



## **Minutes Fourth Annual General Meeting**

**Issy-Les-Moulineaux, Paris, France**

**Friday 6th March 1998**

### **1. Apologies for absence**

Apologies were received from: Bill Giles, Thomas Molina, Reiner Beckert, Michael Walsh, Lea Saukensen, Danny Roup, Ed Gross, Johan Groth.

Members present were: Andrew Lane, Sharon Wexler, Paul Gross, Gerald Fleming, Jean Francois Leroux, Andreas Steiper, Francis Wilson, Evelyn Cusak, Dieter Walsh, Inge Niedek and John Teather.

At the appointed time there were insufficient members present to form a quorum, due to the Festival authorities scheduling a visit to the Eiffel Tower to coincide. So, under the company rules, the meeting stood adjourned for 30 minutes. At the end of the period the members present voted to continue the meeting at that time and that venue.

### **2. Minutes of the Third Annual General meeting, held in the Hotel Ibis, Montrouge, Paris on Saturday 22nd February 1997 at 1830.**

These were approved as a true record, proposed by Paul Gross and seconded by Andrew Lane. There were no matters arising.

### **3. Report of the outgoing Chairman, Gerald Fleming.**

*A very warm welcome to you all to this, our fourth Annual General Meeting.*

*This year marks the end of the three-year term for myself and my fellow-officers, and is a good opportunity to look back at what we have achieved, and note the volume of work that remains to be done.*

*The issue of data exchange policy can fairly be said to have dominated the first years of the Association. This was not so much by choice as far as your committee was concerned, but the issue became a very "live" one over the period because of outside forces; the passing of Resolution 40, at the last WMO Congress; the formation of Ecomet; the introduction of charges for Eumetsat images. Initially many of the organisations adopted rather extreme positions on these topics, but in the last year there has been a perceptible shift towards a more moderate and conciliatory tone, and we get the strong impression that the world of meteorology sees the danger in tearing itself apart over these issues. We have initiated a dialogue with Eumetsat, whom we found very willing to listen to our point of view.*

*Your Association will be well represented at a seminar on data exchange planned for Paris next May, which hopes to bring together representatives of all the major players on this topic.*

*We have also initiated a dialogue with WMO, and we hope that we will be granted the facility of representation at relevant meetings sponsored by them. This would be an enormous help to us in representing the views of broadcast meteorology at the highest level.*

*At the seminar earlier today, we made a tentative start to our training mission. Progress in this area depends very much on developing co-operative programmes with other organisations. We can offer expertise, but we do not have the financial strength to mount training courses on our own.*

*One of the initiatives that we took during at our autumn meeting was to appoint a paid editor, Richard Chapman, to produce an IABM Newsletter four times per year. This will cost us a significant sum of money, but the reality is that all of us are too busy in our own work to be able to do this task ourselves. We hope that you have enjoyed the first fruits of Richard's labours.*

*As always, I appeal to you to drum up support for the Association in your home countries, and in particular to gather new members. We need new blood, and we need the subscription income!*

*The next AGM of the Association may be held in the USA; we have made some approaches to the Broadcast Meteorology Group of the AMS with a view to holding our AGM in conjunction with their yearly conference, normally in June. Watch this space!*

*I would like to thank all my fellow directors for their time and expertise over the past three years. We have done a lot of work together, but we have had a lot of fun too, and life is too short for living without knocking a bit of fun out of it along the way! A personal note of thanks to my employers, Met Éireann and to Irish national broadcasters RTE for providing me with facilities for carrying out Association business.*

#### **4. Report of the outgoing Secretary, John Teather.**

*To date there were 81 members. The committee, as usual had found it very difficult to arrange committee meetings, however, members of the committee had met in Salt Lake City Utah, Mainz Germany and Phoenix Arizona.*

**5. Report of the outgoing Treasurer, Edward deDycker were presented by Gerald Fleming.**

	<b>In account, Oct 1st 1996</b>		<b>536</b>
<b>96/97</b>			
	<b>Income</b>		
	Interest	10	
	2 x Corporate	400	
	48 x Individual	2444	<b>2854</b>
			<b>3390</b>
	<b>Expenditure</b>		
	<i>Credit card system joining fee</i>	800	
	<i>Oct 96 mailing</i>	37	
	<i>Dec 96 mailing</i>	72	
	<i>Jan 97 mailing</i>	42	
	<i>Accounts / Company Returns</i>	497	
	<i>Printing Rulebook</i>	417	
	<i>Editor, IABM News, Dec 98</i>	419	
	<i>Printing, IABM News, Dec 98</i>	309	
	<i>Postage, IABM News, Dec 98</i>	263	
	<i>Credit card commission</i>	57	
	<i>Bank charges</i>	24	<b>2937</b>
			<b>-2937</b>
	<b>Excess of expenditure over income</b>		<b>83</b>
	<b>In account, Dec 31st 1998</b>		<b>453</b>
	Made up as follows:		
	Current Account (IR£135.62)		<b>193</b>
	Deposit Account (in US\$)		<b>260</b>
<b>N.B.</b>	96/97 Subs collected in Jan/Feb 1998		<b>650</b>

*N.B. US\$2000 was transferred from the deposit account to the current account during the period, realising IR£1433.23.*

**6. Election of Directors and Officers.**

Members received the published list of nominations and they were approved unanimously:

Chairman -	Inge Niedek
Vice-Chairmen -	John Teather, Dieter Walch.

Honorary Secretary -	Bill Giles OBE.
Honorary Treasurer -	Gerald Fleming.
Director of International Relations -	Jean Francois Leroux (2nd year of term)
Ordinary Members -	Tomas Molina Bosch. Andreas Steiper Paul Gross
Advisor -	Ed Gross

## **7. Resolutions.**

Following much discussion it was resolved that JFL would plan to hold a conference in the Canaries in late November based on at least the travel fares met by the participants. He was given until the next committee meeting in June to propose plans

Proposed by John Teather and seconded by Gerald Fleming, that the Annual General Meeting for 1999 would be held in Florida in June 1999 in association with the AMS Broadcast Conference. And that the 2000 AGM would be held in Geneva in June 2000 with the WMO in Geneva.