

Women in Banking and Finance

Annual General Meeting 2009

- Date of Meeting:** 1st December 2009
- Venue:** Royal Bank of Scotland, 135 Bishopsgate, London EC2
- WIBF management team - present:** Christine Lawrence (Chair)
Ann Leverett (Secretary)
Katrina Arnold (Treasurer)
Carolina Briere
Isabella Brusati
Jane Campbell
Maria Johannessen
Rhonda Calder
Ruth Napier
- Other Attendees:** WIBF members
- Apologies:** Apologies received in advance from WIBF Management team members: Marian Costello, Tina Chugani and Sylvana Caloni
- Purpose of the AGM:** To receive the accounts and any balance sheets and any report thereon. To consider such other business or reports as may be submitted by the Management team or any proposed motion submitted in writing by any member providing at least 21 days notice prior to the AGM.

Minutes

Item No.	Description
1.0	Previous Minutes read and agreed.
2.0	A copy of the WIBF Annual Report 2009 was distributed to all in attendance at the AGM.
2.1	Each member of the WIBF Management Team formally introduced themselves and explained their role on the committee.
3.0	The Treasurer, Katrina Arnold presented on the main items of the 2009 Annual Accounts as shown in summary below: <u>Membership Account</u> As the financial crisis of 2008 inevitably had an adverse effect on many of our members we determined that membership fees would remain unchanged in 2009. This had the desired effect as membership renewals remained largely

	<p>constant, although we attracted fewer new members than the previous year.</p> <p><u>Corporate Sponsorship</u></p> <p>Corporate sponsorship was slightly up and we are very pleased to publicly acknowledge the continued sponsorship at a time when budgets are constantly under review and are tight.</p> <p><u>2009 Annual Accounts</u></p> <p>We reported a net loss this year of £3,213.63; however we maintain a very healthy bank balance of circa £23,000.</p> <p>In 2010, the Management committee will continue to monitor the use of its resources. The Treasurer's recommendation is to increase the contingency fund to £10,000, in order to ring fence and main WIBF stability for the future.</p>
4.0	<p>Christine Lawrence proceeded to summarise the highlights and achievements of the group during 2009 as documented in the WIBF Annual Report 2009. The highlights were:</p> <p><u>WIBF Regional Chairs</u></p> <p>In 2009, three new Regional Chairs were appointed in Scotland, Ireland and Bristol. Christine thanked the successors, Fiona Gifford, WIBF Scotland; Annette Farrell, WIBF Ireland and Glynis Rankin, WIBF Bristol for their commitment and contributions to establishing and growing WIBF in their respective regions. Their predecessors, Louise Kirk, WIBF Scotland; Phil Rafferty, WIBF Ireland and Claire Livingstone, WIBF Bristol will continue the good work and provide a fresh perspective.</p> <p><u>WIBF Scotland</u></p> <p>In 2009, WIBF Scotland successfully launched a branch in Glasgow. More than 100 finance and banking professionals attended the launch party.</p> <p><u>WIBF Events</u></p> <p>Throughout 2009 WIBF successfully delivered an impressive total of 50 events across London, Scotland, Ireland and Bristol. The events ranged from Personal Development workshops, Networking and Role Model panel events. The total number of events excludes the fortnightly WIBF Speakers club meetings held in the City, London and Canary Wharf.</p> <p><u>WIBF Speakers Clubs</u></p> <p>WIBF Speakers Clubs tend to be underplayed and deserves a special mention. Both WIBF Speakers Clubs continue to outperform other Toastmasters club and continue to receive the highly honoured recognition from Toastmasters International, the Presidents Distinguished Club Award.</p> <p>Christine Lawrence talked about the objectives for 2010 as outlined in the WIBF Annual Report 2009.</p>
5.0	<p>The floor was opened to questions from WIBF members.</p> <p>There were no objections or oppositions raised concerning the Annual Report 2009 or Annual Accounts for 2009.</p>