



Committee Members Attending	Venue: from home
Mike Macey – Vice Chairman	John Hawkswell - Chairman
David Smith - Secretary	Phil Cowey - A/V/Z System/ Webmaster
Jeff Ellis – Programme Organiser/Shop	David Woolley – Membership Secretary
	Martin Edgley – New Members Buddy

**The Management Committee Meeting 387 held over Zoom 6<sup>th</sup> Sept 2023**

1. **Apologies:** BW, LC

2. **Approve Minutes of the June 386 meeting:** Approved

3. **Matters Arising:**

**3.1 Wood Storage Area:** It was agreed to undertake the wood storage project in progressive stages as follows:

DATE	STAGE	TEAM
Before 28 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Check that the ground is flat & weed free before delivery.	MM
28 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Paint panels on delivery. Cuprinol Green	DS, ME +others
TBA	Organise and implement assembly.	
TBA	Design and buy or build shelving	LC
TBA	Transport wood stock to new Store	ME

Action:ALL

**3.2 Draft Copy of 2024 Demonstration Programme**

See email from JE dated 4<sup>th</sup> September. The meeting agreed it was an excellent programme and to proceed with 2024 membership cards.

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4. **August 2023 Financial Summary.** BW reported the following in writing: -

Category	Income	Expenditure	
AVZ		£ 1,396.96	AV Sound items as agreed
Demo – All Day	£ 100.00		Fees for Emma Cook day
Demo – Evening		£ 365.00	Les Thorne & HRFC hire
Fees		£ 4.18	PayPal fees
Insurance		£ 506.90	Zurich renewal
Membership	£ 35.00		3 new members
Raffle	£ 81.00	£ 10.38	tickets sold and prizes
Shop Purchases		£ 479.54	Axminster, Chestnut, Les Cooper
Shop Sales	£ 252.40		Cash & card sales
Visitors	£ 20.00		4 visitors



Wood Sales	£ 101.50		Cash & card sales
Wood Storage		£ 260.00	Deposit for wood store
<b>Total Result</b>	<b>£ 589.90</b>	<b>£ 3,022.96</b>	
			<b>Bank@ 31-Aug-23 £8284.21</b>

'So, August was an expensive month, but we have already had some benefit in the form of better sound quality and performance with Les Thorne's demo. Clearly we are unlikely to see any benefit from the insurance payment but I was unable to find a lower priced alternative in time before the renewal. All insurance premiums have increased this year so I don't feel we have been 'fleeced' by Zurich.

The deposit for the wood store has been paid and the remaining exposure for September will be £2,360. Let's hope this improves the quality and quantity of wood we are able to provide our members.

As to the suggestions Les posed recently I agree we should put a weed barrier down before erecting the store and I have some material that could be suitable - I will unroll the 1000grade polythene when I get back from holiday to see if it is sufficient.

In the attached forecast I think I have reconciled all the numbers correctly - please let me know if you find any inconsistencies. The membership income is based on a total of 96 members from now to March next year, a few new members this year and renewals (non-renewals) at the year end. The March'24 Working Balance is consistent with the investment we have made in both AV equipment for monthly meetings and the Wood Store (the balance above is included in the forecast). All-in-all I am confident we will remain solvent for the coming year.

Regarding Frampton, I hope everything goes well which I'm sure it will with Mike at the helm. Please remember to record any financial transaction in as much detail as you can so I can make sense of the result when I return. I will let Mike M have the float in case anyone uses cash at the event.'

The financial summary and forecast were discussed in detail and despite the recent heavy expenditure the meeting approved the cash flow predictions and the resulting improvements to club facilities.

**5. Correspondence:**

It was agreed to inform members of the availability of lathes etc at FairShares/network Crafts with advice to have formal training before undertaking wood turning. Text to be compiled by PC

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**6. Review of July Hands-On Evening:**

Attendance approximately 68. Les Thorne was rated as an outstanding demonstrator, very accomplished. Must have again and available for 2-day booking.

**7. Preparation for September Club Night & Workshop: Emma Cook**

Preparations were reported as complete for demonstration.



**8. Stanton Away Days:**

This topic had not received sufficient favourable feedback and was terminated.

**9. Membership Report**

Three new members bringing the total to 107

**10. Review of Website & AV System**

PC reported that activity on web is still greater than last year and that no more expenditure on the AV system was envisaged. For more details see report by PC dated 5<sup>th</sup> September.

**11. Frampton Show:**

Details regarding the show logistics were discussed at length. MM reported everything to be on course for a good show.

**12. Lifts (Car Sharing)**

The membership renewal forms to have new check boxes to enable those with transport difficulties to seek lifts. Similarly a check box will be included for those who are willing to car share. The necessary connection to be made through the Membership Secretary- DW

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**13. Sales table**

This was modified: Tables to be booked in advance and a 10% of sales commission made to the club.

**14. Any Other Business**

The December Social evening to be discussed at the next meeting, regarding Bingo and suggestions for a special speaker.

**15. Items to be announced at the September meetings**

Volunteers for each stage of Wood Store project  
Emma's all day workshop  
Colwin Way in October.  
Ask members for speaker suggestions for Christmas

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Next meeting **Wednesday** 4<sup>th</sup> October 2023