



**The Annual General Meeting of The Old Scardeburgian Association
at home via Google Meet
Sunday 15th November 2020, 11:00am**

1. Present:

John Isles (JI), John Rowlands (JR), Liz Ashworth (LA), Alistair Postle (AP), Suzanne Brooks (SB), John Precious (JP) , Miles Cartwright (MC), Stephen Bartlett (SBa), Kerry Mortimer (KM), Adrian Hanwell (AH), Richard Winn (RW), John Hobson (JH), Guy Thornton (GT) - 13 in total.

2. Apologies

Tim Jones, Zoe Harrison, Mat Watkinson , Richard Malthouse, Charles Morrison, Liz Jadav, Simon Weightman, Tim Morrell, Derek Anning,

3. Chairman's Opening Remarks (JR)

JR welcomed everyone. The attendance was the best for a number of years. He thanked SB for making it happen via Google Meet. He informed the group that no proposals had been submitted. It was an understatement to say it has been a difficult year, compounded by Zoe Harrison's decision to step down from the Association after 30 years of dedicated service. She had kept the Association functioning through some very difficult times. We intend to recognise her contribution appropriately as soon as it is possible.

He then outlined the management of the meeting stating that to enable him to manage the paperwork - which he hoped everyone had read - and take the minutes JI - the outgoing President would chair the meeting. He added that the meeting would be recorded and if anyone wishes to speak please raise a hand and JI will invite the member to speak. He then handed over the JI.

JI made the observation that some of the points would be for ratification and some for information. He asked JR if there were any apologies. JR read out the names (see above).

4. Minutes of the AGM of November 17th 2019

The minutes of the 2019 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 MC.

SB added that the Minutes needed approving and she had created an electronic poll to record this. The minutes were approved unanimously by those who were there.

They were signed by the Chairman, John Rowlands, as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

5. Matters Arising

Jl raised the issue again of former student Anthony Jennison had been given a grant towards his Art exhibition, in return he had been asked to return to School to talk to the students. Jl asked whether he had. JR said that he would check with the School. It was agreed that going forward any awards would require students to return to talk to the students.

6. President's Report (Jl)

Jl 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. The report was unanimously approved.

7. Chairman's Report (JR)

JR stated that he had not produced a written report as it would have been current up to 16th October when papers were posted on the website and a great deal has happened in the intervening period of almost a month. He stressed that it had been a difficult year but the Association had coped. He flagged the Ball as being something that was too large for one person to manage and he expressed concern re responsibility if something goes wrong. He informed the attendees that insurance had been suggested. Perhaps it would be better to have a combined School & OSA event.

The sub-group has been working well and the intention is to return to meetings asap

- Website is ticking over; members are encouraged to send in stories (with pictures)
- New email address - thanks to Jl's efforts
- Loss of Zoe Harrison will be a big blow to the OSA
- Newsletter - resurrected, aim is for 4 a year but still need material
- Taking two strands - Zoe stepping down and the increased work burden being carried by a few means the OSA needs more help from members and to seriously consider appointing an Alumni Officer
- Lapel Badge is to be ordered - approved by the Committee
- Alumni Award - the Owl - the Association needs to look for a new supply or an alternative. This year's owl (made by OS Matthew Grattan) will be presented to Malcolm Grimston in a virtual prize Giving which went live on Saturday on the College website.
- Jl stands down as President. His organisation of the March Reunion was superb and actually made money. He has shown tremendous energy, determination and commitment to the OSA in all his roles and JR is delighted that he is staying on the Committee. Whilst Zoe has carried the OSA for many years, John has been instrumental in moving it forward over the past 10 years. He added that the Association owes John a debt of gratitude for what he has achieved.

There were no questions for the Chairman and his report was approved unanimously.

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 on the website. AP had nothing to add. There were no questions for the Treasurer. That the accounts were formally approved was proposed by JP and seconded by MC. The adoption of the Accounts was agreed by all present.

9. Election of a new President (JR)

Jl asked if there had been any nominations. JR replied that there was one candidate - Miles Cartwright who was nominated by Peter Lagowski and seconded by John Rowlands. His elevation to the post of President was unanimously approved.

MC stated that he was honoured to have been elected and would be proud to work with the Committee. He hoped to carry on Jl's great work with the help of the Committee members.

10. Ratification of Election to the Committee

Jl stated that the members had been elected at the Committee meeting on Friday. He asked JR to read out the members who had been re-elected:

Jl:	John Hobson (P) & Stephen Bartlett (S)
SB:	Mark Neale (P) & John Rowlands (S)
MC:	Peter Lagowski (P) & John Rowlands (S)
JMP:	Zoe Harrison (P) & Sue Brooke (S)
MW:	Richard Hodgson (P) & Adrian Hanwell (S)

The re-election of the members was unanimously approved

11. Rule Change

Jl spoke to this saying that given the period of time officers can stay on the Committee before offering themselves for re-election we have an issue of having to re-elect much of the Committee at the same time. It was proposed that the Committee can determine the period of time the Officer can serve. The rule change was unanimously approved by the AGM.

12. The Future of the OSA

Jl stated that he wished to switch the order - looking at the new email address first. He outlined the reasons which included the fact that the former email was run on the school server and there were frequent changes of password required and JR was the only one with access. The web developer has put it on the OSA website server and access is available to more people who can help manage it. The new email is osa@scarboroughcollegeosa.co.uk

The discussion moved on to the Appointment of an Alumni Officer. Jl stated that information has been on the website. JR outlined the reasoning which included that a few people were doing most of the Association work, Zoe Harrison's departure cannot be filled

by the Committee and he felt the Association would not survive more than five years without support. He was also somewhat taken aback when he joined the Committee to find that we did not have an Alumni Officer. JI invited questions - he added that the issue had been discussed fully at the Committee meeting. The AGM was invited to approve the seeking of and appointment of an Alumni Officer. Approval was unanimous.

13. Job Descriptions (JI)

JI stated that these were for information only. They will need re-writing in the light of approval for an Alumni Officer. He was grateful to SB for undertaking the challenge.

14. AOB

JI informed the AGM that no proposals were allowed. They should have been in 2 weeks before the meeting in writing and not from the floor. He invited questions from the 'floor'.

1. GT asked how many active members there were. JI not many more than the Committee despite requests on Facebook, emails, speaking to people. The response was either 'No' or 'Of Course' and then disappears into the ether. The Association does not have a group to share the workload
2. JP raised an Old Boy who had been discussed at the Committee meeting on Friday. He had spoken to three people and the consensus was that it was difficult to come up with something to recognise the Old Boy's achievements. He suggested putting his name to something at College. He stressed this needed to be done sooner than later. A discussion followed - possibly a cup? SB suggested an award at Prize Giving - succeeding in adversity? This was agreed. If members have an other suggestions email please. JR stated he would inform the head and draw up some criteria
3. Date of next Meeting - **Sunday 21st November 2021 11:00am** . Hopefully a meeting in person, but we shall look at putting a Google Meet in operation for those who cannot get to the meeting.

There was no other business.

The AGM closed at 11.44am

JS Rowlands (Chairman)