

Sandon Woodturners

This is a very brief summary of the key issues covered at the AGM on 20 May 2023.

The **Chairman** summarised what had been achieved in the past year and thanked members who had contributed to the club. We had a successful year with top turners all agreeing that they enjoyed demonstrating at the club.

It was mentioned that as we are affiliated to AWGB we are entitled to help on monetary and training issues as well as favourable insurance terms.

The **Financial Accounts** have been verified and signed off. Compared to last year the club made a slight loss but the club finances are still sound and no change to the membership or attendance fees were thought necessary. In order to meet the ever-increasing cost of demonstrators it is essential that members regularly attend the demos. Means of saving expenses and raise additional income will be investigated in the future.

The **Shop** is an essential source of income and members are encouraged to support it as much as possible. The shop has a good selection of wood and carries stock of most essentials needed by woodturners, like abrasives, finishing products, adhesives etc.

The **programme** arranged by the events Secretary has required a substantial effort to contact each demonstrator, especially as many of the old demonstrators have given up demonstrating. The demonstrators have included some of the country's best-known turners, including some of our own members. Therefore, an excellent programme has been achieved.

The **committee**: All existing committee members agreed to continue for another year. In addition, Ian Weller and Phill Willmot have agreed to help as well.

The **Future**. A summer club-dinner/lunch was proposed and will be investigated further. Visits to wood shows, as last year, will be investigated but the cost will need to be covered by members. Hands-on sessions as last year will be arranged. We would like more members joining the club and efforts will be made to investigate if we could co-operate with other clubs by inviting their members to attend our demos. Advertising is also being considered, as is the idea of selling items by members at suitable outlets, e.g. garden centres. Training courses at the club and the use of the empty club facilities was discussed, as well as use of IRD (interactive remote demos)