

## Annual General meeting - held on 19th February 2003

Reviewed by *David Buskell* Honorary Secretary



The AGM was well attended this year and we thank those members for taking an interest in the running of the Club. We thought that we would have the formal AGM, a coffee break, and then an open forum.

The AGM dealt with the usual business. Only 3 apologies for absence this year. The Minutes of last year's AGM were read out in the shortened version, as the full Minutes have been on the Noticeboard for a while now- and approved.

The three officers then gave their reports, following which we all waited with bated breath for any difficult questions. There were a few questions, and the three reports were duly approved.

The Committee elections then followed. As we had the same number of nominations as vacancies, the committee were elected en bloc.

As always subscriptions for the forthcoming year (2004) are difficult to predict as they are affected by levels of membership and our costs. The Committee recommended no change for 2004.

There was no formal any other business notified prior to the meeting, so the Chairman closed the formal AGM part of the meeting, and we adjourned for a coffee break.

This gave us all time to network and admire the wide range of turning on display at the end of the Hall.

The second part of the evening was an open forum, in which all members were given the opportunity to raise any matters they wished. The Committee also took the opportunity to get feedback from the membership on several items that had been discussed recently.

We decided to invest in a reasonable PA system and one of the members ( ???? ) offered to investigate the possibilities and report back to the Committee.

The Chairman pointed out that under the new Constitution the current committee could stand again in 2004, but after that, had to stand down. The members were asked to consider joining the Committee in the next year or so,

We are going to get a new television, and Brian Chaves explained that there will also be a second video camera shortly.

We agreed to extend the Library to include videos, and several members offered to donate or loan items. We will select a range for purchase, as well.

Tim Lawson spoke about the format of the Club evenings and we all discussed the lengths of the coffee break. I think we felt that as some evenings we had a supplier and others a demonstrator, we should take a view on the amount of time for the break, at each evening.

Tim reminded us all that in the past, we used to bring in unwanted tools for sale, equipment we wanted to demonstrate, and he even suggested we might have an extra lathe running.

The Committee reminded us of the various Craft Fairs that Cheam has attended and outlined some of the benefits obtained. We have to remember that we are charged by the AWGB with promoting woodturning to the wider audience, and attendance at such events helps us to do this. It was agreed that those members that wished to participate in such events, should do so.

We need to publicise the Club and the Committee outlined the suggestions made at a recent Committee meeting. There was a good discussion and we finally agreed to prepare a leaflet that could be left with relevant suppliers, local libraries etc. We will also check the cost of including details of Club events in the local newspaper.

Car stickers were also suggested and again, we will investigate.

Trips to the Yandles show in April and to Axminster later in the year were suggested and details of interest noted.

We also asked for suggestions for the 2004 programme - if you have any, let Jeff Cordery know on Club nights or via the website.

Thanks to all present for a very useful and informative open forum. Please remember that the Committee run the Club on your behalf and for you, so if we do not know what you want from us, we can get it wrong!