



**Tenth Annual General Meeting of
The Association of the UK School of Professional Toastmasters**

**Saturday 27th February 2016 - 1pm
Wyck Hill House Hotel, Gloucester**

- 1) **Welcome by the President of the AUKSPT** – Paul Mitchell

- 2) **Tributes to those who have passed away** – Happily, none reported.

- 3) **Apologies for Absence** – Too numerous – Therefore, attended by:- Andrew Bigby, Robert Gilbert, Stuart Holton, Graham Hunt, Robert Lloyd, Glenn Mayes, Paul Mitchell, John Oakley, Denis Plater, John Reid, Sonal Shah, Mark Shaw-Brookman, Mat Adam.

3b – The names of the 10 non-responders was read out but not included in the minutes

- 4) **Minutes of the 10th AGM 28th February 2015.** Having previously been circulated, were accepted unanimously, proposed Mark Shaw-Brookman, Seconded by John Reid. President Paul Mitchell signed the minutes as a true record.

- 5) **Matters arising** – None

- 6) **President's Report** – Paul Mitchell presented his report. (Copy attached) The President thanked members of the Executive Committee for their support and efforts during his year in office. Paul was very concerned about lack of numbers attending the AGM and the problems from the original organisation which had now been resolved. Hearty congratulations to Denis Plater in becoming a Licensed Reader in the Church of England. To Mat Adam for working to accelerate the loan payments to School Investors. To Glen and Carlie for all their work with the School and to Sonal Shah and Mark Shaw-Brookman for organising the weekend.

John Reid and John Oakley thanked Paul for his diplomacy and discretion whilst in office.

- 7) **Membership Proposal & Background** – Mat Adam. Due to the problems with numbers attending the AGM an idea was put forward, not a proposal at this stage, to encourage more members to attend. Report previously circulated. The following comments were made. John Oakley said the principle is good, but the danger is it will cause a loss of membership to other associations and if the numbers go down the insurance may go up. Stuart Holton suggested further circulation of the idea. Verity Bartlett suggested a percentage increase to see if members decide to leave. Bob Lloyd thought the only reason some members stayed in the association was because of the cheap insurance and new members who had left did not join another association. The other being the jobs which are emailed to members from time to time. Denis Plater thought these were our USP's within the association. Mat Adam suggested other USP's were our training, the website, support from other experienced TM's and training at AGM's. John Reid suggested an instalment plan for payment. Sonal Shah wanted the financial implications explained in more detail before she voted. Mark Shaw-Brookman thought it would not work in the long term and suggested an old fashioned letter with a voting slip and return envelope to the new President. A good debate appreciated by the members who attended !
- 8) **Secretary's Report** – Andy Bigby presented his first report, no questions. (Copy attached)
- 9) **Treasurer's Report – and Financial Statements** – Mark Shaw-Brookman presented Stewart Lilley's report which proposed an increase of £10 to the membership. A counter proposal of £5 was proposed by Paul Mitchell and seconded by John Reid which was voted unanimously in favour and shall take effect from the 16th March when memberships are due renewal. The accounts were unanimously adopted.
- 10) **Election of Officers 2015/16**
- President** – Mark Shaw-Brookman
 - Senior Vice President** – Mathew Adam
 - Junior Vice President** – Denis Plater
 - Secretary** – Andrew Bigby – 2nd year
 - Treasurer** – Mark Shaw-Brookman (Temporary Appointment)
 - Examiners of Accounts** - Chris Upham & David Wylie.
 - Committee Members** – Sonal Shah, Glen Mayes, Verity Bartlett
- Proposed by Mark Shaw-Brookman, seconded by Paul Mitchell

The President declared that all the nominees were duly elected to the relevant positions.

11) **Election of Life Member** - Chris Upham. Proposed by Paul Mitchell, seconded by John Reid.

12) **UKSPT** – Glen Mayes has 2 students for the April course in Ipswich, with 180 interested parties on the mailing list. More ways are being considered to attract more students the school is now offering the course for £1500 without accommodation and £1995, with. Thanks were recorded to John Oakley for supplying interested parties onto the course. The accreditation to NVQ level 3 had been investigated but was not viable due to man hours required. Carlie Mayes explained that work to the website will mean bigger adverts for members and links to them from other websites. John Reid suggested that all members of the association take up the task of ringing new members in their area to act as mentor, if required.

Mat Adam spoke after Glen about the Finances of the School. A course with 3 students makes £300 profit and the School was £800 in the red last year. The proposal on how the Investors were to be paid back was not agreed. John Reid thanked Mat for all his efforts in trying to resolve the problem.

13) **AOB** – Rob Gilbert said he had sourced an association tie for the men and scarf for the ladies. The cost would be £65 to set up the design, £65 to vectorise the PDF and £8.50 for the tie. Paul Mitchell will ask members to see if they would be interested in buying one.

John Oakley asked members if they would be interested in attending the Annual ITGB dinner at the Union Jack Club in London on the 1st May. If so please contact him directly.

John Reid wanted to remind the membership he is Welfare Officer but he is not Psychic and must be informed by all members if they have any knowledge of a welfare matter.

14) **Presentation by Outgoing President** – Paul Mitchell presented the Presidential Collaret, Presidents Goblet and Gavel made from the Victory to Mark Shaw-Brookman.

15) **Presentation to Officials** – The newly elected President presented jewels to the new Senior Vice president, Mat Adam and the new Junior Vice President Denis Plater

16) **Date for the 12th AGM** – Saturday 25th February 2017 – venue to be confirmed