

UK AVS+UNIRAS User Group

AGM Minutes

5th November 2002

1. Minutes of the last AGM (Minutes of 5th November 2001)

These were moved for approval by Paul Hatton and seconded by Paul Lever.

2. Matters arising from the previous minutes

None.

3. Chairman's Report

John Blair-Fish presented his report, reproduced below.

The committee has met four times since the AGM. We have organised this Annual Conference and two Workshops on successive days in March. We have given further effort to updating and enhancing the web site. A student project at Manchester Visualization Centre has produced a Gsharp cookbook available at this conference in a similar way to that on using AVS/Express at the last conference.

There were 25 delegates in all for the two Workshops. The session on "Using Gsharp" was intended to be introductory and to provide training material in html format for university and reference web-sites. The second workshop "The structure of AVS/Express" was to explain the way AVS/Express works and to provide hands-on help on installation of IAC modules and use of the AVS/Express cookbook.

All the materials from these workshops have been added to the UAUUG website together with material on Gsharp from the Toolmaster CD. An attempt has been made to rationalise older training material.

With falling numbers at the Annual conference there has been much discussion on how to change the conference to make it more attractive and a new venue has been sought. The conference programme this year was designed with the first day as a training session and the second day to be predominately user presentation. Next year we intend to leave the design and content of the first day over to the company and try to attract more commercial interest. We will also be moving the venue to Easthampstead Park Conference Centre in Reading within the M4 corridor and Thames Valley. The date has been set to the same time, November 2nd to 4th – the committee do not believe stormy autumnal weather is a disincentive to travel.

Stuart Merrylees of Robertson Research is stepping down from the committee. Many thanks to Stuart.

Thanks to Mary McDerby as secretary and key link at Manchester Visualization Centre, to Arline as treasurer, and Tobias' technical knowledge and considerable efforts at the Workshop on AVS/Express, and to John Stringer for his introductory workshop on Gsharp.

Thanks also to the rest of the committee for all their efforts. Finally, I wish to thank Paul Hatton for hosting and organising the conference again and to Margaret Oliver for setting the ball rolling at the venue of next year's conference.

The current committee consists of:

- John Blair-Fish, University of Edinburgh (Chairman)
- Mary McDerby, Manchester Visualization Centre (Secretary)
- Arline Wilson, Wolverhampton University (Treasurer)
- Maeveen Carville, Queen's University, Belfast
- Malcolm Austen, University of Oxford
- Margaret Oliver, University of Reading
- Paul Hatton, University of Birmingham
- Paul Lever, Manchester Visualization Centre

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- John Stringer, AVS UK Ltd
- Peter Kelly, AVS UK Ltd
- Tobias Schiebeck, International AVS Centre

4. Treasurer's Report

This report was prepared and presented by Arline Wilson and is for the financial year 1st April 2001-31st March 2002.

Capital on deposit at the bank at 31/3/02 was £12,792.42 compared with £16,307.28 at 31/3/01.

Income of £346.00 was received from interest on bank deposits.

There was expenditure of £180.37 for committee expenses.

The 2001 conference made a loss of £1,257.36.

The existing accumulated capital remains sufficient to fund current activities; there will therefore continue to be no charge for membership of the user group. However the

committee continues to reserve the right to resume charging a subscription fee at some time in the future, should this become necessary.

5. Elections to the UAUUG Executive Committee for 2001-2002

John Blair-Fish reported that the committee is going to stay as is except for Stuart Merrylees standing down.

6. AOB

Workshops are to be discussed at the next meeting.

7. Date of Next Meeting

The meeting agreed will be held at Easthampstead Park Conference Centre in Reading. Margaret Oliver will be the local organiser, and the dates will be 2nd and 3rd November 2002. The next AGM will be held at the User Group Annual Meeting, Reading, 2003.

Mary McDerby
UAUUG Secretary
23rd November 2002