



1. Attendees:
 - 1.1 Committee: David Miller (DM), Tom James(TJ), John Wallace (JW)
 - 1.2 There were 37 attendees.
The chairman opened the meeting shortly after 7pm.

2. Minutes of the last AGM
 - 2.1 Copies of the minutes of the last AGM were available.
 - 2.2 No objections were raised against the acceptance of the AGM 2014 minutes.

3. Matters Arising
 - 3.1 Any matters arising from the minutes of the 2014 meeting should be raised with the chairman by e-mailing nottm-ch@bcs.org.uk

4. Chairman's report:
 - 4.1 JW presented a combined Chairman's and Treasurer report, a copy of which is attached.
 - 4.2 JW thanked event attendees and committee.
 - 4.3 11 events covering Open stack, Cloud services, AI and Agile were held over the year.
 - 4.4 The committee require more help from members and two attendees expressed an interest in joining the committee.
 - 4.5 Two student prizes were awarded.

5. Treasurer's report:
 - 5.1 A budget for 2014/15 was £4206.
Approximately £3000 has been spent for year 2014-2015 and the under spend was due to fewer speaker expenses than expected.
 - 5.2 The budget for 2015/16 was set at £4206 including student prizes.
The date of future AGMs will be moved to October to align better with budget allocation.

6. Election of Officers
 - 6.1 **Chairman: Tom James** (proposed: John Wallace, seconded: David Miller) elected unopposed.
 - 6.2 **Treasurer: Peter Eldridge** (proposed: John Wallace, seconded: David Miller) elected unopposed.
 - 6.3 **Secretary: TBA.** The Secretary no longer requires to be elected.
 - 6.4 Other roles will be filled from the committee at the next committee meeting.
 - 6.5 Members were encouraged to become involved by joining at the next committee meeting. Next committee date TBA.

7. Other Business
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Combined Treasurer and Chairman statement

The branch held 11 events in 2014 – 2015 covering topics such as Open stack, Cloud Services, Artificial Intelligence, Agile etc...

Attendance varied depending on topics with Artificial Intelligence, NLP and Agile being some of the better attended events. Agile in particular was the most popular topic.

Budget for 2014/5 was £4206 and spend will be about £3000. The under spend is mainly due to speaker's expenses, I budget for all speakers to claim but, in fact, only a few do. Also we only seem to have one University prize rather than the three we budgeted. We are also slightly under budget on the room hire as I have to allow for any increase the Novotel might want. As we have to submit the budget request in March we have no idea what room hire charges might be for the following year but for the past year the Novotel kept their charges the same. This may not be the same next year but the budget is already set.

The final figures will be due out soon and it is for that reason we will be moving the following AGM to October to align better with other branches.

The budget for 2015/16 is set at £4206.

The committee puts in a lot of effort to organise and enable these events so I would like to thank the committee for all their hard work, which without them volunteering their time these events would not be possible.

In particular I would like to thank Tom for his work as Events Secretary. Tom has done a fantastic job of organising events for the past year.

The branch made "best student" awards to University of Nottingham and potentially Nottingham University. This is an annual prize which we hope to extend to Derby University next year.

HQ continues to produce useful material which can be accessed via the BCS website.

The branch hopes to hold a similar number of events next year and any suggestions or contacts for speakers for topics will be appreciated.

On a final note, the branch relies heavily on members volunteering their time for the benefits of all branch members. We would like members to become more involved so that we can improve the branch for the future. A number of positions are available in the committee and If you would like to become more involved then please contact the committee.

John Wallace

