

MINUTES OF THE OLD WYMONDHAMIANS AGM
HELD ON SATURDAY 2nd FEBRUARY 2013 IN THE ANDY BOORMAN ROOM

Present: Julie Harding, Mike Herring, Michael Brand, David Spinks, Steve Read, Phil Robinson, Carole Arnold, Melvyn Roffe, Karen Snook, Roger Garrard, Bob Rowell, Jennie Foster, Caroline Hall.

In attendance: Alice Hall (Year 13 students representing the OWs on the Principal's Council), Mary Lawson (Chair of PSA)

1. Welcome & Introduction

Julie Harding welcomed everyone to the AGM.

- 2. Apologies:** Tim Howes, David Jackson, Colin Leaford, Jack Smith, Oliver Large
JH informed the meeting that resignations had been received from Asha Simmons and Pat Howard, both of whom felt that they could no longer give the necessary time and commitment to the OWs. The Committee wished to record their grateful thanks to both for all the support they had given over their years as Committee members ; JH stated that she would be writing to both to thank them on behalf of the Committee.

3. Minutes of the Meeting held Saturday 4th February 2012.

The minutes of the last AGM, held on 4th February 2012, were signed as a true record.

4. Matters Arising

OW Visitors to College: BR asked what route visitors approach the College in order to visit – this referred specifically to Peter Rogers, as BR had been led to believe that he had visited the College but neither BR nor MR had been aware. MR outlined that normally visitors would approach either Reception or a member of staff before visiting and to his knowledge Peter Rogers had not been to the site. However, he had written to Mr Rogers inviting him to come and suggesting he get in touch to organise a visit. BR also offered to try and put out an invitation via Digby Jones, who he meets from time to time at Leicester Tigers.

ACTION: BR to contact Digby Jones.

5. Chairman's Report

Full report is held on the Minute Book. JH reported that her year had begun with attending the interviews for the OW Travel Award, which was presented to Jordan Cadman-Rivers. Also, attended three AROPS events during the year: the Annual Conference at Rugby School, the AGM at the City of London School and finally the Regional Meeting at The Leys School in Cambridge. The Reunion, the Speech Day and College Remembrance Service also formed part of her year.

JH also raised the issue of Vice Chair – PR had kindly agreed to stand in to assist where necessary for the year but no-one had come forward to take on this role officially. This is of concern partly because JH needs the support and also as succession for her when she finishes her time as Chair in 2 years. It was agreed that the Committee members would give this more thought and contact JH if/when there is a possible candidate.

6. Treasurer's Report

Steve Read had circulated the accounts prior to the meeting and a copy is held in the minute book.

His report was as follows:

The accounts for the year to 30th September 2012 show total funds held of £4,931 at the year-end, down by £280 from 2011.

The 101 Club is again the main source of income generating £3,570 net this year (£5970 - £2400 paid out in prizes). Once again, on behalf of the committee, my thanks go to Phil Robinson for his continued administration of this activity. Donations of £500 were received in the year from various sources compared to £608 last year. Other income of £11 (2011 - £15) was received from merchandise sales.

During the year a Reunion BBQ was held at the College in July 2012. This was not intended as a fund raising activity, but did raise a surplus of £205 including proceeds from a raffle.

The cost of production and distribution of the annual (printed) Newsletter were £2810 (201 - £2385) and the database development and maintenance costs were £65, down from £118 in the previous year. The other administration expenses were the £26 annual subscription to AROPS.

Two Bursaries were made during the year - £500 towards the South African Rugby Tour and £750 for the 2012 Travel Award.

The Treasurer repeated his annual thanks to the College for their continued support in the form of the services of the Alumni Secretary , and also to his fellow committee members for continuing to give freely of their time.

The accounts were adopted – proposed by J. Harding, seconded by B.Rowell.

A vote of thanks for the work of the Treasurer and 100 Club organiser was proposed by D.Spinks and seconded by M.Herring.

7. Secretary's Report

CH outlined that about 157 OW alumni accounts have been verified on the database since November 2012, this would suggest that people are still interested in contacting other OWs. The database does not seem to be used elsewhere within the College to any great degree – speakers etc who come into College are not being recorded. MR outlined that this is still an area that is to be improved upon.

8. Election of Officers and Committee

Chairman: Julie Harding – Proposed M. Herring, Seconded S. Read.

The remainder of the Committee members, having confirmed their willingness to continue apart from Asha Simmonds and Pat Howard, were elected by a bloc vote:

Vice Chairman To be agreed

Secretary Caroline Hall

Treasurer: Steve Read

Committee: Carole Arnold, Roger Garrard, Mike Herring, Melvyn Roffe, Michael Brand, Phil Robinson, Bob Rowell, Jack Smith, David Spinks, David Jackson, Karen Snook, Colin Leaford, Tim Howes, Jennie Foster.

9. A.O.B

There being no other business the meeting closed at 11.51am.