to Peter White.

Chris Castles proposed and Eileen Hammond seconded the appointment of all the above to the Committee.

ACCEPTED

Roger Mackett reported that the Committee would elect Committee members to specific posts at the next Committee meeting. The Committee retains the power to co-opt members from time to time and Robert Cochrane reminded the meeting that new, and particularly younger, Committee members would always be welcome.

6 Appointment of auditors

Gregory Marchant recommended the re-appointment of Graham Carson who was willing to continue.

Dick Dunmore asked about Graham Carson's fees. Gregory reported that he charged only direct expenses.

Laurie Baker proposed and Peter Gordon seconded the re-appointment of Graham Carson.

ACCEPTED

7 Any other business

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 5:25pm.