

IPMS Hornchurch 2007 AGM Report

Peter Bagshaw –Club Secretary

Dear Club Member

Firstly I would like to thank all the members who attended the AGM and voted to keep me on as the Club Secretary

Next Months Meeting

For those of you not at the AGM when the schedule for the year was put together, the June meeting will be a "Photographing Models" evening, the models will be mostly plastic but sadly not as exciting as this may sound. The idea is that we take photographs of some of our more recently completed models to put up on our new website to show off the talent within the club. If there is time Phil Worth has also volunteered to give a quick talk on modelling naval subjects and Alan Wright is still to give his talk on his scratch built flying boat.

That's all for now, so settle back and enjoy the highlights of IPMS Hornchurch AGM Report.

Regards

Peter Bagshaw
IPMS Hornchurch Club Secretary

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1. Committee Reports

Peter Bagshaw (Club Secretary)

I think this year has been quite a successful one for the club; we have retained a core group of members by hopefully offering an interesting and varied selection of meeting subjects throughout the year.

There are a couple of points which cause some cause for concern, namely:-

Lack of attendance at shows. Going to other club shows may seem like a waste of a weekend, however there are many benefits to be had; bacon butties, homemade cakes and of course bargains. Seriously though attending model shows is also useful in that you can see other people's models and if you see something that makes you wonder "how did they do that?" there's usually a good chance that the modeller will tell you. There is also the opportunity for someone else to come up and ask you about your models too. From a club point of view it also a useful advertising tool as we may pick up some new members or someone may offer to come along to give us a talk for example.

Competitions. Not enough members appear to be entering, this is not strictly limited to our club, and the same thing has been noted at shows and other clubs. We noticed that the entry level for the end of year competition at the South East Essex (Southend) club is also lower than previous years.

Bob Plumridge (Treasurer) – Presented a breakdown of the clubs accounts for the year.

The club operated at a slight loss over the year, our hall hire cost has increased slightly and attendance numbers were slightly reduced, but we still have sufficient operating funds for the moment. There is no current requirement to increase membership subscriptions.

Danny Alvisse (Editor Sticky Fingers) – Not a great deal to report as he stood down from the post. The reasoning being that he had lost interest due to lack of submissions from the membership.

Robin Bellamy (Assistant & Competition Secretary) – Commented on another successful year of competitions, he noted that the standard of models was as high if not higher than ever, but the number of entrants was down on previous years.

2. Election of Officers

The committee posts were then voted in. Myself, Bob and Robin were happy to continue in our roles and were re-elected as there were no other nominees for the positions.

The editorship of Sticky Fingers was offered for someone to take up. There were no takers for the post so for now the role will be taken up by Peter Bagshaw.

No other posts were created.

3. Club Competitions

Announcement of winners for 2006/2007 competitions

- a) Wally Arrowsmith Trophy (Aircraft) – John Bennett
- b) IPMS Hornchurch Trophy (Miscellaneous) – Danny Alvisse
- c) Modeller of the Year – Robin Bellamy
- d) Secretary's Cup/Chairman's Trophy – Danny Alvisse – in recognition of all the hard work Danny has put in to produce Sticky Fingers over the last few years I resurrected this trophy.

The competition was then discussed. The membership was generally happy with the format and style of the competitions.

The proposals I raised and detailed in the April copy of Sticky Fingers were then debated.

Proposal 1 - We currently present the runner up of the competition with a small medal; I would like to propose that we discontinue this practice. The reasoning is partly to save the club some money but also I am not convinced that many members actually want to keep these tokens. What does the club think, keep or drop?

This motion was debated and after a tied vote we decided to keep presenting the awards, however it was stressed that members do not have to accept the award if they don't wish to keep them.

Proposal 2 Update to the competition rules to clarify the position with regard to the "Modeller of the Year" competition. I would like to propose that we add the following to the club competition rules:-

All models entered into any of the 4 competition rounds qualify for entry into the "Modeller of the Year" competition.

This motion was discussed and effectively agreed. A supplementary suggestion was then raised regarding the "Modeller of the Year" competition.

To attempt to increase the desirability to enter the club competitions and thus be eligible to enter the "Modeller of the Year" competition it was proposed to award a cash prize for the winner of the "Modeller of the Year" competition. After discussion the following was proposed and agreed.

The following prizes are to be awarded for the "Modeller of the Year" competition.

Winner (1 st place)	£20
Runner up (2 nd place)	£10
3 rd place	£5

4. Formulation of outstanding monthly dates for 2007/2008

See Schedule printed later.

Following on from the competition a discussion was started to determine whether the club would be interested in taking part in a club group build. The aim of this would be to a) create some new models for display, especially at the hoped for Southern Expo show in 2008 and b) stimulate some model building so members would have something to enter into the club competitions. After a while a theme of "the 60's" was proposed and agreed. The idea being that a model of anything that was in actual use during the 1960's would be eligible, not necessarily designed and built in the 1960's. The February meeting has been designated as the point by which models are to be ready and brought up to the club, in preparation for display at Southern Expo.

5. Any Other Business

Alan Carr raised a point to thank the committee for their endeavours throughout the year.

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2007/2008 Meeting Schedule

June 18th	Photo night and Naval Modelling Talk by Phil Worth
July 16th	Competition Night
August 20th	Talk by John Barfoot Essex Airmen 1910 - 1918
September 17th	Work In Progress
October 15th	Competition Night
November 19th	Scale Modelworld report & DVD Night
December 17th	Quiz and nibbles
January 21st	Competition Night
February 18th	1960's Theme Build
March 17th	Competition Night
April 21st	Competition: Modeller of the Year
May 19th	AGM

Club Competition Rules

- The competitions are split into 2, the Wally Arrowsmith Trophy for Aircraft subjects and the IPMS Hornchurch Trophy for Miscellaneous subjects.
- Each competition will be run over 4 rounds.
- The schedule and any "Themes" for the competitions are decided at the AGM in May.
- All models must have been completed after 1st May for that competition year.
- Each competition has been split into 2 categories.

	Category 1	Category 2
Aircraft	1/72 nd scale or less	Greater than 1/72 nd scale
Miscellaneous	Military vehicles any scale	Anything else, i.e. not an aircraft or military vehicle subject.

- Registration of models must be made before 20:15 to allow voting to start at this time.
- Members vote for the winning models in order of preference from 1st to 5th places in each category and competition.
- For each competition round a competitor may enter a maximum of 2 models per category, i.e. For the Wally Arrowsmith competition (Aircraft) 2 models in Category 1 and 2 models in Category 2 are the maximum allowed per round.
- Modellers may enter either or both competitions and categories, Aircraft and Miscellaneous.
- A model may only be entered into any competition once.
- Dioramas count as 1 model.
- Two models on one base, but not a diorama, count as 2 models.
- Modellers are **not** expected to vote for their own entries.
- The person with the highest overall number of points in each competition (Aircraft or Miscellaneous) after the 4th round will be the club champion.
- In the event of a tie on points the number of 1st and 2nd places etc. will be the deciding factor.
- All models entered into any of the 4 rounds are eligible for entry into the "Modeller of the Year" competition.
- **In the event of a dispute the Competition Secretary's' decision is final.**

Scoring

Every model entered in each competition scores 5 points.

The following points will be awarded for the 1st five places in each competition category.

1 st place	20 points
2 nd place	18 points
3 rd place	16 points
4 th place	14 points
5 th place	12 points

i.e. a person entering 1 model who comes 3rd will score 5 points for entry plus 16 points for 3rd place, giving a total of 21 points.

Modeller of the Year Competition

This is an "end of year" competition open to all models that have been entered into the current year's competition.

Rules

- Judging for the competition will be performed by external judges with no association with any of the entered models.
- Members can enter any or all of the models which they have entered into the IPMS Hornchurch competition over that year.
- First, second and third places are to be awarded with the following prizes being awarded.

Winner (1 st place)	£20
Runner up (2 nd place)	£10
3 rd place	£5
- **In the event of a dispute the judge's decision is final.**

Club Display Code of Conduct

Do not spill any food or drinks on the tablecloths; if possible avoid eating or drinking behind the stand.

Keep the language clean. Swear words may well put off families from approaching the club.

Always keep the stand manned - with 1 person in front if possible. If you are the only person there and need to leave the stand find someone else from the club and request they take over.

Be polite to the punters.

If you see someone has been manning the stand for a long period of time - offer them a break.

Be careful with the models - report any damage and arrange for repair if possible. Unless absolutely necessary let the owner of the model move it.

When setting up - make sure that the club name placard is on show, that flyers are available and that any themed displays are clearly identified.

Try not to bring along the same models time after time. Refresh your display models as often as possible.

A Display Organizer will be appointed by the Club Committee/Secretary for each show the club attends. They will be responsible for the following: -

- The club display cloths and club name plate are available and used.
- The appropriate club display bases and stands are used, note for some shows where a small number of models or modellers are in attendance you may not need all or any of the stands.
- Will have the authority to request the moving of models to provide the best possible display.
- Will have the authority to request the removal of models to make room for other club members e.g. if late attendees arrive and it is safe to do so. The aim would be to allow an equal amount of display space for all members attending and wishing to display