

The Institute of Marine Engineers Guild of Benevolence

Minutes of Proceedings of the Annual General Meeting 1982

The forty-eighth Annual General Meeting of the Guild of Benevolence was held at 76 Mark Lane, London EC3R 7JN on Thursday 11 March 1982 at 3 p.m.

Mr R. MUNTON was in the chair.

Minutes of the preceding Annual General Meeting

The Minutes of the last Annual General Meeting, having been circulated, were taken as read and signed as a correct record.

Presentation of Annual Report

The SECRETARY (Mr J. S. Robinson) presented the annual report.

Presentation of Annual Financial Statement by the Honorary Treasurer

Mr J. MCNAUGHT (Hon. Treasurer) said that the accounts had been available for some days. This is a short year of nine months in order to bring our year end in line with that of the Institute's, that is 30 September. The Revenue Account for the nine months shows a surplus of £15 049, and from inspection and so on it appeared that, if extended to twelve months, this will not differ greatly from the previous twelve months.

The other change made to the accounts was to bring into the Revenue Account the total income and expenditure, including Guild House, instead of just a net expenditure brought from Guild House.

The market value of investments at 30 September was £199 394, a drop of almost £20 000 on the previous year, but still above book value. All in all the accounts are fairly healthy, and give some scope for development.

Mr HOOK proposed that the Annual Report and Financial Statement be adopted and Mr GANDER seconded the notion.

The Annual Report and Financial Statement were *adopted*.

Election of Members of the Committee for the Session 1982/83

The CHAIRMAN said that Mr Carlton-Garratt, Mr E. R. Chamberlain, Mr H. Harrison and himself were due to retire. As far as he was aware, all were willing to stand.

Mr PRATT proposed that the nominated members be re-elected and Mr FOX seconded the motion.

The motion was *carried*.

Other business

The CHAIRMAN asked if there was any other business.

Mr STOKOE said that at the previous Annual Meeting it was suggested that he should approach the authorities within the Newcastle area to see whether there was a need for some form of residential accommodation. He reported that fourteen of the local authorities had been contacted and six had replied. Unfortunately in contacting the local authorities he was dealing with the social services, and there was a general reluctance to accept help from anyone else when it could, perhaps, mean less work for them. The only suggestion was that some money could be allocated to areas where a marine engineer is living with his family, and they wished to have holiday relief by putting him in a home of some form or other over the holiday period only.

The CHAIRMAN thanked Mr Stokoe, and said that he was implying that this approach to find out about the need for residential accommodation was not the right one.

Mr STOKOE then suggested that an approach to the Merchant Navy Welfare Board might give a better idea of the needs.

The CHAIRMAN asked if he meant locally.

Mr STOKOE replied that he was only asked to do it locally, and that is what he did. He felt that we should not go to the social services.

The CHAIRMAN asked Mr Stokoe if he would be willing to do that.

Mr STOKOE said that he would and wondered whether in fact an approach should not be made to the Merchant Navy Welfare Board to see what the feeling is. He would certainly do it locally, but perhaps it should be done nationally.

The CHAIRMAN said that this was a good suggestion and should be taken up to see what their reaction is.

Date of next Annual General Meeting

The CHAIRMAN closed the meeting and said that the date of the next one would be made known following discussions with Council.

