



**The Annual General Meeting of The Old Scardeburgian Association
at Scarborough College - School Shop/Archive Room
Sunday 19th November 2017, 11:00am**

1. Present:

John Isles (JI), John Rowlands (JR), Pippa Harker (PH), Suzanne Brooks (SB), John Precious (JP), Mat Watkinson (MW).

2. Apologies

Alistair Postle, Miles Cartwright, Stephen Bartlett, Zoe Harrison

3. Chairman's Opening Remarks (JR)

JR welcomed everyone, and stated that he was pleased that the meeting was quorate - 6 members (thanks to PH delaying her attendance at the dress rehearsal for the School musical). He added that it had been a very busy year - working to develop a new web-site which he felt was good value and was relatively easy to use. He stressed that he felt the OSA was in a stronger position thanks to the sterling efforts of the team but there were some issues on the horizon.

4. Minutes of the AGM of November 20th 2016

The minutes of the 2016 AGM meeting had been distributed, had been read and were agreed to be a true record of the meeting. This was proposed by SB and seconded by JI. They were signed by the Chairman, John Rowlands, as a true and accurate record of the meeting. All the action points had been dealt with, reported at committee meetings and the Community Award proposal had been subsumed in the Dragonboats event.

5. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising, all the Action Points had been dealt with and the Community Award dealt with in the Dragonboats section.

6. President's Report

JI had produced a written report - focussing on the new website and Archiving and the need for more material. There was a discussion on the forthcoming legislation on Data Protection. It was reported that ZH would be keeping an eye on how this would impact on
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the OSA. JI stated that there was a need to find the missing years (2000-07) for the data base and how to best import Excel data to the Archive data base. It was agreed to continue the 2016 resolution to input manually in the light of the cost of providing a programme (in excess of £1,100 plus VAT).

7. Chairman's Report

JR reported that it had been a very busy 12 months. The new web site had been created - it had taken a great deal of hard work but he felt that the end product had been worth the effort. However he stressed that it could only be populated if material was supplied for the site.

He commented on the OSA Scholar who started in the Sixth-form in September. He stated that he had met with her in the term and that she had exceeded his expectations; during the long summer break she has been active, looking at the IB syllabuses. She has been reading material over the break and JR has have given her a Psychology text to get into. She is still focussed on a degree in Psychology at a top university and has settled in well.

The Dragon boat event which the OSA perceived to be a suitable vehicle to help raise funds and to support the Community in addition to providing an environment for OS members to socialise with staff and students. In the event the Boats performed well - the students raising £885 and OSA £843. Regarding the contributions to charity, 50% goes to Rotary and 50% to chosen charities - £864. The School will be donating £221 to The Woodlands Academy, £221 to The Rainbow Centre and £422 to The Yorkshire Air Ambulance. (Figures rounded up or down).

The Wilkinson Reunion was a resounding success. 110+ attended. Richard & Anne thoroughly enjoyed the occasion and we have learnt some important lessons going forward - especially re the costings from catering **before** we price the tickets.

In order to raise the Association's profile we have delivered Assemblies, members of the Sixth-form waited on at the Wilkinson Reunion and we have established meetings with interested students to promote the Association. This is raising the students' awareness and whilst there is much to do we feel that our profile has increased significantly.

However, the Association is reaching a tipping point, in that the bulk of the work fell to three people and he stated that all school he had been associated with had someone on the staff working on behalf of the Alumni. He added that if one of the key players left/got a job etc the Association would struggle. JR indicated he hoped to speak to the Head re the Association.

JR invited questions, there were none.

8. 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. In his Report AP noted the following:

- At the start of the year the OSA had £24606 and ended the year with £21902 having spent £11,600.
- Major outgoings focused on the website:

- A. New website - £2000
- B. Archives - £2800
- C. Annual hosting - £1008
- D. Associated costs-£700

- Other outgoings – Travel Award, Shop stock, Jennison et al totalled £4700
- The 300 Club yields £2470 but only paid out £100. There are 78 numbers in use but only 62 paying members
- The chairman signed the statements and invoices for the record.

Resolved: to be more proactive re 300 Club membership & draws

There followed a discussion on the need to recruit more members, however PH stated that the Ball was not an appropriate venue to get people involved, perhaps a mass email with a cover story as to what the Club has delivered for the OSA and thus the School, likewise Facebook and the website could maximise publicity for the draw.

Essentially we need a year planner for the draws and publicise the outcomes. **SB suggested a November and March draw at official Reunions. This was proposed by JP and seconded by PH.**

JR thanked AP in his absence for an excellent report. It was agreed that AP was doing an excellent job as Treasurer, although he has expressed a wish to hand over to someone living closer to College. It was agreed that AP was doing such a good job that it would be more than acceptable for him to just send in a report rather than feel he has to attend all meetings.

The Accounts were formally adopted - with JI proposing the resolution and SB seconding.

9. Ratification of changes to: a) OSA Rules

b) 300 Club

These had been analysed, discussed at various levels and approved by the Committee, to be taken to the AGM for ratification. The proposal to adopt the new rules for both was proposed by JI and seconded by MW.

This means that all key officers begin their tenure as from 2017 as accepted at the Committee meeting, namely we start with a new time frame with the President serving a further two years, Chair three, Secretary and Treasurer four years. This would mean the re-election dates would be:

President 2020; Chair 2021;
Secretary 2022; Treasurer 2023

10. Reunion March 2018

This had been discussed at Committee and the lessons learnt from the Wilkinson Reunion re costing of the meal would be taken on board. JR informed the meeting that he had spoken to David Hemsall at a recent funeral and he would seriously consider attending. The event has been flagged on the OSA website.

11. AOB

PH suggested the development of an OSA pack when the pupils start, together with an OSA pin to wear in the blazer and the tie scarf given out at the end of Year 11 or when they leave College.

A discussion followed considering - the role of the shop in advertising the OSA, what the OSA does, the website, tours, Reunions etc. Clearly much needs to be done to promote the Association and this will be taken forward in the New Year.

The AGM closed at 11.48am

JS Rowlands (Chairman)