

## **BRITISH SOCIETY OF SUGAR TECHNOLOGISTS**

### **Minutes of the 26<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting held in the Lecture Theatre of the Society of Chemical Industry, Belgrave Square, London, at 11:45 on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2008**

#### **Present:**

Mr C C Frederick	President (in the Chair)	Mr R E Merry	Vice President
Mr A J Dean	Trustee	Mr M Getaz	Trustee
Dr G L James	Trustee	Mr N P Leavins	Trustee
Dr M B Inkson	Secretary/Treasurer		

in the presence of 38 members. Apologies for absence were received from two Trustees [Alan Mead and Phil Thompson] and about 29 members. It was noted that George Scott had passed away some two years before but that the Society had been unaware of his passing. Simon Winn and Peter Brown spoke in praise of George, his work ethic and personable character.

The President declared the meeting open and welcomed all members present.

#### **1. Minutes of the 25<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting**

The Minutes of the 25<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting held on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2007 had been circulated prior to the meeting. For adoption and seconding of minutes see section 6 below. The President considered the minutes signed.

#### **2. Matters arising from the Minutes**

There were no matters arising.

#### **3. President's & Secretary/Treasurer's Report**

##### **3.1 President's Report**

The President's report had been circulated prior to the meeting and was available separately. There were no comments worthy of note from the meeting.

##### **3.2 Secretary/Treasurer's Report**

The activities of the Council and Society during the calendar year of 2007 had been circulated to the membership prior to the meeting. The Secretary reviewed the report. For adoption and seconding of minutes see section 6 below.

Dr Mike Bennett [Honorary Member] asked about the new European Society. The Secretary explained that it was a new organisation proposed at last year's joint meeting of CITS [International Commission for Sugar Technology] and the German equivalent of BSST [VDZ]. At this stage nothing is particularly clear except that it might replace CITS [an organisation which might be thought of as a European version of SIT].

#### **4. Accounts of the Society for the Year Ended 31.12.2007**

A copy of the Society's un-audited Accounts for the 2007 calendar year had been circulated to the membership prior to the meeting. The Secretary confirmed the accounts had been successfully audited by Mr Piers Bostock [Member] and proceeded to review them, noting that the Society continued to remain solvent with a remarkably stable balance sheet.

Of special note was the low price of last year's ATM which was substantially funded by our hosts: Thomas Broadbent & Sons Ltd. The meeting asked that Mr Tony Dean [Trustee] convey its thanks to the Board. Mr Simon Winn [Honorary Member] noted that there were no charges for attendance at last year's ISSCT Congress, to which the President replied that his employer, Tate and Lyle, had covered the cost of the trip. Again, the meeting asked that its thanks be conveyed to the company.

All members present agreed the accounts. For adoption and seconding of minutes see section 6 below.

**5. Appointment of the Honorary Auditor**

It was expected that Piers Bostock would become a Trustee later in the meeting and therefore members were asked to consider whether they would be prepared to act in this [not too onerous] role. As agreed at a previous AGM, any ordinary member can act as Auditor.

**6. Approval of the Actions taken by the Council during the Year ended 31.12.2007**

As previously agreed, one request for a proposer and a seconder for all Society activity were called for by the President. Dr Mike Bennett proposed the resolution which was seconded by Mr Simon Winn and adopted unanimously by the meeting.

**7. Future meetings**

The Council explained that, following the visit to Huddersfield in 2007, it thought the meeting should be oriented to agriculture and that it had looked at Wisley, Kew and the Eden Project as possible destinations. The first two had proved to be overly expensive despite the remarkable efforts of Dr Glyn James [Trustee] to negotiate down the RHS.

The President asked the meeting what it thought of the 2007 ATM taking place at the Eden Project. The general response was positive but with a lot of reservations about the distance to travel. A straw poll indicated that about 15 members might attend.

Dr Mike Bennett then suggested that the John Innes Research Centre in Norwich might make a good venue and Dr Alan Yates [Member] suggested the Royal Agricultural College in Cirencester might be willing to host the event. A second straw poll indicated that perhaps 25 members might attend either one of those so the President asked the respective proposers to find out more and to pass the information through to the secretary.

**8. Mike Bennett Award**

As usual the Council had difficult choices to make during the council meetings due to the quality of the papers presented during 2007. After much discussion and deliberation it was decided that Mr Bruce Moor from South Africa and his co-author Dr Mike Inkson should be presented with the MCB award for their paper 'The SKIL/Bosch Continuous Vacuum Pan'.

As has been the case in recent years the President had great pleasure, on behalf of the Council, in asking Dr. Mike Bennett himself to make the presentation of the award. In the absence of Bruce Moor, Mike Inkson was pleased to receive the award on their joint behalf.

**9. New Council**

The 2005/8 Council's recommendations for the new Council had been circulated some 12 weeks before the meeting. The Secretary reported that three nominations had been received for Trustees since then and that two Trustees were retiring so the new Council would be as follows :

- President :** Bob Merry
- Vice President :** Mike Getaz
- Secretary/Treasurer :** Charles Frederick
- Trustees :**

Piers Bostock	Tony Dean
Mike Inkson	Nick Leavins
Patrick Malein	Phil McNaughton
Alan Mead	

Mr Simon Winn, seconded by Mr David Hughan, proposed a vote of thanks to the old Council and a vote of Confidence in the new. This was passed unanimously.

**10. Any Other Business**

9.1 The Secretary was asked about the List of Members which had not been published for some time. It was agreed that a new version would be prepared and circulated by email.

There being no further business, the President thanked all for attending and declared the 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting closed at 12.25.

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