



THE FINGERPRINT SOCIETY

34th Fingerprint Society Annual General Meeting Minutes

**Greater Manchester Police Training Facility
Sedgley Park Manchester
Friday 20th March 2009**

Welcome

ML (Chairperson) welcomed everyone to Manchester and opened the AGM

- 1. Minutes of the 33rd Annual General Meeting:** **ML** said that we would go through the previous minutes and would deal with any matters as we went through previous minutes. There were some minor typos on the agenda but these were noted. 34rd instead of 34th, on agenda. S missing at end of **PS**'s name, election of committee agenda and minutes. Agenda stated minutes of 32nd to be agreed not 33rd. Honorary member Mrs S Hardwick was recorded as **Mr**.
Now all fully amended.

Matters Arising

Robert Hilton (Lancashire) raised issue over appointment of **FM** as editor if this had been recorded properly. **RD** explained the process that had been undertaken and that **FM** was elected. This was accepted by **RH**. **KK** wanted it recorded, that meeting had fully endorsed and supported **FM**'s appointment.

The reading of the minutes complete, **ML** asked if he could record these as a true record.

Proposed: CM **Seconded: NM**

2. Treasurer's report

CM informed the meeting that the accounts were still with the auditors, but did not envisage any issues with them. The Society was in a very healthy state and for that reason was not proposing an increase in membership fees. If anyone required any further information so would take any questions.

Matters Arising

No matters were raised and **ML** asked if this could be accepted by the meeting.

Proposed: NM **Seconded: RD**

3. Election of Committee

Committee members seeking re-election under rule 18 are:

ML informed the meeting that only 2 of the present committee were up for re-election. They had both indicated their willingness to continue they were:

Ms **K Stow** MFS (Derby), Mr **K Kershaw** FFS (GMP)

Proposed: NM **Seconded: MV**

Committee members still having a year to serve:

ML said that the remaining committee members with a year to serve were all willing to continue, he thanked them for there continued effort.

Ms Allison Power (SPSA), Mr **R Case** FFS (NPIA), Ron Cook (Independent), **Robert Doak** (NPIA)
Mrs V Galloway FFS (Leics), Mr **M Leadbetter** FFS (Consultant), Ms **Fiona McBride**, Mrs **C McGowan** FFS (Lancs),
Mr **Nick Mitchell** (Leics), Dr Fred Preston (Motorola), Darien Smith (NPIA), Mr **P Swindells** FFS (Lancs),
Mr Raul Sutton (Uni. Wolverhampton), Mr **M Valentine** FFS (GMP), John Yarrow (Consultant).

Resignations

ML announced the resignations of the following officers

Mike Armer (Retired) who was finding hard to fulfil his commitment.

Mr **S Haylock** FFS (City of London) had felt it was time to move on and let others come in.

ML noted Steve's huge contribution to the Society and that fact he had been one of the founders and had filled every role on the committee. He was sure he was not alone in thanking Steve for his dedication to the Society.

Mr S Mewett FFS (Sussex) after long service to the committee was standing down due to other commitments.

ML wanted to record the thanks of the Society for Steve's hard work and dedication within the committee. **ML** also stated that due to this a post for advertising officer was now vacant and asked members to look to fill this post and any other posts within the committee to assist with the continued success of the Society.

Election of new Committee Members

None proposed

Appointment of President

Current - Mrs V Galloway FFS (Leics)

Proposed: SH **Seconded: Robert McKenzie**

Election of Chairman, Secretary, Membership Secretary, Treasurer and Editor

Current Chair and Treasurer - Mr M Leadbetter FFS (Retired) & Mrs C McGowan FFS (Lancs)

Proposed: KK **Seconded: SH**

Current Secretary and Membership Secretary - Mr R Doak (Humb) and Ms Allison Power (SPSA)

Proposed: KK **Seconded: SH**

Current Editor of the Fingerprint Whorld – Ms Fiona McBride

Proposed: SH **Seconded: TW**

Election of Regional Vice Presidents

Currently: Mr F Rogers FFS (USA), Mr B Dalrymple FFS (Canada), Mr G Farncomb FFS (Australian Federal Police)
Mr R Plummer FFS (Southern Australia), Dr G Sodhi MFS (India)

Proposed: TW **Seconded: MV**

MV asked if these regional reps had been approached. **ML** stated the only one not to be was Dr G Sodhi.

Dave Charlton (Sussex) stated he had spoken to Dr Sodhi who was still supporting and promoting the Society.

Honorary Members

ML raised the issue about contacting life members regarding their status.

Mr G Lambourne, QPM FFS (UK), Mr M Carrick (UK), Mr S G Durrett FFS (USA), Mr F Warboys OBE, BA FFS (UK), Mr S Hardwick (UK), Mr K Creer, MBE, FBIPP, FRPS, Mr T Kent.

New Life Members

Robert McKenzie (Retired)

Proposed: KK **Seconded: Monica Callaghan (W Yorks)**

Brian Moorcroft (Lancs)

Proposed: KK **Seconded: Monica Callaghan (W Yorks)**

New post holders required

ML highlighted the vacancies within the committee, one being a new media officer post.

Advertising Secretary – **Vacancy**

Media Officer – **New Post**

4. Fingerprint Society Awards

ML announced the award winners for this year

Henry Medal Not Awarded

Lewis Minshall Richard Case (NPIA), Kevin Kershaw (GMP) and Karen Stow (Derby)

FERRT 2007 David Chapman (SOCA)

5. Future Conference Venue

35th Educational Conference – to be held in London.

6. Society Business

Nothing under this item.

7. Society Rules

DC asked that the committee look at a code of ethics for members of the Society.

8. Any Other Business

- A) **VG** announced that the Society was looking to re-structure the Society looking at the areas where new members could be found, the name of the Society and how it should develop in the future. We hope to attract wider skill base of people all within the fingerprint field. The members had their part to play and their views would be sought at each stage. In the next couple of months a letter outlining the proposals of the committee would be sent all members for their feedback.
- B) **KS** gave an outline of the seminars to date and the up and coming one. She first liked to thank the members of her staff for the valuable contributions to the success of the past seminars. The seminars were recognised by NPIA and allowed members to generate CPD hours. The seminar structure of presentation in the morning and workshop had been successful and would continue. The next one was the 11th June, 2009, and was based on Identification technologies.
William Moriss (Leics) asked for the date confirmation.

There being no further business the meeting was closed by RCa