

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of

The Burton Business club

On

Tuesday 11th of April 2006 at The Burnt Gate Inn, Anslow

The Chairman opened the meeting at 7.30pm

1. **Apologies** – were received from Derek Liddle from Branston consulting; Malcolm Barnes and Tony Gardner.
2. **The Minutes of the 2005 AGM** – were read and accepted as a true record – Proposed by, David Browning and Seconded by Tony Cadwallader.
3. **Matters Arising** – there were no matters arising.
4. **Chairman's report** – from John Weil.

A very good friend of mine, and probably the best man-manager that I have ever met, allowed his staff one whinge per month. Those of you that have read my report to last year's AGM will know that I made a whinge then, and I think that one whinge per ten AGM's is probably sufficient, so you won't get one this year!

I believe that the Club is in the best health since I joined some ten or more years ago. We have an active core membership, including a good number who have joined in the recent past. WE have a stable and welcoming meeting place, and more and more members avail themselves of the opportunity to eat before we meet. Last years programme was varied, and we hope pertinent to the membership. We have good people in important roles and by the changes to the Constitution, we have just agreed to recognise three of these as Executive members of the Club.

Looking forward, we are in the process of publishing our programme for the next twelve months, a mixture of the well-tryed favourites and some totally new items. We hope that you will agree that this looks to be both interesting and useful. I will remind you again this year, as I did at last years AGM, your committee is not the sole source of good ideas with respect to the programme, or indeed any other aspect of the club. We welcome your views and suggestions, which you can pass on at meetings or to any member of the committee at any time.

Finally, I have completed my two years as chairman, and have enjoyed every minute of it (and I lie through my teeth!). Seriously, it has been a great honour and privilege to chair the club, and I will continue to treasure the experience. I have been very ably assisted throughout the two years by a first-class committee without whose help I could not have managed, and I thank them all for it. I wish my successor every good wish and know the he (or she) will receive the same level of superb support that I have done.

5. **Treasurer's report and presentation of Account** – Paul Miller, Treasurer, presented the annual accounts which showed that the club made a surplus of £244 for the year. The key areas highlighted were that subscriptions were up but printing costs had fallen.. However, this has left a surplus of £3,503.00 to be carried forward to next year.

The accounts were accepted, proposed by Keith Kneebone and seconded by Andy Luffman.

6. Appointment of Officers – The election of officers resulted in the following being appointed to the committee executive positions;

Chairman - Andy Luffman – proposed by Lorraine Holden and seconded by Lionel Conner
Vice Chairman - John Weil – proposed by Sue Hall and seconded by Andy Luffman.
Treasurer - Paul Miller – proposed by Anna Allen and seconded by David Smith
Secretary - David Smith – proposed by Andy Luffman and seconded by John Knight

New posts,

Webmaster - John Weil – proposed by Andy Luffman and seconded by John Knight
Press Officer - Phil Norris – proposed by John Weil and seconded by David Browning
Events Organiser - Lionel Conner – proposed by David Smith and seconded by Paul Miller
Membership Sec - Derek Liddle – proposed by Andy Luffman and seconded by John Knight

All were duly elected.

7. Appointment of Committee – The following members were nominated and elected to serve on the committee.

Lorraine Holden	John Knight	David Browning
Anna Allen	Shamim Akhtar	Keith Kneebone

8. Any Other Business – Vote of thanks expressed by David Browning for John Weil's chairmanship.

There being no other business, the Chairman declared the 2006 Annual General Meeting closed at 7.55pm.