

OPA Annual General Meeting Minutes

Tuesday 21 February 2023

Present: John Harrison (President), Trevor Elliott (Chairman & Treasurer), Heather Bicarino (Secretary), Ian Snowden, Louise Laprun, Alison Amps.

Present via Zoom: Sarah Davies (nee Mahoney).

1) Apologies

Lucy Willis, Langford Smith, Chris Dunn. The Committee would like to pass on their heartfelt condolences at this difficult time to Chris and his family. Thanks go to LBS for providing the wine.

2) Minutes

Agreed as correct and signed by the Chairman.

3) Matters Arising

None.

4) Chairman's Report

See Appendix A.

5) Treasurer's Report.

See Appendix B,

6) Secretary's Report

Secretary had nothing to report.

7) Election of Officers

- a. Chair – Despite his absence, CND would like to offer to stand to take over role from TE. Proposed by TE, Seconded by HB. Agreed by all Committee attending.
- b. Secretary – HB Proposed by TE, seconded by IS.
- c. Treasurer – TE Proposed, seconded by AMA.
- d. Vice Chair – resurrected role – All in agreement for TE to take on this role.
- e. Independent Examiner – Mark Ruffles has agreed to continue.

8) AOB.

Future dates for Committee Meetings:

Tuesday 2 May 2023, 6.00pm

Tuesday 26 September 2023, 6.00pm

Tuesday 20 February 2024, 6.30pm

*PLEASE NOTE TIMES OF FUTURE MEETINGS HAVE BEEN BROUGHT FORWARD TO EARLIER IN THE EVENING.

Date for next AGM:

Tuesday 20 February 2024, 6.00pm (immediately prior to the Committee Meeting).

Those wanting to attend in person, meeting will be held at School. Zoom/Teams link to be sent to those who prefer to attend online.

Appendix A

Chairman's Report

At last, after several enforced quiet years, thanks to several of you but most especially HB, AMA and CND, life is returning to normal.

In the summer:

- London event. HB, AMA & LL represented the Committee. Small attendance but enjoyable. Not to be repeated in 2023.
- Hockey event was held in July, again successful all round. A brilliant event for both the OPA and the School Family in general.
- Brewery Tap in December. Great to see that the old enthusiasm still exists, and new ones burgeoning.

When I took on this Chairmanship in 2008, from Peter Irving and John Day, the Association was adjusting to a new era. We had been saved from financial ruin by removing the subscription and making membership automatic to all past students and staff. We settled on the Brewery Tap and the Beer Festival, rather than the black-tie dinner. We moved from a ledger to a digital database.

Things have moved fast. The Tap is still very strong and amongst the strongest in the country I would think. The Beer Festival is changing, and may have run its time in the format we are used to. The Hockey has come in as something new and very successful. The London event has not proved as popular as we had hoped. Open Afternoons at school have marked special events and retirements very successfully.

Letters have been replaced by emails, email databases by social media. We are on the cusp of another new era now, that requires fresh energy, ideas and enthusiasm. The OPA needs to rediscover itself to meet developing needs.

Thank you all for your hard work, and constant support.

TE

Treasurer's Report

Financial Year to 31/10/2022

Income £62.50

£16 Prints

£46.50 History of The King's School books and postage

Expenditure £140

£40 to TE for Head Boy and Head Girls meals at Cambridge Dinner in 2019.

£100 Travel expenses to London Reunion - HB/AMA

Interest £1.04

Deficit in year - £76.46, not significant

Accounts

Current Account	£3295.39
Savings Account	£2.47
Bond	£10,387.58

Total:	£13,685.44
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Many thanks to MR for auditing the accounts on behalf of the Association.

AMA was added as 3rd Signatory.

Process of changing correspondence address due to TE move. Now complete.

TE