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FROM MEETING HELD

AT

FARNBOROUGH AIR SCIENCE MUSEUM, FARNBOROUGH

ON

WEDNESDAY 29TH OCTOBER 2008

Sponsored by Loadmasters – www.aircraft-weighing.com

Order of Events:

10:00	Meet at Loadmasters for coffee
10:30	Initial SAWE Meeting to discuss SAWE matters
11:30	Leave Loadmasters to drive to Air Science Museum
12:00	Buffet Lunch (10GBP per head –sponsored by SAWE/Loadmasters)
13:00	Guided Tour of Air Science Museum
14:00	Continuation of SAWE Meeting to include:- Presentations by SAWE UK Members Discussion of Questionnaire Meeting SAWE UK members wants & needs Website AOB

Meeting Agenda

1. Those Present
2. Apologies for absence
3. Introduction by Chapter Director
4. Minutes of the AGM 2008
5. Directors Report
6. President's Report
7. Vice President's Report
8. Secretary's Report
9. Treasurers Report
10. Presentation by Tom Farncombe, Amadeus
11. Directors Presentation incorporating Chapter Projects
12. AOB
13. Future Meetings Venues & Dates



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Minutes

1. Those Present

Members: Steve Cook (Vice President), Mick Steel, Neil Dewey, Paul Wagstaff, Clint Bower (Director), Kevin Carter, Brian Carrington, Tom Farncombe, Gerry Cooper, Ian Holloway, Phil Baker, Andy Powell, Tony Chapman, Mike Bruce Burgess, Ian Kellaway

Non-Members: Cristina Burgos

2. Apologies for absence

Jag Grewal, Giles Bellamy, Andrew Oxenford, Clint Jones, Terry Hares, Scott Thomson, Gordon Murray, Hugh Wilson, Steve Wright

3. Introduction by Chapter Director

The Director welcomed all those present and thanked them for attending the meeting. Steve Cook introduced Loadmasters.

4. Minutes of the AGM 2008

The minutes of the 2008 AGM were accepted as a true record of that meeting.

Proposed: Clint Bower, Seconded: Steve Cook

5. Directors Report

This was Clint Bower's first meeting as Chapter Director and as such there was no formal report. He informed the Chapter the committee had had a meeting to determine the direction of the UK Chapter and we are determined to deliver what you want as a Chapter. He submitted a power point presentation to indicate some of the areas that were discussed – this power point is available in PDF format and should be attached to these minutes. If you have any questions, please just ask.

6. President's Report

2007 through 2008 has seen a significant change within the UK chapter with Alex being replaced by Clint as Director.

I would to thank Alex very much for his many years as Director, his stalwart attitude in the role, his excellent endeavours in keeping the UK chapter active and ensuring that the UK Chapter continues to be recognised at the international level.

So we move ahead with a 'younger' fresh pair of eyes, new broom, and any other 'buz'y type term you care to mention.

Congratulations to Clint as Director.

At this years' International Conference it become apparent that the Society now recognises that we no longer live in a world of specialists. Everyone wants to do the job for a while and move on to learn other skills.

I know that I have certainly been repeatedly training and educating a number of colleagues over the past few years, only to see them move on and, hasten to add, upwards on their career path.

With this in mind we need to consider how we educate, pass on our experience and keep the discipline of Weight Engineering recognised and keep our standards as professional engineers high.

To enable us to do this can I ask that you continue to give Clint and the UK chapter your full and active support in the future?

Regards Gordon

7. Vice President's Report

Steve Cook also thanked the group for attending and pointed out that the project aspect of the society (for which he is responsible) has become unfocused – He thanked the committee for helping to re-focus the chapter.

8. Secretary's Report

Jag was in not in attendance – but wished to relay the need for members to keep volunteering their companies for future meetings.



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9. Treasurers Report

Report only produced annually

10. Presentation by Tom Farncombe.

Consideration of Aircraft Weight & Balance design limitations in conjunction with the use of New Generation Load Control Systems

by

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Tom has offered to send a copy of the presentation to anybody who would like it – please contact him directly if you would like a copy.

11. Directors Presentation incorporating Chapter Projects

The discussion surrounding the presentation was pretty intense. The overwhelming decision was to ensure our website was up and running in time for the next meeting. This would then give us a live platform to run other projects such as student projects etc.

Tom Farncombe volunteered to write a specification for the website – this has already been issued to all members and if you have any comments, please return comments directly to Tom by 5th December.

If you have not received the specification, please contact Jag or Clint accordingly.

12. AOB

Nothing of note was recorded

13. Future Meetings

Next Meeting is 1st April 09 at Jaguar/Landrover – Many thanks for Ian Kellaway for organising this.

We are aiming to have another meeting in Sep/Oct 09 however it must be noted there is a long-term plan to move to the following proposed calendar.

Proposed New Calendar:

AGM – held Annually in late Mar/Early April (to be held in the most central location of the members). This is intended to be 1 FULL day of discussions.

2 x other meetings in the year to be held – one in the North and one in the South of the UK to allow all members to attend at least one meeting annually (each meeting would be approx 2 -3 hour meeting).

1 x Additional social meeting to be held at the weekend to allow partners to join in UK activities. This will move round the country.

The committee needs members in the North and South to take any active role in helping to organise these meetings.