



OLD SOUTHENDIAN ASSOCIATION
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE ASSOCIATION,
Held On Wednesday, November 5th, 2014
at Thorpe Hall Golf Club, Thorpe Hall Avenue, Thorpe Bay, Southend on Sea

PRESENT:

Tony Barrett, Robin Baker, Martin Bull, Ken Carter, Dan Garside, Graham Glover, John Goodman, Derek Impey, Paul Johnson, Geoff Kittle, Alistair Lintern, Richard Maddison, Geoff May, Richard Medcalf, Neil Moore, David Pinnell, Clive Shiret, Andy Smithson, Chris Sorrell, Gerald Usher, John Wren.

The Meeting commenced at 7.50 p.m.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Dr Robin Bevan (Headteacher), Colin Davis, Joe Hellyer, Kevin Leigh, Alistair McFarlane, Kerry Martin, John Norris, Martin Stansfield, Denis Tilbrook, Joe Zammit

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING held on Wednesday, 6th November, 2013:

Proposed by Tony Barrett and Seconded by Geoff Kittle, the Meeting agreed that they were a fair and honest reflection of the business undertaken.

MATTERS ARISING:

None.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

The Report by Clive Shiret appeared in the 2014 Magazine. He expressed thanks to the Officers and sub-Committee members for their work on behalf of the Association, and congratulations to the newly founded Organ Society on the success of their recent Events.

The 2014 Magazine was another great success, and thanks were given to Chris Sorrell and his Production Team for their work on this year's edition.

Garon Park plans were proceeding well, the outcomes of two key milestones were awaited. The first the agreement of Essex Cricket to sharing the use of the cricket facility (outcome expected imminently) and Southend Council response to draft plans (hopefully February / March 2015). It is hoped that an update on Plans will be presented to the next OSA Executive Meeting.

HONORARY TREASURER'S REPORT:

The Report by Dan Garside on the financial position of the Association was included in the 2014 Magazine with a copy of the Financial Accounts for the year ended 31/03/2014. The Treasurer advised the meeting:

- A steady growth in Income had been achieved
- The overall surplus had increased, offering increased opportunities for support to the School
- The Debtors figure at the date of the balance sheet included £3600, now collected, from Magazine advertisers
- Sundry Creditors includes £2000 agreed for the School's 2013/14 School year Leadership Course which has yet to be invoiced, and £575 held on behalf of the Organ Society.

The Treasurer expressed particular thanks to Richard Medcalf for his work in managing the Pre-paid Life Scheme over many years, and managing the annual Subscriptions and Donations.

Dr Robin Bevan had asked that the Meeting be made aware of "the deep appreciation of the School, and students at the School, for the opportunities and rewards made possible through the generosity of the OSA" when conveying his apologies for absence.

Adoption of the Accounts for the year ended 31/03/2014 was Proposed by Tony Barrett and Seconded by Robin Baker.

RULE CHANGES

The changes as set out in the Notice to the Meeting were proposed by David Pinnell, seconded by Robin Baker, and approved by the Meeting, other than Derek Impey, Alistair Lintern and Chris Sorrell who were against the proposal.

REPORTS of:

1. SUB-COMMITTEES

Pre-Paid Life Subscription Scheme:

Richard Medcalf advised the meeting that the Scheme had now ended, as a consequence of the change to the Membership arrangements of the Association effected in 2008. A small number of part payments are held and it is hoped that these Members of the Scheme will complete their payments to become Life Members.

It was agreed that the storage of scheme records would now be passed to the Treasurer.

Further thanks were expressed to Richard Medcalf for his work administering the Scheme over many years.

Events:

At the request of the Chairman, Ken Carter read out his Report for the Executive Meeting following the AGM:

"We returned to the Innholders' Hall on the 12th September, some 34 years after our previous visit, for our 56th London Dinner attended by a record turnout of 89 Old Boys who enjoyed an excellent evening. Graham Glover, the 'Manager' for this Event, reported the almost unanimous conclusion that the Dinner prepared by the resident Michelin Star Chef had been probably the finest meal for many a year – an accolade indeed given the quality of the Dinners we have enjoyed elsewhere in recent years. Thanks are due to Graham and to Chris Sorrell for all their hard work.

Our Autumn Lunch which took place on the 22nd October at the Essex Golf Complex, Garon Park was a sell-out. Due to last minute call offs [including from yours truly] 37 Old Boys and their wives/partners enjoyed our customary 3 course Carvery Lunch. One notable absentee was Betty Chase who sadly had to call off due to a recent fall. Many thanks to Ron Henn, the 'Manager' for this Event.

Ron Henn and John Wren have both indicated their preference to stand down from this sub-Committee at the forthcoming Executive Committee Meeting albeit both have indicated their willingness to be co-opted back on at any time should their assistance be required. Ron and John have been stalwarts of this sub-Committee for so many years helping to ensure its smooth running and the Association owe them a debt of gratitude for all their hard work. Additionally, due to work commitments, etc, Martin Bull is standing down and we thank him for his contribution during his time on this sub-Committee. This sub-Committee has a strong membership and I am pleased to report that all the other 5 members have indicated their willingness to stand again for the forthcoming year.

The next scheduled Event is the 85th Annual Reunion Dinner being held again at The Park Inn Palace on the 8th November. The Park Inn Palace has kindly increased the number of round tables to 23 to cater for all the 238 Old Boys who have applied to attend and Derek Impey reports that they are providing extra Bar facilities.

There is nothing to report on regarding School Liaison Events, most activity in this respect takes place in the first half of the year.

Finally, as previously reported, this sub-Committee next meets on the 18th November to commence planning the Events Programme for 2015."

Tony Barrett expressed his thanks to Graham Glover and Chris Sorrell for their work that ensured that the London Dinner this Autumn was a great success.

2. THE SCHOOL - HEADTEACHER'S REPORT:

The Report by Dr Robin Bevan was included in the 2014 Magazine.

3. OSA CLUBS

The Reports of the Bowls Circle, the Golf Circle and the Organ Society were included in the 2014 Magazine.

4. AFFILIATED ORGANISATIONS

The Reports of the Old Southendian & Southchurch Cricket Club, Old Southendian Football Club and Old Southendian Hockey Club were included in the 2014 Magazine.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS & EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

The Meeting approved the appointment of the following:

# Chairman (of the Executive Committee)*	Clive Shiret
President (until 31 December 2014)*	Tony Barrett
President (with effect from 01 January 2015)*	Richard Maddison
Immediate Past President (until 31 December 2014)	Ken Holmes
Immediate Past President (with effect from 01 January 2015)*	Tony Barrett
President Designate (until 31 December 2014)*	Richard Maddison
President Designate (with effect from 01 January 2015)*	Martin Stansfield
Treasurer*	Danny Garside
Secretary*	Paul Johnson
Registrar*	Geoff May
Legal Adviser*	Kevin Leigh
Publications Officer*	Chris Sorrell

serving as Executive Committee Chairman from the 2013 AGM until the 2016 AGM

In addition to the Officers marked*, all of whom are ex officio, the following were elected to the Executive Committee until the 2015 AGM – Robin Baker, Ken Carter, Richard Cox, Simon Darby, Colin Davis, Graham Glover, Derek Impey, Geoff Kittle, Kerry Martin, Neil Moore, Denis Tilbrook, Gerald Usher, Graham Winckless, John Wren, Joe Zammit

John Norris and Martin Bull had advised the Secretary that they did not wish to seek re-election to the Executive Committee. Both were thanked for their input and contribution to the affairs of the Association, with John having been both a past President and past Chairman of the Association.

Executive Committee representatives from the Affiliated Organisations are advised as:

Cricket Club Chris Sorrell
Football Club Clive Shiret
Hockey Club Andy Smithson

Wilkins Kennedy will be asked to continue as Honorary Auditors.

Tony Barrett expressed the view that more needed to be done to get younger members involved in the affairs of the Association by participating in organising and administration. John Goodman supported this view.

Richard Maddison advised the Meeting that he will be presenting some suggestion to the first Executive Meeting of 2015 which he hopes will help address this need.

DATE OF NEXT ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING:

The Meeting agreed the date should be 4/11/2015.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

Geoff May reported on the work to distribute the 2014 OSA Magazine. Produced by Simon Darby & Chris Sorrell, this year saw 2360 copies issued. Thanks are due to the School for providing space to carry out this work (Dr Bevan's Office!) and the use of their franking machine which enabled OSA postage costs to be lower due to the discounts allowed to the School for franked mail. An increased number of volunteers helped both with the preparation of the mailing, and with hand deliveries, meaning that postage costs were kept to a minimum.

Currently dealing with some 30 returned Magazines and tracing the whereabouts of the recipients, small number of new mandates received to date for Life Member voluntary donations. A number of messages offering thanks for the Magazine and a few "one-off" donations received. Very few annual Donation Forms had been completed and returned to this date.

Thanks have been circulated by Geoff May and Chris Sorrell to everyone directly involved in the production and distribution of the 2014 OSA Magazine.

The Chairman and Chris Sorrell both offered thanks to Geoff May for his work in organising the distribution of the 2014 Magazine.

Gerald Usher reported that following the recent events organised and held by the Organ Society, membership of the Society had increased from 10 to nearly 40.

The Meeting was saddened to learn of the loss of a number of Members over the past year, including Dr Henry Champion, (Tuscany, 1924-31) and Kieran Ambrose, (Sparta, 1998-05), the Chairman had written a letter of condolence on behalf of the Association to his family.

The Meeting closed at 8.45 p.m.

PBJ
09/11/2014