

**MINUTES OF THE OLD WYMONDHAMIANS AGM  
HELD ON SATURDAY 6<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2010 IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM**

**Present** Mike Herring, Roger Garrard, Jack Smith, Michael Brand, Asha Simmonds, David Spinks, Pat Howard, Phil Robinson, Carole Arnold, Shelli Wright, Jackie Glenn, Melvyn Roffe (part).

**1. Welcome & Introduction**

Mike Herring welcomed everyone to the AGM.

- 2. Apologies:** Bob Rowell, Bill Atkins, Julie Harding, Steve Read.  
**Bill Atkins also resigned from the Committee.** It was agreed that the secretary should write to Bill on behalf of the committee to thank him for all his work in setting up Wymondham College Remembered which he had now gifted to the committee.

**3. Minutes of the Meeting held Saturday 15 November 2008.**

The minutes were signed as a true record. Proposed Carole Arnold, seconded Michael Brand.

**4. Matters Arising**

Matters arising would be covered in the agenda items.

**5. Chairman's Report**

The Chairman reported that he had attended a number of College events during the year and that he had been particularly touched and impressed by his first visit to the Remembrance Day service at the College. He encouraged other members of the committee to attend if they were able. The Chairman also noted that a successful reunion in the UK had been held with number exceeding the modest target that the committee had set.

**6. Treasurer's Report**

Steve Read was unable to attend the meeting but had tabled the accounts for the year ended 30 September 2009 (in the Minute Book).

His report is as follows:

I am pleased to be able to report that the Association has this year maintained its financial position. The accounts for the year to 30<sup>th</sup> September 2009 show total funds held of £5518 at the year-end, reflecting an increase of £464 from the previous year.

The 101 Club is again the main source of income generating £3140 net this year (£5170 - £2030 paid out in prizes) up from £2850 last year. Once again, on behalf of the committee, my thanks go to Phil Robinson for his continued administration of this activity. This source of income has (almost!) managed to cover the two large items of expenditure incurred by the Association, the cost of producing and distributing the annual Newsletter of £2389 (2008 - £2304) and the cost of technical support, development and maintenance associated with the online database of £787 (2008 - £670).

Donations of £634 were received in the year from various sources, down from last year (£1024). Other income of £122 (2008 - £134) was received from merchandise (magazines and spitfire prints) sales.

In the year to 30<sup>th</sup> September 2009 there were two highly successful reunion events organised through the committee (plus scores of informal private get-togethers). The first, in Australia, on 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2008 and the summer reunion at the College on 27<sup>th</sup> June 2009 (reported elsewhere), these were not intended as fund raising activities and incurred a small net cost of £47.

This represents the main content of the Accounts for the year ended 30<sup>th</sup> September 2009.

I reiterate my annual thanks to the College for the provision of the Alumni Secretary position and the other committee members for continuing to give freely of their time.

## 7. Secretary's Report

Jackie Glenn spoke to her written report (in the Minute Book). She highlighted various achievements and milestones, including the achievement of the three targets that she had noted at previous AGM, these being:

- a. Development of the Archive space in the Chapel
- b. Interim online Newsletter for database members
- c. New Alumni Database.

The events during the year, Reunions in the North of England, Norwich and Australia, Summer Fayre, Norfolk Show, Founders Day had all been successful and enjoyable.

The secretary thanked all those committee members who had provided help and support over the past year.

The coming year would see the migration of the Alumni records over to the new database as well as preparations for the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations in 2011.

## 8. Election of Officers and Committee

**President:** Patricia Howard agreed to remain in post until the office of President, role and term of office had been discussed further.

**Chairman:** Mike Herring (proposed by Michael Brand seconded by Roger Garrard)

The remainder of the Committee members, having confirmed their willingness to continue, were elected by a bloc vote:

Vice Chairman Julie Harding

Secretary Jackie Glenn

**Treasurer:** Steve Read

**Committee:** Carole Arnold, Roger Garrard, Julie Harding, Melvyn Roffe, Michael Brand, Phil Robinson, Bob Rowell, Asha Simmonds, Jack Smith, Pat Howard and David Spinks.

A discussion then ensued regarding the role of President, currently held by Pat Howard. Pat was thanked by the Chairman for her work during the year in attending many College functions. Pat commented that she felt a President with a higher profile within the county and further afield would be of more benefit to the group and the College, particularly in the Diamond Anniversary year.

Jack Smith proposed that a President, more in the role of a Patron with no day to day but more ceremonial duties, assisted by two deputies with a more hands on roles would be a sensible approach. This proposal was seconded by Mike Herring and agreed by all.

Melvyn Roffe and David Spinks agreed to approach Norman Lamb MP with regard to this post before any formal approach was made by the committee.

It was suggested that the two Vice-Presidents should be David Spinks and Mrs Ruth Chase (Brown). David Spinks confirmed that he would be willing to take on this role and would approach Mrs Chase informally to see if she might be prepared to become a vice-president.

It was proposed and agreed that the term of office should be 2 years.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 12.35pm.