

OLD MAIDSTONIAN SOCIETY ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

17:45 31 March 2017: Held at the School

MINUTES

1. Present

A list of those present is appended

2. Apologies

Apologies had been received from Gardner Crawley and Daisy Stapley-Bunten (Secretary)

3. Minutes of the AGM held on Friday 15 April 2016

These were approved and signed as a true record (proposed Tony Webb, seconded Tim Creamer)

4. Minutes of the EGM held on Monday 18 July 2016

These were approved and signed as a true record (proposed Tony Webb, seconded Peter Sampson).

5. Matters Arising from the General Meetings

There no matters arising.

6 President's Report

The President thanked the Committee for their support during his year in office. It had been a memorable year and he particularly drew attention to the successful event held in London during January. Looking to the future he referred to the fact that a small working group of Officers and committee members was working on future plans for the Society to make it more relevant to all generations and to provide more support to MGS.

7. Chairman's Report

The Committee Chairman endorsed the President's comments about the work of the committee to take things forward for the future. He also thanked Brian White who had stood down during the year as Secretary after five years' service in the role.

8. Secretary's Report

In the absence of the new Secretary, who unfortunately had a previous engagement, the Chairman referred briefly to the appointment of Daisy Stapley-Bunten who as a member from a recent generation of leavers would bring a new and enthusiastic perspective to the job and the committee.

9. Treasurer's Report

Accounts for the end of 2016

Full accounts can be provided if they are required, and they are independently checked, rather than audited.

General Account

- There was £2213.32 in the account
- Donations during the year amounted to £565.75
- Expenditure was £545.88 (on the NL, MR, Hostpapa, ICO, Brenchley event, postage etc.)
- Donation to the RBL was £30.00
- Unsold stock had been transferred to the School for Development Fund use
- The profit from the Annual Supper was £839.01
- The profit from the quiz was £824.13 (Transferred to the TF)

The Treasurer reported that the healthy balance in the General Account would shortly come down after payment for the OM sports shirts. Those for rugby had already been used and had been part sponsored by Whitehead Monckton to whom the Society is very grateful.

Trust Fund

- The Trust Fund stood at £11,405.72
- Donations into the account were £60
- Interest was £5.40
- There were two donations to students for their voluntary work of £250.00

10. Membership Secretary's Report

The Membership register which was sent out in early January stated that during 2016 the membership rose from 1510 to 1694, an increase of 184.

11. OMS News

The Chairman referred briefly to the recent deaths of James Clinch and David Sayer. Obituaries had appeared in the recent issue of *The Old Maidstonian*

12. OM Trust

a) The terms of office of all trustees last for three years and were as follows:

- Graham Belson: retires March 2017
- John Clayton: retires March 2018
- Gardner Crawley: retires March 2019
- Richard Ratcliffe: retires March 2018

b) Graham offered himself for re-election. He was reappointed by the meeting. (Proposed Tony Webb, seconded Tim Creamer)

13. OMS Website

- a) Malcom MacCallum reported that the website has been fairly stable.
- b) There is now back up in the form of an Assistant Webmaster, Damian Belson.
- c) There had been some issues with bulk e-mailing to members during the year which were still in process of being resolved.
- d) The Linked-in Group was fairly inactive: This would be addressed
- e) There had been ongoing issues with "spoofing" (eg ridiculous purchase of supper tickets)
- f) Better ways of presenting *The Old Maidstonian* and "page flipping" had been addressed.

- g) Sam Coppard reported about the OMS social media activity.
 - i. The OMS Facebook group has 785 members, and minutes, Annual Supper and other documentation are circulated,
 - ii. There are only about 45 'followers' of @oldmaidstonians on Twitter.

14. Election of New Committee

- a) The current committee was endorsed and elected *en bloc*. (Proposed Tony Webb, seconded Pat Jessup.) *See the list of committee members at the end of these minutes.*
- b) The meeting endorsed Paul Smith as President-Elect for 2017 to 2018.

15. AOB

- a) Gardner Crawley (who had sent apologies but arrived before the end of the meeting) suggested that we should all continue to seek new members prepared to serve on the Committee
- b) Pat Jessup suggested that the rate of interest the Society is obtaining on its bank balance could possibly be improved upon by using a Building Society rather than a Bank. The Treasurer replied that Building Societies typically do not want Society accounts.

16. Date of next AGM

Provisionally this would be Friday 23rd March 2018 but will be confirmed after the next committee meeting, on Tuesday 25 April.

17. Adjourn to the bar!

- The meeting ended at approximately 18:20.

ADDENDUM

1 Current committee members

- Frederick Barker, FB
- Graham Belson, GB (Membership Secretary; Treasurer; OMS Trustee)
- Tony Bishop, TB (Corresponding member of the Committee)
- John Clayton, JC (OMS Trustee)
- Sam Coppard, SC
- Gardner Crawley, GC (OMS Trustee)
- Malcolm MacCallum, MM (Webmaster)
- Ron McCormick, RM
- Simon Pain, SP (Corresponding member of the Committee)
- Richard Ratcliffe, RR (Committee Chairman; OMS Trustee)
- Alex Rolfe, AR
- Peter Sampson, PSs
- Paul Smith, PSb (President-elect)
- Mark Tomkins MT (*Ex-officio*, as Headmaster)
- Neil Turrell NT (Immediate Past Presidentt)
- Hugo van Mol, HM
- Peter Weaver, PW (*The Old Maidstonian* Co-Editor)
- Brian White, BW (*The Old Maidstonian* Co-Editor)

2 Those Present at the AGM

- Neil Turrell
- Richard Ratcliffe
- Peter Sampson
- Malcolm MacCallum
- Peter Weaver
- Anthony Hayward
- Tony Bishop
- Tony Webb
- Tim Creamer
- Andrew Creamer
- Pat Jessup
- John Clayton
- Graham Belson
- Ralph Luck
- Brian White
- Mark Tomkins
- Samual Coppard
- Hugo Van Mol
- Gardner Crawley (part meeting)