

PAPER INDUSTRY CHARITABLE TRUST

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON FRIDAY, 4TH MARCH 2016 IN THE PARK PLAZA RIVERBANK HOTEL, 18 ALBERT EMBANKMENT, LONDON SE1 7TJ COMMENCING AT 11.15 AM.

The President, Andy Thompson took the chair. There were 20 members in attendance.

1. The Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 6th March 2015 were proposed by J Piggott, seconded by S Mason and unanimously approved.
2. The President welcomed everyone to the meeting and reported on his year of office.
3. Apologies for Absence were recorded from: P Carr, O Davis, S Elliott, B Fowler, G Fowler, A Heyer, R Ingarfield, B Kelly, B Kingham, P Penke, J Perry, M Randall, L Scott, Mrs I Smith, M Windett.
4. Presentation of Accounts for the period 1st January 2015 to 31st December 2015. John Garlick presented the Accounts in Phil Carr's absence. In his report Phil Carr thanked John Garlick for being an extremely diligent Independent Examiner. The adoption of the Accounts was then proposed by A Badcock, seconded by B Steele and carried unanimously.
5. Election of Directors
The President announced that it was the Committee's recommendation that Nick Gee be elected President for 2016. This was proposed by P Shorten, seconded by P Bothwick and unanimously approved.

Andy Thompson then invested Nick Gee with the Badge of Office. The new President thanked the meeting and was warmly applauded.

Nick Gee then took the Chair. His first duty was to announce that it was the Committee's recommendation that Joe Piggott become Vice President for 2016. This was proposed by R Law, seconded by A Thompson and unanimously approved. Nick Gee then invested Joe Piggott with the Vice President's Badge.

The appointment of the Treasurer Phil Carr was proposed by N Haslam, seconded by M Kerlogue and unanimously approved.

The appointment of the Secretary Mrs Anne James was proposed by S Mason seconded by A Thompson and unanimously approved.

According to the Articles of Association the longest serving Elected Director has to retire but is eligible to stand for re-election. Andy Thompson retired but was re-elected. This was proposed by P Bothwick, seconded by R Law and unanimously approved.

6. Report on Benevolent Fund Distribution by Andy Thompson.

"This year we have continued to support a number of long standing family situations. We do and will continue to review and monitor all on going cases to ensure that the support we provide is going to circumstances of need and are not viewed as additional pensions.

We are pleased, if indeed pleased is the correct word to inform you that we have had a

number of new requests from deserving cases of which three we have been able to support.

This support has consisted of either monetary awards or has found us purchasing such items as medical blankets, radios and in one of the cases a television.

Where the decision was not to support a case, this year without exception it has been due to the very tenuous link to the Paper trade. We do remind all requestees that our charity is there to support paper related cases.

We have introduced during the course of the year a mechanism to ensure that we are treating all cases where a monetary consideration is provided in a consistent manner. This is simply a figure that is multiplied by the number of years worked in the paper trade.

We have paid out a similar amount to last year with the exception of a significant one off donation to the Stationers Livery Company. John in his financial brief will provide the detail.

Finally we would like to encourage everybody to make their business colleagues and friends aware of the Charity's existence and purpose of helping deserving cases."

The meeting closed at 11.55 am.

After the meeting M Eustace asked what the strategy going forward was to keep PICT well supported and A Thompson responded by informing the meeting that the Committee were looking into this matter. They were already planning Quiz Nights in 2016 to raise the awareness of PICT.