**UK Loggers**

The Annual General Meeting (AGM) of UK Loggers on 20 July 2023 at the UK Championship, Three Counties Showground, Great Malvern, Worcestershire.

Note of the meeting

1. **Welcome**

Andy Campbell (AC) as the Chair of UK Loggers confirmed that he would Chair the meeting.

AC welcomed everyone to the Annual General Meeting for 2023 at Three Counties Showground, Great Malvern, Worcestershire.

He thanked everyone for attending the AGM and for supporting the events during the last year.

1.1 **Quorate**

Richard Siddons (RS) confirmed that there were at least 10 members of UK Loggers present and that the meeting is Quorate.

1. **Apologies**

AC asked RS whether there were any apologies from the members. RS confirmed that there were no apologies.

1. **Minutes of previous AGM**

AC asked the meeting whether there were any queries concerning the minute of the 2022 AGM. There were none. The minute of the 2022 AGM was accepted.

1. **Matters arising from the Minutes**

AC as the meeting if there were any matters arising that we take them as part of the agenda or as any other business.

1. **In accordance with the Constitution the Committee will present a report of the work of UK Loggers over the last year.**

AC gave a short verbal report of the work of the committee and the activities of UKL since the 2022 AGM.

UKL have organized 2 practice events since the last AGM. Thanks to John Tunstall for organizing and hosting a practice event on 8 October 2022 at Reaseheath. Thanks to Dan Williams for organizing and hosting a practice event on the 11 March 2023 at Hartpury.

The WLC 2023 were held in Tartu Estonia, in April 2023. Thanks to the team of R Elliott, P Fox, D Williams, and A Cole for representing the UK and C Cook and R Siddons for filling the officials’ roles. The team had trained together before the WLC. Several learning points had been shared with the membership following the event.

The AGM is being held at the UK Championship 2023 at EXPOSAGE2023. Thanks to our hosts for inviting us and sponsoring the event. The championship was progressing well.

Finally, the Chair briefed the AGM on the creation of 2 training groups over the last year. One in Cumbria and one in mid Wales. This will clearly help increase standards and is to be encouraged. For those not part of these groups and would like to join, please contact Peter Fox for the Cumbria group and Gethin Hughes or Ian Sheffner for the Mid Wales group. There may be opportunities to set up other regional practice groups, members are encouraged to discuss.

1. **In accordance with the Constitution the Committee will present the accounts of UK Loggers for the previous year**

Peter Fox (PF) presented a summary of the accounts.

Opening balance £8658.91

Closing balance £8894.94

The £5000 invested in Premium Bonds had so far yielded £200 in winnings.

Should anyone want to discuss any element of accounts then PF asked they contact him directly.

1. **In accordance with the Constitution, election of Officers**.

AC asked RS to take this agenda item.

RS informed the meeting at in accordance with the Constitution, all Officers, namely the Chair, Treasurer and Secretary need to be elected annually. For each of the position’s RS had received the following nominations:

For the position of Chair only one nominee was received, Andy Campbell. Andy Campbell was re-elected.

For the position of Treasurer only one nominee was received, Peter Fox. Peter Fox was re-elected.

For the position of Secretary only one nominee was received, Richard Siddons. Richard Siddons was re-elected.

All positions had in accordance with the constitution been proposed and seconded by a member of UKL.

1. **Any Other Competent Business** - AC

AC briefed the AGM on the invitation by The APF International Forestry Machinery Exhibition Ltd to host the World Logging Championships at some future date. The UKL committee has responded by informing them that we would discuss at the AGM before responding to them.

The meeting then discussed the proposal. The following key points were raised:

* There was cautious support for exploring the idea of hosting a WLC.
* We needed to understand what APF were offering, in terms of site and resources.
* There was a need to understand the costs and the funding required by the hosts to run the WLC. (The feedback from Estonia indicated that the cost was approx. 400, 000 euros, with the host nation needing to raise at least 250,000 euros.)
* APF official(s) should attend the WLC in Austria to see the standards.
* We should attempt to hold a UK Championship at the APF next year as a test run.
* The info on the IALC website indicates that they like to work with a potential host for 3 years before the event and visit a national championship at the WLC site. This tends to indicate that 2028 would be the earliest opportunity to host in the UK.
* We would need a project team to coordinate the actions.

It was agreed that the UKL Committee should respond to the APF exploring the points above.

1. **Meeting Closed**

AC closed the meeting.