

Yorkshire Branch of the Mathematical Association

**Annual General Meeting
Saturday, 11 June 2021 at 3pm**

at

Maths City, Trinity Centre, Leeds, LS1 5AT

**[After the short AGM, you will have the opportunity
to explore the many hands-on activities at Maths City]**

Agenda

1. Apologies for absence.
2. Minutes of the AGM held on 27 June 2020 (attached).
3. Matters arising.
4. Reports
 - a) Secretary (attached),
 - b) Treasurer (attached),
 - c) Branches Committee,
 - d) W.P.Milne Sixth Form Lecture,
 - e) Masterclasses.
5. Election of Branch Officers and Committee members.
6. Any other business.

Alan Slomson
Secretary
6 June 2022

Note: Maths City is situated on the First Floor of the Trinity Centre next to the Trinity Kitchen food court. Depending on where you enter the Trinity Centre this is either one level up or two levels up. The easiest way to find Maths City is to use the entrance on Albion Street next to the main entrance to Boots and then take the escalator. As you get off the escalator MathsCity is straight ahead of you.

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Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held by ZOOM at 4pm on Saturday, 27 June 2020

Participating: Bill Bardelang (in the chair) and fourteen other members.

1. Apologies.

Apologies for absence were received from Kevin Houston and Hazel Lewis.

2. Minutes of the previous AGM.

The minutes of the AGM held on Saturday, 8 June 2019 were accepted as a true record.

3. Matters arising.

There were no matters arising.

4. Reports.

a) *Secretary:* A written report was circulated and is attached to these minutes. The Secretary added that he had learned that day from the most recent MA News of the deaths in December 2019 of Margaret Lawton, President 1972-74, and in April 2020 of Dave Carter, Secretary 1976-80 and President 1992-94.

b) *Treasurer:* The circulated accounts, as attached to these minutes, showed that the Branch had made a loss of £652.35 during the year, which was mainly the result of contributing £700 to the cost of the Masterclasses. The financial position was healthy with a remaining balance of £8,807.34. It was agreed to continue the policy of supporting the Masterclasses and not charging a subscription.

c) *Branches Committee:* Cindy Hamill reported that the May meeting had been cancelled because of the Covid. She also reported that a branch had been established in South Yorkshire in conjunction with the ATM. Tom Roper said that a new chair of the Branches Committee from April 2021 was sought. Comment was made about the difficulty branches were having with declining memberships, and their function partly being taken over by NCETM and the Mathematics Hubs.

d) *W.P.Milne lecture:* It was noted that, as mentioned in the Secretary's report, that lecture had had to be cancelled. It was thought that James Cranch would be willing to give the lecture in 2021 if circumstances permitted this. Professor Julia Gog was suggested as a future lecturer; she specialises in modelling the spread of infectious diseases.

e) *Masterclasses:* Ruth Holland reported that the Masterclasses had run successfully before the lockdown. Twenty three schools had nominated 45 pupils, and 44 of these had accepted the invitation to take part. It was not yet known whether it would be possible to run a series of Masterclasses in 2021.

5. Election Of Officers and Committee

The existing officers and committee were re-elected.

6. Any other business.

a) Ruth Holland reported that Ems Lord has agreed to run on Tuesday, October 13th at 7pm her session that had to be postponed last year. This meeting would be held by Zoom.

b) It was agreed that in future Zoom meetings there should be a break.

c) There was no further business and the meeting closed at 4.30pm.

Alan Slomson
Secretary
June 28th 2020

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Secretary's Report for 2021-22

The past year

This has been another year in which we have been affected by the pandemic. We began holding meetings again, but mostly online using Zoom.

The Masterclasses, organized by Daniel Lesnic were held on-line but will move back to in-person events in 2023.

The W.P.Milne Sixth Form lecture was held in person and was combined with a hands-on activity for A-level students, both organized by Ruth Holland. Dr James Cranch had to drop out from giving the W.P.Milne lecture, so we were very grateful to Dr Katie Chicot who at short notice agreed to repeat her "To infinity and beyond talk" from three years ago. This was well received by the around one hundred students who attended.

We have held three meeting by Zoom. In October 2021, Chris Pritchard, the Mathematical Association's President, gave an excellent talk on "Great Mathematical Diagrams". The talk attracted an audience of 28, including 8 committee members. Over half the attendance consisted of people from outside our area.

In November 2021, Hazel Lewis gave a very useful presentation on "Maths Careers – interesting jobs which use maths". This attracted an audience of 27, including 8 committee members, and a number of A-level students.

The traditional Christmas Quiz presented by Tim Devereux and Alan Slomson in December attracted 12 members including 10 committee members.

The future

Now that the worst of the pandemic seems to be over, and we are moving back to some form of normality, it is an appropriate time to consider the future of the Branch.

The Branch was founded by Professor W.P.Milne in 1920 to serve as a forum for teachers with a mixed programme of general mathematical talks and opportunities to discuss curriculum and other issues of concern to serving teachers.

It seems clear that we no longer fulfil this purpose. The reasons for this are well understood. There are many more resources available to teachers than there were 100 years ago. There is a profusion of material available online and in addition to the MA's Annual Conference, there are now many other events for teachers provided by commercial organizations and charitable foundations. On top of this, the demands on teachers have increased leaving them with little time or energy to attend our talks held in the evenings or at weekends.

The work we do to support the Masterclasses and the W.P.Milne Sixth Form Lecture is valuable, and I hope it will continue, but we need to think whether there is a future for our traditional activities, and, if not, whether we can find new forms of activity to enable us to continue.

Alan Slomson
Secretary
6 June 2022

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Treasurer's Report for 2021

(See also Profit and Loss Account and Balance Sheet)

Headline

The branch made a profit of £143 in 2021, remains financially comfortable and has continued to operate without membership subscriptions.

Details

Income

£143 subsidy from the MA

Expenditure

£0 as a result of COVID 19 measures

Total assets

£8431.45

Jane Turnbull
YBMA Treasurer
30/12/21

BRANCH NAME: YORKSHIRE

Profit & Loss Account For the year ended 31st December 2021	2021	Balance Sheet as at 31st December 2021	2021
INCOME		ASSETS	
Subscriptions	0.00	Current Account	8427.17
MA subsidy	143.00	Deposit Account	0.00
Session/Course Fees	0.00	Cash	4.28
Special activities	0.00	Debtors (MA loans)	0.00
Interest received	0.00		
Total Income	143.00	Total Assets	8431.45
EXPENDITURE		LIABILITIES	
Workshop/room hire	0.00	Creditors	0.00
Speakers Expenses	0.00	Subs paid in advance	0.00
Postage	0.00	Total Liabilities	0.00
Publicity	0.00		
Secretarial/administration	0.00	Net Assets	0.00
Special activities	0.00		
Total Expenditure	0.00	RESERVES	
		Balance brought forward from 2020	8288.45
		(Deficit)/Surplus for the year	143.00

Jackie Forood

23.12.21