

BRITISH SOCIETY OF SUGAR TECHNOLOGISTS

Minutes of the 27th Annual General Meeting held in the Lecture Theatre of the Society of Chemical Industry, Belgrave Square, London, at 11:30 on Wednesday 22nd April 2008

Present:

Mr R E Merry	President (in the Chair)	Mr M Getaz	Vice President
Mr A J Dean	Trustee	Dr M B Inkson	Trustee
Mr Piers Bostock	Trustee	Mr P Malein	Trustee
Mr C C Frederick	Secretary/Treasurer		

(Apology of absence from Trustee Phil McNaughton, Alan Mead & Nick Leavins)

in the presence of 51 members. Apologies for absence were received from about 20 members.

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

Prior to proceeding with the business of the meeting the President made a special note on obituaries. The following persons had not necessarily been Society members but were known to those working in the industry

Fred Elderfield	Jan 09
Brian Michelin	Oct 08
Tony Johnson	Sep 08
Peter Baynes	May 08

1. Minutes of the 26th Annual General Meeting

The Minutes of the 26th Annual General Meeting held on Wednesday 2nd April 2008 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

The President stated to the meeting that the Council had investigated membership of the European Society of Sugar Technologists (ESST) and concluded it would not be of benefit to the BSST nor its membership primarily due to the high annum membership cost (€500) with limited return.

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.

The President stated he wished to thank the John Innes Centre for hosting the 2008 Autumn Technical Meeting. He also stated thanks to Mike Bennett who had welcomed a number of members to his farm on the morning after the meeting.

For the benefit of the meeting the President presented an overview of the next ISSCT congress which is scheduled to be held in March 2010 in Mexico.

3.2 Secretary/Treasurer's Report

The activities of the Council and Society during the calendar year of 2008 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.

4. Accounts of the Society for the Year Ended 31.12.2008

A copy of the Society's un-audited Accounts for the 2008 calendar year had been circulated to the membership prior to the meeting. The Secretary confirmed the accounts had been successfully audited by Mr Peter Brown [Member] and proceeded to review them, noting that the Society continued to remain solvent with a remarkably stable balance sheet.

The President made a note that the current cost to those who attend the AGM does not cover the cost of the day and the Society subsidises the meeting.

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

5. Appointment of the Honorary Auditor

The Secretary stated that Peter Brown had agreed to audit the 2009 accounts.

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. Mr Simon Winn proposed the resolution which was seconded by Mr Peter Nurse and adopted unanimously by the meeting.

7. Future meetings

The President overviewed the location and subjects of the recent past ATM's before stating that Tate & Lyle had been approached with a view to hosting the 2009 ATM at their Plaistow Wharf Lyles Golden Syrup production facility, to which they had agreed. He then proceeded to present an overview of the ATM.

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 Dr Wendy Harwood should be presented with the MCB award for her paper 'Genetic modification-General crops and sugar beet-Progress and prospects'.

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. Dr Wendy Harwood was present was pleased to receive the award.

9. Any Other Business

- 9.1 The Secretary stated a new List of Members is being prepared and will be circulated when completed.
- 9.2 Dr Mike Bennett queried why T&L was not currently a corporate member of the BSST and offered to write and query to the company's Chairman on the matter.

There being no further business, the President thanked all for attending and declared the 27th Annual Meeting closed at 12.11.

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