

PAPER INDUSTRY CHARITABLE TRUST

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON FRIDAY, 8TH MARCH 2019 IN THE PARK PLAZA RIVERBANK HOTEL, 18 ALBERT EMBANKMENT, LONDON SE1 7TJ COMMENCING AT 11.15 AM.

The President, Paul Johnston-Knight, took the chair. There were 20 members in attendance.

1. The Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 9th March 2018 were proposed by B Fowler, seconded by N Gee and unanimously approved.
2. The President welcomed everyone to the meeting and reported on his year of office. (The full report is in Newsletter No. 25).
3. Apologies for Absence were recorded from:

Badcock, Alan
Bennett, Richard
Bolton, Jill
Bolton, Richard
Campbell, Barry
Davis, Owen
Dinnadge, Norman
Duncan, Clive
Fowler, George
Haines, Fred
Ingarfield, Ron
Kentish, David
Leahy, John
Penke, Peter
Perry, Jack
Scott, Lionel
Spicer, Tony
Steele, Bev
Thompson, Andy

4. Presentation of Accounts for the period 1st January 2018 to 31st December 2018 by Robert Lockwood.

The adoption of the Accounts were then proposed by M Gee, seconded by J Piggott and carried unanimously.

There was discussion about the low interest rate being received but the Treasurer confirmed that he was looking at moving monies into a better rate interest account as a matter of urgency.

Robert Lockwood was thanked for his presentation of the Accounts.

5. Election of Directors

The President announced that the Committee recommended that Peter Bothwick be elected President for 2019. This was proposed by B Fowler, seconded by M Kerlogue and unanimously approved.

Paul Johnston-Knight then invested Peter Bothwick with the Badge of Office. The new President thanked the meeting and was warmly applauded. He congratulated Paul on an excellent year of office.

Peter Bothwick then took the Chair. His first duty was to announce that it was the Committee's recommendation that Rod Benwell become Vice President for 2019. This was proposed by N Gee, seconded by P Shorten and unanimously approved.

Peter Bothwick then invested Rod Benwell with the Vice President's Badge.

The appointment of the Treasurer, Robert Lockwood, was proposed by J Garlick, seconded by M Gee and unanimously approved. Robert was thanked for his work as Treasurer.

The appointment of the Secretary, Mrs Anne James, was proposed by Peter

Bothwick, seconded by J Garlick and unanimously approved. Anne was thanked for her work as Secretary.

According to the Articles of Association the longest serving Elected Director, Peter Bothwick, retired but was re-elected, proposed by B Fowler, seconded by M Gee and unanimously approved.

The election of John Garlick as the Independent Examiner was proposed by P Bothwick, seconded by P Johnston-Knight and unanimously approved. John was thanked for examining the Accounts.

6. Report on Benevolent Fund Distribution by Peter Bothwick.

"Our numbers of new approaches or applications for charitable assistance have been disappointing during 2018/19. This highlights our need to reinforce the charity message through our membership and events. Where we have had requests, often they are from other charities, most predominantly military charities, and of course in these cases, the paper industry validity of the individual case has to be carefully scrutinized. We are currently maintaining two regular payments to qualifying individuals. Although the amounts paid are modest, these cases are continually subject to review.

In the most recent PICT magazine, we included a case study which gave brief details of specific charity assistance which PICT provided for an individual. This case was featured in order to demonstrate an example of the help that can be given, and to further stimulate the search for additional requests. Naturally, to conform to our strict confidentiality guidelines, in the article the recipient remained anonymous.

It is hoped that the entire PICT membership will continue to remind any colleagues in need, past or present, about the charitable purpose of PICT, and how we could potentially be of some help."

There was a question from the floor of the meeting concerning those who can benefit from the Trust. Peter Bothwick responded that these were set out in the Memorandum of Association and were for:

(a) relief of hardship for those who had been employed in the paper industry or their widows and children.

(b) the advancement of education for individuals with a view to their entry into the paper industry.

Peter also told the meeting that PICT was working with the Paper Trail to promote the Trust to new members through their Paper Appreciation Courses and looking at new ways to encourage younger members to join in the activities of PICT.

The meeting closed at 11.50 am.

The 200 Club draw resulted as follows:

3rd	£50	M Gee	No. 67
2nd	£100	T Dodsley	No. 20
1st	£250	B Steele	No. 37