



**The Annual General Meeting of The Old Scardeburgian Association
at Scarborough College - Sixth Form Study Centre
Sunday 20th November 2016, 11:00am**

1. Present:

John Isles (JI), John Rowlands (JR), Suzanne Brooks (SB), Zoe Harrison (ZH), John Precious (JMP), Mat Watkinson (MW), Mike Austin (MA)

2. Apologies

Pippa Harker (PH), Alistair Postle (AP), Anna Mack

3. Chairman's Opening Remarks (JR)

JR welcomed everyone, and stated that in the absence of the Secretary (PH), he would keep the minutes and the President John Isles would chair the meeting. JR stated that this had been a very busy year and he felt that the Association had moved forward with a number of initiatives including the acquisition of an Archive room which also served as a Swap Shop, run by the secretary. This raised money and also increased parents' awareness of the OSA. At this point he handed over to the President.

4. Minutes of the AGM of November 15th 2015

The minutes of the 2015 AGM meeting had been distributed, had been read and agreed and were signed by the Chairman, John Rowlands, as a true and accurate record of the meeting. There were no matters arising which would not be dealt with elsewhere.

5. Treasurer's Report (AP)

AP had sent detailed reports to the Committee and these were discussed in detail at the meeting on Friday. Copies of the accounts and the Report were made available at the AGM. It was deemed to be an excellent report and whilst the OSA had less money than last year it was considered that good progress was being made. It was noted that the OSA 300 club needed more members and was an important revenue earner for the Association. It was agreed to promote the club at every opportunity. The Accounts were formally adopted - with MW proposing the resolution and SB seconding.

A protracted discussion took place on the Art Award. ZH gave the meeting an overview of the origin of the award - an Old Boy/parent sponsored it for a number of years. The money had run out and almost by default the OSA picked up the tab without having any input into the award. It was decided that the award would no longer be supported by the OSA and

any future awards where there was a finite amount of money given would not be carried on being supported by the OSA unless it was agreed by the Committee.

There followed a discussion on the demands on the Association's funds. To this end, it was proposed to establish exactly what the Association is committed to and to assess whether we wish to continue with these commitments.

Action Points

- **To establish exactly what our commitments are financially. (AP/JR/ZH)**
- **To write to the Head of Art and inform him that the Association has continued the Award, initially sponsored by a parent but has now decided that it can no longer support this, in the light of the increased demands and requests for funding. (JR)**

6. Chairman's Report

This had been circulated and referred to - the Alumni Award, this year's worthy recipient was Niki Doeg (née Rhodes - Bankory 1983-89). She and three other Yorkshire Ladies rowed the Atlantic. The first award of the OSA Scholarship had been made and the annual Travel Scholarship was awarded to Jonty Gillingham, helping him to spend a year teaching in Kenya ahead of going to university. The OSA had also awarded funds to the Science Department for a thermostatically controlled water bath. The new Archive and Swap Shop was highlighted and had been well-received by parents who now have a much better idea of what the OSA is. Great credit for this goes to the secretary of the OSA - Pippa Harker. The Pegg-Crews Reunion, held in March was a great success and enjoyed by the 40 or so returnees.

No questions were asked of the Chairman (JR) and his report was accepted. Proposed by JI and seconded by SB

7. President's Report

JI gave the meeting an update on a number of areas. He recapped on the history of the development of the new web site. With the sad passing of Rita Maletzky, a new developer had been found who would keep the process within budget and has the ability to read and use the code that Rita had been working on. The Archive website is nearly ready to go, being linked to the OSA web site.

JI took the meeting through the information a user will be able to access - name, school dates, house and a contact button to enable people to get in touch.

JI stressed the importance of involvement of people. He stated it was unfair for one person to be expected to write a report, take photos and post. In the past this had invariably fallen to ZH. JI stated that it falls to us all to support in this area and send it to ZH so she can upload the detail and the photos. Acceptance of JI's report was proposed by JR and seconded by ZH.

8. Committee Structure

JR had prepared a paper for the Committee which looked at the existing Committee with respect to the Rules established in 2010 and the attendance of members over the five years. It was clear that:

- a) the Committee was bigger than the rules stipulated
- b) Attendance at meetings over the five years ranged from 0-90%
- c) The rules regarding links with Friends of Scarborough College (FOSC) were not fit for purpose

There was a discussion on - the number of members for the Committee, the numbers the rules for a quorum at the AGM. JI stated that it was vital to attract people who would actually DO things rather than just be a member of a Committee. It was also thought that some might be prepared to volunteer to help out rather than wish to be on a Committee .

The role of the student representative was raised and it was felt that the most appropriate way to involve students from the Sixth-form would be at meetings of the local Committee members and students once a term.

JR suggested that it would be prudent to review the rules and the structure of the Committee in the light of a) & b) above. He added that any changes would be discussed at Committee and brought to the AGM in 2017 for ratification. Acceptance of this was proposed by JMP and seconded by ZH.

Action Points

- ***Review of Rules & Structure of the Committee with proposals for the March Committee meeting (JR)***

9. Election of Officers

It was clear from the research undertaken - from the records of the past six years that many members of the Committee had served beyond their three years and had never been put forward for re-election. Thus there were a number of the Committee up for re-election.

The Treasurer - AP had indicated he was prepared to stand for re-election. JI proposed his nomination and JR seconded. AP was duly elected for a second term as Treasurer. His term of office is for three years

Committee members MW and JMP indicated a willingness to stay on the Committee. They were proposed by ZH & JR respectively and seconded by JMP & MW respectively. Both MW & JMP were duly elected for a further three years.

Three other members of the Committee had been members for three years and were due for re-election. Despite email and a copy of the Committee members and dates for re-election there had been no responses. Thus it was decided to send them an email requesting that they inform the Committee of their intentions. If they wish to continue on the Committee they need to provide the names of both a proposer and seconder for the AGM in November 2017 in order to be considered for re-election.

Action Points

- ***e-mail sent to Committee members, as outlined above, who should have been up for re-election at the AGM (JR)***

10. Reunion March 2017

The event will be held on March 11th 2017 starting at 7:00pm, in the College Dining Hall. This year the focus will be on the Wilkinson Era - 1974-85. Information will be posted on social media towards the end of term and with an increase in traffic from the start of the Spring Term. Dr & Mrs Wilkinson have indicated that they will be attending.

Action Points

- ***To increase awareness of the Reunion (JR/ZH/PH)***
- ***To organise the weekend (JR/ZH/PH)***

11. AOB

MA raised the issue of the OSA Community Award which was discussed at the last AGM where it was agreed to award a prize of up to a maximum of £500 to someone in the local community for their work in charity or supporting someone with a terminal illness. MA raised this and asked if it had been awarded. It had not and will be placed on the March meeting agenda.

There was a protracted discussion; JMP offered the view that the fund-raising for Jason Liversidge (an Old Boy who has a terminal illness) could be seen as a recipient - he received financial support following the 2015 Ball. MA felt that the award was for someone not involved in the School Community but beyond it. It was suggested that at the March Reunion a raffle, for example, could be held to raise funds for this worthy endeavour.

Action Points

To put as an agenda item for March - the OSA Community Award (JR)

The AGM closed at 11.56am

JS Rowlands
(Acting Secretary)