

PAPER INDUSTRY CHARITABLE TRUST

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON FRIDAY, 24TH MARCH 2023 IN PARK SUITE TWO OF THE PARK PLAZA RIVERBANK HOTEL, 18 ALBERT EMBANKMENT, LONDON SE1 7TJ

The meeting commenced at 11.15 am.

The President, Tony Wood, took the chair. There were 20 members in attendance.

1. Apologies for Absence were recorded from: O Davis, C Duncan, B Fowler, P Gupta, D Houseman, R Ingarfield, R Moore, J Perry, M Randall, P Shorten.
2. The Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 11th March 2022 were proposed by J Piggott, seconded by R Benwell and unanimously approved.
3. The President welcomed everyone to the meeting and reported on his year of office. (report in Newsletter 33).
4. Presentation of Accounts for the period 1st January 2022 to 31st December 2022. The Accounts were then proposed by M Eustace, seconded by P Bothwick and unanimously approved.

Robert Lockwood and Peter Blakeley were thanked for their work on the Accounts.

5. Election of Officers.
The President announced that the Committee recommended that Mike Gee be elected as President for 2023. This was proposed by J Piggott, seconded by R Bennett and unanimously approved. Mike Gee was invested with his badge of office.

Mike Gee then took the Chair. He thanked the meeting for this honour and his first duty was to announce that it was the committee's recommendation that John Haslam become Vice President for 2023. This was proposed by P Bothwick,

seconded by P Blakeley and unanimously approved. The new President invested John Haslam with his badge of office.

The appointment of the Treasurer, Robert Lockwood was proposed by T Wood, seconded by R Benwell and unanimously approved. The President thanked Robert Lockwood for all his hard work as Treasurer.

The appointment of the Secretary, Mrs Anne James, was proposed by P Blakeley, seconded by M Curle and unanimously approved. The President thanked Anne James for all her hard work as Secretary.

According to the Articles of Association the longest serving Elected Director, Peter Bothwick, had to retire but was re-elected. This was proposed by R Benwell, seconded by M Gee and unanimously approved.

The election of Peter Blakeley as Independent Examiner was proposed by J Piggott, seconded by P Bothwick and unanimously approved. The President thanked Peter Blakeley for examining the Accounts.

6. Report on Benevolent Fund Distribution by Peter Bothwick:

" As we all know, through the last 12 months there have been a number of challenges facing individuals in our industry and many others. However, whatever the future holds within the paper and board industry, the presence of PICT as a charitable support vehicle will be maintained.

We have issued a number of reminders, re-stating our purpose and our determination to

support our industry colleagues. We have also communicated directly with paper company CEO's and HR officers, to encourage them to pass the PICT charitable message throughout their respective organisations.

Of course we trust that these senior officers will indeed convey that message amongst their staff and colleagues. But we also urge individuals in these companies, who may need help in one form or another, to seek advice from their peers and their management, to find out more about the scope of help that may be obtained from PICT.

Everyone will find a lot more about our charitable support in today's menu card, and contact to us with a request for assistance is very simple. And please let us re-state our firm promise that any approach to us shall be treated in complete confidentiality.

Our thanks to all PICT members and friends for continuing to support us."

Various suggestions were then made from the floor concerning possible ideas for donations:

J Piggott - donation to a specific charity
L Robinson - ask members to nominate a charity
J Haslam - contact Stationers Hall to help with student education
M Eustace - contact CPI

These ideas to be discussed by the PICT committee but the first course of action was to follow up letters and leaflets being sent to CEO's and HR Departments of all the main paper companies raising the awareness of PICT and its aims.

The meeting closed at 11.46 hours.

The 200 Club draw resulted as follows:

1st - £250 R Benwell
- donated back to PICT

2nd - £100 M Eustace
- donated back to PICT