

PAPER INDUSTRY CHARITABLE TRUST

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON FRIDAY, 27TH MARCH 2020

The place: BT Conference Cloud

Time: 11.15 am

The President, Peter Bothwick, took the chair. There were

20 members in attendance.

1. Apologies for Absence were recorded from: M Bairstow, O Davis, R Dickens, G Fowler, D Houseman, P Penke, J Perry, M Randall, C Spear, B Steele, J Uwins.
2. The Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 8th March 2019 were proposed by J Piggott, seconded by M Kerlogue and unanimously approved.
3. The President welcomed everyone to the meeting and reported on his year of office (report in Newsletter No.27).
4. Presentation of Accounts for the period 1st January 2019 to 31st December 2019 by Robert Lockwood. The adoption of the Accounts was then proposed by R Benwell, seconded by K Dewey 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 Rod Benwell be elected President for 2020. This was proposed by K Dewey, seconded by J Piggott and unanimously approved.

Rod Benwell then took the Chair and took over the running of the meeting. His first duty was to announce that it was the Committee's recommendation that Tony Wood become Vice President for 2020. This was proposed by B Garson, seconded by L Robinson and unanimously approved. Tony Wood responded with thanks for his election.

The appointment of the Treasurer, Robert Lockwood was proposed by J Piggott, seconded by T Wood and unanimously agreed. 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 Windett 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, Andy Thompson, had to retire but was re-elected. This was proposed by J Piggott, seconded by T Bowler and unanimously approved.

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

6. Report on Benevolent Fund Distribution by Peter Bothwick:

"As recorded in the President's Report, it was very satisfying that we donated an increased amount to deserving cases in the last year. That is after all why we are here but that is nothing to be complacent about, we long to do more, and that is why we must continue to promote the objectives of PICT.

When things do finally get back to some form of normality, we shall again be stressing the help that PICT can give, along with some new initiatives with which to enhance our basic message.

In previous Trustees reports, you may have heard us lamenting the fact that our incoming requests for assistance have been minimal. Speaking frankly, and without wishing to assume or pre-empt anything, it may well be that the economic and financial impact of our current circumstances might lead to an increased influx of requests for help from paper industry personnel. Whether that does or does not happen, that is why we considered it so vital that we postpone our Annual Lunch, rather than cancel it altogether.

The PICT Lunch is, of course, very popular but is also our major income stream of the year. The continuation of our increased attendance numbers will enable us to give charitable requests the consideration and attention that they deserve.

So thank you for staying with us, and please help us to help you and your colleagues, by maintaining your support on (hopefully) 4th September 2020."

The meeting closed at 11.50 hours