



**The Annual General Meeting of The Old Scardeburgian Association
at Scarborough College - Sixth Form Cafe
Sunday 17th November 2019, 11:00am**

1. Present:

John Isles (JI), John Rowlands (JR), Alistair Postle (AP), Zoe Harrison (ZH), Suzanne Brooks (SB), Mat Watkinson (MW), Tim Jones (TJ), Miles Cartwright (MC), - 8 in total.

2. Apologies

Stephen Bartlett, John Precious

3. Chairman's Opening Remarks (JR)

JR welcomed everyone. It had been a very busy year and the Association had to cope with the loss of secretary Pippa. He informed the group that no proposals had been submitted.

4. Minutes of the AGM of November 18th 2018

The minutes of the 2018 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.

5. Matters Arising

A student Anthony Jennison had been given a grant towards his Art exhibition, in return he was asked to return to School to talk to the students. JI asked whether he had. ZH stated he hadn't and she would follow this up

6. President's Report (JI)

JI had produced a written report - which had been posted on the website. He had nothing to add and there were no questions for the President

7. Chairman's Report (JR)

JR reported that it had been both a busy and difficult year. The loss of Pippa had had a significant impact, but with the appointment of Liz Ashworth he anticipated a better year moving forward. The Ball had been hugely demanding on his time and he invited comments from the group re the event.

- Very enjoyable
- Impressed with security,
- Grumble re the vigilance of the staff re age/ID
- Noisy - need somewhere to move to to talk - hire another room?
- Code of conduct appalled one person
- Discussion on the Code of Conduct: send to students only? TJ what he saw on the evening was good

The sub-group had done a lot of work - fire fighting; they have been encouraged by the contribution of the 6th Form reps. But the group needs to focus more on the 300 Club and sports provision, given the difficulties and demands on sports' staff time at weekends - competitions etc.

The issue of the Owls for the Alumni Award was discussed given the cost of the 2019 award. Need to get back to a budget of £100-£150. Could get a mould made and make them every year. Need to investigate options - TJ offered to do this. Alternatives - crest in bronze, cuff links, pendant etc.

Booklet & Membership Card have been produced, website is ticking over, membership fee has been increased to £80. The group need to know who has paid, and what happens with next year's Sixth Form are they still on the old system or new - need to approach Gary for clarification and definitive lists.

JSR informed the group that he had given presentations to both staff and the 6th Form re the OSA but had had to cancel the presentation to parents - only 6 confirming attendance. Discussion on other possible ways of raising awareness - presence at Parent/Staff evenings, a video outlining the work undertaken.

The OSA Scholar has started at Manchester - reading Psychology. JSR had spoken to her at the Ball. She is working hard and enjoying the course.

He concluded by stating that the OSA is kept alive by a few. More help is needed. There was a brief discussion on how/who we can attract. JI suggested contacting local OSA members to see if they could help. The next Support Group meeting a list could be compiled of those who may be approached by members of the Committee.

ZH stated that Cath Lucas might be prepared to help, judging by a conversation at the Ball. In essence the OSA needs help from the School.

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. AP noted the increase in funds and the need to put £5000 in the Skipton - this was approved having been proposed by JI and seconded by JSR.

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

JR thanked AP for an excellent report.

9. Reunion of March 2020 :

Jl state that this was in hand

10. Rule Change

Jl spoke to this saying that it could be suggested that if both proposer and seconder were Committee members - it could be viewed that we were voting for ourselves and sustaining a closed group. The original wording was discussed and amended after discussions at the Committee meeting on Friday. There was a discussion of the proposal at the AGM and following those discussions it was agreed to accept the amendment agreed at the Committee: namely

(c) Nominations for vacancies on the Committee and Re-election to the Committee under the retiring schedule approved at the 2017 AGM must have the nominee's consent and must be forwarded in writing or by email to reach the Secretary no later than the day prior to the Meeting. Nominations for any officer and Council Member must include the agreement of the nominee plus a proposer and seconder. One of whom must not be an existing Officer or Committee Member. They shall all be members of the OSA. The Secretary and Committee will ensure that there is at least one nominee for each Office prior to the Meeting.

Its acceptance was proposed by ZH and seconded by TJ. All were in agreement.

11. AOB

1. The issue of wider advertising of the AGM was raised. It was agreed to put the date and time on the poster advertising the Ball. JSR confirmed that all the documents were put on the website.

2. TJ informed the meeting of the very positive comment he had received from Culford School re the OSA and the numbers attending the Ball etc. He also raised the issue of an OSA lapel badge. MC to investigate, ZH to provide designs

3. ZH observed that the raffle at the Ball raised £1084; half would go to OSA and half to the Sixth Form Charity. ZH asked for approval to keep some of the monies to buy prizes for next year. Acceptance of this request proposed by JR, seconded by JI. All agreed

4. Date of next Meeting - **Sunday 15th November 2020 11:00am**

There was no other business.

The AGM closed at 11.40am

JS Rowlands (Chairman)