

The British Institute of Non-Destructive Testing

BENEVOLENT FUND

MINUTES OF THE BENEVOLENT FUND AGM

HELD ON TUESDAY 10th SEPTEMBER, 2018

AT EAST MIDLANDS CONFERENCE CENTRE AND ORCHARD HOTEL,
NOTTINGHAM, UK

Present: Mr P Wallace (Chair)
Dr H Harper (Honorary Secretary)
Mrs G Long (Honorary Treasurer)
Dr I Baillie
Dr C Brett
Mr J Buckley
Ms C Bull
Mrs K Cambridge
Mr M Freeman
Mr D Gilbert
Mr J Hansen
Mrs K Hickman
Prof K J Kirk
Mr R F Lyon
Miss S Pulley
Mr S Poucher
Mr P Shah
Prof R A Smith
Mrs T Walker (Minute Secretary)

Apologies: Mr K Quirk

The Chair (Mr P Wallace) opened the meeting and welcomed all to the AGM.

1. Apologies for absence

- Apologies given as noted above.

2. Adoption of the minutes from the previous meeting

- The minutes of the last AGM held in Telford last year had been circulated.
- It was noted that Mrs D Barnes name was missing an "e" in the spelling.
- No further queries were raised.

3. Matters arising

- No matters were raised.
- Mr Poucher proposed we accept the minutes of the last Benevolent Fund AGM, and this was seconded by Ms Bull. The proposal was carried unanimously.

4. Presentation of the Annual Report

The Chairman's Report for the year ending 31st December, 2017.



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CHAIRMANS REPORT 2017

For Year Ending 31/12/2017

The Benevolent Fund takes an active interest in reports from its Welfare Officers, the wider membership of the Institute and the Institute Secretariat, of eligible people who may be in difficulty. In the past year this has resulted in the following activities:

Contact has been made with bereaved families to offer consolation and practical help.

The Fund has helped people who have lost employment to maintain Institute membership, professional qualifications and Engineering Council registration. The aims are to assist these people to identify employment opportunities, to return to employment and to maintain morale. There have been several successes but some beneficiaries require support for several years. There have been nine members helped this year with membership subscriptions.

We have identified a small number of eligible people with mobility problems and have provided them with mobility scooters and stair-lifts. These dramatically improve the quality of life for these beneficiaries. These facilities are provided on a lifetime basis and their maintenance, servicing, insurance and repair constitute long-term commitments for the Fund. Some of them may require replacement in the future and the Fund maintains financial reserves as a contingency against these and other, less predictable events.

In certain circumstances, people are assisted with medical expenses. In the UK this is usually for out-of-pocket travelling expenses to medical appointments. Overseas, some eligible people receive more direct financial assistance to pay for medical treatment for themselves or their dependants.

We have recently become aware that some eligible people are suffering from mental illness. Through its network of Welfare Officers we make appropriate contact to offer friendly support and, if necessary, practical help. We check that the beneficiary is receiving medical help and professional counselling and we reassure them that their colleagues in the NDT industry care about them.

The Benevolent Fund has received some letters of thanks and commendation from beneficiaries for the confidential, efficient and prompt services that it provides.

I would like to thank Gail Long, Joe Buckley, John Hansen, Cindy, Tanya and everyone else who has helped in organising and running the Prestige Raffle at the Conference. Also all of the Companies and Individuals who donated prizes and supported the Raffle.

I would also like to thank all members of the Board and Tanya, Cindy and Elaine for all of the help that they have given me over the past year. Also the Branch Welfare Officers who have been a tremendous help in following up requests for assistance.

Please carry on with your fund raising and try to recruit more members to the Fund.

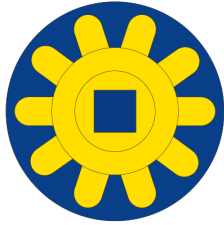
Thanks for your support,

Peter Wallace

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5. Presentation of Accounts to 31 December 2017

- Accounts were circulated for review.
- Mrs Long noted no significant changes to the accounts.
- She called for nominations where applicable of those in need. Highlighting the fact the fund can only assist when informed.
- The value of the prizes donated for this year's raffle topped £900. Mrs Long thanked all for their amazing prizes, stating it was a great boost to the funds.

6. Adoption of Annual Accounts

- Mrs Long proposed the accounts be accepted, with Mr Lyon seconding. They were accepted unanimously.

7. Election of Office Holders

- No one has resigned from the Board and all existing members expressed their willingness to continue.
- Approval of the Board was carried unanimously so the following members will remain on the board.

Mr Peter Wallace	(Chair)
Dr Harry Harper	(Honorary Secretary)
Mr Gail Long	(Honorary Treasurer)
Mr Paul Crowther	
Mr Gary Elliott	
Mr John Hansen	
Mr Roger Lyon	

- In addition Mr Poucher expressed his interest to join the Board.
- Mr Freeman proposed the appointment of Mr Poucher to the board, this was second by Ms Bull. The action was carried.
- Mr Wallace welcomed Mr Poucher to the Benevolent Fund Board.

8. Election of Independent Examiner

- It was proposed that Dove Naish should act as independent Examiners for the Benevolent Fund accounts next year.
- Approval of the Independent Examiner was carried unanimously.

9. Any other business

- The question was posed to ask the Branches whether they would like a second meeting during the year in addition to the AGM. As proposed by Mr Lyon last year.
- The AGM to be held in conjunction with the conference and a further meeting to coincide with a Council Meeting to encourage Branch Members to attend the Council Meeting and have a say in the Benevolent Fund.
- This approach was noted as a way to enhance the Benevolent Fund Profile.
- Dr Harper to draft an email to be sent to the Branch Members inviting attendance at the Council Meeting.
ACTION HH – to draft an email to be sent to the Branch Members. Then forward to Mrs Walker for dissemination.
ACTION TW – to email all Branches upon receipt of Dr Harpers email.

10. Date of next meeting

- The next meeting will take place during the BINDT annual conference to be held in International Centre, Telford, TF3 4JH, between the dates 3rd to 5th September 2018.