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**MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD at 11.00 am, Wednesday, 14th May 2008
in The Old Kitchens, Queens' College, Cambridge**

Present:

Dr R. Cracknell (RC),	(RC)
Prof. P. Gray	(PG)
Prof. A.N. Hayhurst	(ANH) Chairman
Prof. S. Hochgreb	(SH)
Dr. K.J. Hughes	(KJH)
Prof. W. P. Jones	(WPJ)
Dr C Morley	(CM)
Prof. R.P. Lindstedt	(RPL)
Dr Y. Wu	(YW) Secretary
Mr R Boyce	RB

1 Welcome and Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Prof A.J. Griffiths, Prof. J.F. Griffiths and Prof. J.L. Torero. Ralph Boyce was co-opted for the next two years on the Committee as the liaison officer with the IOP Combustion Physics Group. Ralph was welcomed to the Committee.

2 Minutes of the Meeting of Wednesday, 30th January 2008

There were no corrections to the minutes, which were signed as a correct record.

3 Matters arising

Item 1: Committee Records before 1977

WPJ now has all Prof Felix Weinberg's old filing cabinets and is checking if they contain records of the British Section's Committee before 1977.

Item 2: Jürgen Warnatz

ANH and WPJ wrote a tribute on behalf of the British Section. The tribute was lodged by WPJ on Jürgen Warnatz's memorial web site.

Item 3: Elections to the Committee

WPJ, RC and KJH were willing to be re-nominated. A call for nominations for election to the Committee will be sent to the members as soon as possible. (Action: **YW**)

Item 4: AGM 2008

The IOP Combustion Physics Group will hold its Autumn meeting at Fitzwilliam College, Cambridge on 18th September 2008. **RB** will liaise with the Committee of the IOP Combustion Physics Group to arrange a lunch time slot long enough for the British Section's AGM.

Item 5: British Section's Bid to Host ECM2011

ANH and **AJG** agreed to prepare a presentation at the 32nd Symposium in Montreal to bid for Cardiff to host ECM2011.

4. Correspondence

During the recent Spring Meeting at Leeds, Philippe Dagaut proposed holding an Anglo-French meeting. The Committee felt that if the British Section's bid to run ECM2011 were not successful, an Anglo-French meeting should be considered. **ANH** will reply to PD that the idea is good, but a final decision must be deferred until after the 32nd Symposium.

5. Finance

The Treasurer reported on the current financial position at 28th April 2008 as follows:

- The total assets were approximately 73 k£ with 67 k£ in the COIF account.
- Chris Morley and Mike Davies have again kindly agreed to audit the 2007 accounts.
- A provision of £8000 was agreed at the January meeting for Travel Grants to Montreal to attend the 32nd Symposium. This allocation was later reviewed under item 7 (see below).

6. Section Membership

KJH presented figures on membership. At 13th May 2008, the total membership stood at 204, with 54 of last year's membership still to renew. A further reminder will be sent out to those soon.

7. Awards:

Hinshelwood Prize for Combustion

The sub-committee for the Hinshelwood Prize 2007 recommended the award to Dr Rigopoulos of Manchester University. The Committee formally approved the award.

Sugden Award

The committee for the 2007 Sugden Award chaired by **RPL** was still reviewing papers, but will have the results no later than the middle of August 2008.

Travel Grants to 32nd Symposium in Montreal

The Committee agreed that the allocation be increased from 8 to 10 k£. Papers accepted for oral and poster presentation were to be treated equally. The minimum amount for each grant was agreed to be £200. **YW** will request applications for travel grants. It was noted that individual members, and particularly students, can also apply for a travel grant from Pittsburgh.

8. Newsletter

No items reported.

9. Committee Membership

The election of Committee members was discussed under item 3 above as Matters Arising. **SH** volunteered to become the Honorary Secretary from October 2008; this was warmly welcomed. **YW** will hand over the files of the British Section to SH.

10 Meetings

Spring Meeting 2008

The Spring Meeting 2008 held at Leeds University was attended by 48 people and made a small profit of £147. The technical programme was outstanding. The Committee formally recorded its gratitude to JFG and KJH for organising the meeting. **KJH** agreed to put the pdf files of the technical presentations on the Section's web site.

One Day Meeting and a Dinner to Mark 80th Birthday of Prof Felix Weinberg

Next December the British Section will host a meeting, followed by an early evening dinner at Imperial College or Cambridge to mark the 80th Birthday of Prof Felix Weinberg. "Optical and other Aspects of Flames" was suggested as the topic of the meeting. **WPJ** will approach Prof Felix Weinberg and consult with **ANH** to suggest a programme at the committee's next meeting.

ECM2011

The Committee agreed to cover the cost of AJG's flight to Montreal to present Cardiff's bid to host ECM2011. AJG will be re-imbursed via a normal expenses claim.

Autumn Meeting 2009

ECM2009 will be held in Vienna in the Spring (14 – 17 April) 2009. Therefore the meeting on "Soots" at Shell Research Centre will be deferred and become the Autumn meeting 2009. **RC** agreed to organise the meeting, but was concerned that Shell's Research Centre might be too small for the meeting. He agreed to investigate the situation.

Other Projected Meetings

- Professor Ken Bray will be 80 years old in November 2009. Professor Stewart Cant has agreed to hold a one-day meeting around Ken Bray's work in December 2009 at Selwyn College, Cambridge.
- Members of the Committee were asked to suggest titles for future meetings.

11 Website

No items reported.

12 International and External Affairs.

No items reported.

13 Combustion and Flame

The submission rate to Combustion and Flame was high at the moment. ANH mentioned that some members had been inhibited from publishing in CNF, because there was a long delay between a paper being accepted and appearing in print. **RPL** was to check this.

14 Report on The Business of Directors of The Combustion Institute

RPL reported on The Combustion Institute's success reversing (after legal action) the de-listing of its Proceedings.

15 IOP Combustion Physics Group News

The Group has launched two new prizes "outstanding paper" and "outstanding contribution to combustion physics".

16 Any Other Business

ANH thanked JLT for his work on the committee. He also thanked YW most warmly for all her hard work and for being such a competent Secretary of the Committee of The British Section. She was presented with a bottle of champagne.

17 **Date of Next Meeting** is fixed for 10.30 for 11.00 a.m on Friday, 17th October 2008 in the Old Combination Room at Queens' College, Cambridge.

YW 14/05/08