



1. Attendees:
- 1.1 Committee: Mark Slater (MS), Peter Eldridge (PE), John Wallace, Joshua Scotton, Gill Coker and David Miller
- 1.2 There were 8 attendees.

The chairman opened the meeting shortly after 7pm.

2. Minutes of the last AGM
 - 2.1 Copies of the minutes of the last AGM on Monday 20th September 2010 were available.
 - 2.2 No objections were raised against the acceptance of the AGM 2010 minutes.
3. Matters Arising
 - 3.1 Any matters arising from the minutes of the 2010 meeting should be raised with the chairman by e-mailing nottm-ch@bcs.org.uk
4. Chairman's report:
 - 4.1 MS presented a Chairman's report, a copy of which is attached.
 - 4.2 MS thanked previous speakers and event attendees.
 - 4.3 Events have not been as well attended as in previous years.
 - 4.4 Several 'open mic' events were tried for the first time and these were enjoyed by the attendees.
 - 4.5 A request for more speakers and potential speaker contacts was made as it has proved more difficult to find suitable speakers than in previous years.
 - 4.6 An 'IT can help' event has been scheduled for October 2011.
 - 4.7 Looking at developing a mentoring scheme with close links to local businesses.
 - 4.8 Budgeting concerns for next year are to be raised at the next branch congress.
 - 4.9 Looking at alternative venues and sponsors to reduce costs.
5. Treasurer's report:
 - 5.1 £2166 out of a budget of £2800 was spent for year 2010-2011. The under spend was due to a couple of ypg events that did not happen.
 - 5.2 A request for next years' budget was for £3100. However the return allocated budget was £1860. This means that the branch can no longer hold the same number of events as last year. This budget provides for 10 events but no money for speaker expenses. Therefore it is expected to limit the number of events to 7 to allow speaker expenses unless additional funding can be secured.
 - 5.3 A request for additional funds has been made to central HQ. PE is waiting for a response.
 - 5.4 It is estimated that the allocated budget for next year is approximately 1.6% of branch membership fees.
 - 5.5 It is expected that the existing event room provider will not be looking to increase room hire costs next year.
 - 5.6 It might be worth looking at sponsored events to reduce event costs.
6. Election of Officers
 - 6.1 **Chairman: Mark Slater** (nominated: Mathew Cunliffe, seconded: Gill Coker) elected unopposed.
 - 6.2 **Treasurer: Peter Eldridge** (nominated: Mark Slater, seconded: John Wallace) elected unopposed.
 - 6.3 **Secretary: John Wallace** to continue as Secretary this year but is happy for other committee members to look for a replacement. The Secretary is no longer requires to be elected.
 - 6.4 Other roles will be filled from the committee at the next committee meeting.
 - 6.5 Other local members were encouraged to get involved by joining at the next committee meeting, scheduled for Monday 7th November.
7. Other Business
 - 7.1 A question was raised why the budget is less and wondered if this was due to central HQ finance issues. The answer is unknown but the budget cuts are representative across all branches.
 - 7.2 General discussion was held on why events have not been as highly attended as previous years.
 - 7.3 There is the possibility of holding joint events with DISC and CESC.
 - 7.4 The formal AGM closed at 7.50 and was followed by a 'open mic' event.



Chairman Report 2010-2011

2010/11 has seen us deliver 10 events over the course of the year with wide ranging topics as “How to be a Hacker: a beginners guide”; “Mobile Forensics”; “Educational Systems”; “Green IT” and “An Introduction to Service Orientated Architectures”.

Our first Open Mic night in May gave the opportunity for members to speak about subjects of their own choosing. Social media and the cloud were the big topics of the night and to follow this up we will be having future events based on these topics in the coming months.

To all of the speakers that we have had last year, the committee sends a big thank you because events without you are very difficult to organise.

We would also like to thank everybody who has attended an event in the last year because without you there would be no point in arranging the events in the first place.

My belief is that the Branch exists for its members and those members should have not only the opportunity to say what events they want to see but get involved in them and present at them. As a committee we have drafted a list of interesting topics that we would like the membership to contribute to and offer presentations for. I will be emailing everyone very shortly with this list and hope that people will get involved and have their voice heard.

We continue to work closely with our colleagues in other parts of the Institute. We held a YPG event last November in Nottingham which was attended by Young Professionals from other professional service organisations which I found very encouraging. Gill and I have taken County Coordination roles at IT Can Help – a volunteer network offering free computer assistance to disabled people – which we hope will bring the Institute closer to the wider community.

We have improved links with the Universities in our area and I am delighted that we have been able to respond to requests for speakers at various career focused events throughout the year. I would like to thank everyone that has responded to various requests that I have made for help and assistance in the last year to help represent the Branch and answer queries that have arisen.

One of the key factors in the continuing success of the Institute will be its engagement with employers. In the coming year, we are looking at developing a local mentoring scheme to assist members with their career



development and establishing greater bonds with local employers through Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire Chamber of Commerce.

As my year as Chair comes to an end, I would like to personally thank all of my colleagues on committee – Peter, John, Matt, Gill, Josh, David and Clinton – for all of the hard work this last year.

Finally, a request of my own for volunteers to get involved with the running of the branch. Please get involved and help us to maintain and grow the branch for its members.

Mark Slater

