



The Annual General Meeting of The Old Scardeburgian Association
Sunday 21st November 2021, 11:00am
Scarborough College - Sixth Form Cafe

1. Present:

Suzanne Brooks (SB), Miles Cartwright (MC), John Isles (JI), Tim Jones (TJ),
Alistair Postle (AP), John Precious (JP), John Rowlands (JR)

2. Apologies

Liz Ashworth, Stephen Bartlett, Nicola Button, John Hobson, Mat Watkinson, Richard Winn

3. Chairman's Opening Remarks (JR)

JR welcomed everyone. He stated that it had been a very busy term for the OSA. There has been much discussion re the concept of a Foundation - more later and recently we have begun to return to some degree of normality in that the local sub-group has started meeting again.

4. Minutes of the AGM of November 15th 2020

The minutes of the 2020 AGM meeting - undertaken via Google Meet had been distributed, had been read and were agreed to be a true record of the meeting. This was proposed by JI and seconded by MC.

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

5. Matters Arising (JR)

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. JI asked whether he had. JR said that he had not, Covid -19 would have reduced any opportunity for much of the year. It was agreed that going forward any awards, especially the Travel scholarship would require students to return to talk to the College

pupils. The intention, JR reported was to draw up a simple list of requirements expected of students who are given support.

6. President's Report (MC)

MC provided an oral report in which he stated:

- Things are gradually returning to normal, which has meant that the local sub-group meetings are back. We have held our first a few weeks ago and the next one is scheduled for November 30th.
- The OSA (MC, JR, NB) gave a presentation to the Sixth Form in early October, at the start they seemed to regard it as something to be got through but soon became engaged and after the event we stayed on for questions etc. Several have asked to help, generate ideas on what they would like from the OSA. We continued in the cafe afterwards. The intention is to conduct further presentations.
- Drop ins to the Sixth Form cafe have been introduced and have been successful.
- MC stated he was unsure re asking students for their email addresses - JR offered the view that they all have a College email and if we were to send out an email copy in a Committee member. (Note better to send to their personal email - not school with a copy to osa@scarboroughcollegeosa.co.uk)
- Our Alumni Officer - Nikki Button has certainly hit the ground running. She and another were interviewed by MC & JMP and they were both strong candidates, but Nikki had the advantage of being local.

7. Chairman's Report (JR)

JR gave a very brief oral report.

This had been a very demanding period but thankfully the school were organising the OSA Ball. The period of Oct 1st -25 saw JR put in 33.25 hours on OSA business, the most onerous task being delivering the Newsletter. He appreciated the contributions of a few who had sent him material. ZH resignation a year ago had left an enormous hole which has yet to be completely covered.

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. JR asked if there was some flexibility in the amount that can be spent in support of students. It was agreed that there would be some flexibility allowed to the local sub-group who would make a decision and seek the rest of the Committee's approval. (Note the Chair & President have the power under the agreement made at the 2017 AGM to spend up to £1000 without Committee approval. Just necessary to advise the Committee of money up to £1000 has been spent).

It was also agreed that the accounts were formally approved was proposed by JI and seconded by JR. The adoption of the Accounts was agreed by all present.

9. Election of a Chairman (MC)

MC spoke to this, stating that JSR had indicated his intention to step down but had re-considered and had put himself forward for re-election. He had been proposed by JI and seconded by non-Committee OSA member Richard Winn (as is required). JR's re-election had been accepted at the Committee meeting and was agreed unanimously at the AGM.

10. Rule Change (JI)

JI spoke to this change to Rule 7b - details were shown on the agenda and essentially is designed to prevent more than one Officer is standing for re-election in the same year.

"Using the Re-election schedule approved at the 2017 AGM (Item 9) It is proposed that each Officer stands for re-election every 4 years which will ensure that no more than One Officer is standing for re-election in the same year". The Schedule of re-election dates as follows:

President 2020 re-election date 2024

Chair 2021 - 2025

Secretary 2022 - 2026

Treasurer 2023 – 2027

The rule change was unanimously approved by the AGM, having been agreed at the Committee meeting.

11. Rule Clarification (JI)

JI raised the issue of support to students. The students requesting support must be full members of the OSA. The present fee for full membership is £80 payable on entry. There are still some who joined school under the former system of £25 on entry and a further £25 on entry to the Sixth form. It was this group that could pose a problem as they might leave and not attend the Sixth Form but still apply for a discounted Ball ticket. Further it was decided that the future membership costs would be decided by the Committee. Approval was unanimous.

12. Students receiving support returning to School (JI)

This had been dealt with under matters arising.

13. Job Descriptions (JI)

JI stated that the Job Description for Secretary needs to be revisited as the existing one is specific to the former secretary, likewise the Alumni Officer may need refining in light of NB's work. SB revised the secretary's Job Description and would circulate it.

14. Development of a Foundation (JR)

JR outlined the proposal to set this up which will mean closer ties with the school, more support and continuity given that the Committee are not finding it easy to attract active involved members. In essence the OSA retains all its autonomy, its independence but works more closely with school, making more use of facilities, opportunities etc and sharing information.

Jl stated that we have to retain control of our own Database with updates on joining and leaving students being provided by the College. Any communications to the OSA should go from our own OSA email address with Mailchimp and not just sent out by the College who would need our email address list.

John Renshaw - Chair of Governors had addressed the Committee on Friday evening and allayed the concerns raised following the May, Google Meet meeting. The intention is that JR & MC will meet with the Head and Chair of Governors to progress detail. This will then be taken to the local sub-group for consideration alterations etc and then put before the full committee. The bottom line is that if the OSA is not happy we can walk away.

A full and frank discussion then followed and TJ offered the following observations and comments: when things are going well it is fine but the problem comes when there is a major disagreement. 15 or so years ago there was an attempt to essentially disband the OSA, archives were removed - thankfully rescued by JMP and Paul Swinger. The OSA needs a strong constitution and be able to cope on its own. The College could pull the plug and say they will not be collecting the membership fees. He stated that the organisation needs to be mindful of having to possibly cope with a different College whose approach could put the OSA in a less positive manner.

MC stated that John Renshaw want to work with us. The consensus was that we should see how the College sees the Foundation developing and contributes to the debate.

15. AOB

Ball

JR - invited comments on the event, the food was good but opportunities to talk were limited by the volume of the music - which incidentally was excellent - perhaps a separate room for having a chat? JR noted that in addition to the 4 Committee members, the 5 OSA members there , ZH, the rest were former pupils who were parents of existing students or members of the classes of the past few years. It was noted that over a dozen OSA members from the 80s had met up and organised their own mini reunion but not at the Ball. JSR suggested moving the timing of the AGM to March - where the Reunion is specifically targeted at the older former students. We might attract more to the meeting.

Perhaps the AGM could be tied in with a brunch/lunch etc for OSA members who attend the AGM? The intention is to discuss these issues at the local sub-group and put proposals to the Committee. Jl suggested that there should be a late summer reunion, meaning the OSA focuses on the March & early September events leaving the School and the younger OS's and parents at the Ball. To be discussed at the local sub-group, recommendations to the Committee.

TJ observed that the sporting heritage of the OSA was strong but there is little to attract the non-sporting more artistic back. He also observed that the School had a CCF heritage and perhaps more should be made of this. Possibly a CCF themed reunion? He also spoke of the forthcoming retirement of Nick Jones and Julian Greenwood who had both had very successful careers in the Army - perhaps they could come in to talk about their careers?

MC stated that the March Reunion, whilst celebrating the 50th anniversary of girls being admitted to college was for everyone.

JSR stated that these points woulda be raised and discussed by the local sub-group.

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AP had three points to raise:**1. Insurance**

The Association does not have: Employers Liability Insurance, nor Public Liability Insurance. We should have both now we have an employee. He had obtained an online quote in the region of £350. It was agreed that AP pursues this and gets further quotes.

2. Tee shirt etc

He had raised the in the past - a tee shirt/polo shirt/hoodie design using aspects of the OSA logo/badge etc. It was agreed that JSR raises this with the Head of Art with a view to getting some designs from pupils - a competition - a prize? To be discussed at the sub-group

3. 300 Club Draw

The intention had been to draw this at the Ball but circumstances conspired against this so the draw took place at the AGM and the winning number was 46.

£100 to D Kershaw.

There was no further business.

The AGM closed at 11:54am.

Date of next Meeting - Sunday 20th November 2022 11:00am

JS Rowlands (Chairman)