

OLD IPSWICHIAN CLUB

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held in the Dining Hall at Ipswich School at 6.30pm
on Saturday 21st December 2019

In attendance:

William Coe (President), Tim Kiddell (Vice-President), Sally Webber (Chairman), Clare Lock (Secretary), Steve Runnacles (Treasurer), Nicholas Weaver (Headmaster) and those signing the attendance register:

Tim Passmore, John Graham, Peter Boughton, James Davey, Karl Daniels, Richard Staines, Oliver Pitt, Richard Passmore, John Ward, Richard Welbourne, Paul Wranek, John Caudle, Bob Clayton, Ian Galbraith, Trevor Woods, Geoffrey Bell-Jones, John Felgate, John Skeates, Bob Porter, Tery Cracknell, Chris Jeffery, Geoffrey Cook.

1.0 Apologies for absence:

Apologies for absence were received from: Mike Fenn, Leigh Belcham, Iain Chesterman, David Coe and Chris Warnes

Members were welcomed to the AGM by the President, William Coe

2.0 Minutes of the last Annual General Meeting:

Minutes of the last meeting were agreed as a correct record Proposed by Tim Passmore and Seconded by James Davey.

Matters Arising

There were no matters arising from the minutes

3.0 Chairman's report

Sally Webber presented her Chairman's Report for 2019 as follows:

Sally Webber reported that last year members raised concerns over cost but it was felt the older OIs could subsidise the younger OIs and as such it was felt not to change the cost and that over half of the attendees for the 2019 Ipswich dinner were less than 10 years out. Secondly over the course of 2019 we have aimed to increase the number of new OIs attending events.

Sally recorded her sincere thanks to everyone on the committee and also thanks to the school for all their help and support.

Sally showed a presentation of pictures to the AGM of the events of 2019

Proposed by Guy Main and Seconded by John Graham the Chairman's report was adopted

4.0 Treasurer's report

Steve Runnacles circulated copies of the Annual Accounts for the year ended July 31st 2019, noting that these had been published on the Club's website for over two weeks prior to the meeting. A copy is attached to these minutes.

The treasurer reported on an annual surplus of £10,670 compared to £13,332 in the previous year. Subscriptions were £3,000 less than in 2018 which was a record year. As explained to the AGM in previous years, the figure of annual subscriptions received from leavers depends on the number of leavers and the number of leavers who have paid the OI subs. While the subs received in 2020 are marginally down on the 2019 year, the numbers of pupils going through the school are now higher than they have been for some time, this points to strong subscription levels in the future. The committee understand the relationship between the number of pupils and those paying the club subscriptions and are actively promoting the Club to increase the "conversion rate".

Expenditure fell marginally during the year. The deficit on the London Dinner was reduced during the year to around £900 which in turn allowed the committee to fund other events designed to involve more members of the Club.

The Club also made two notable donations to the School during the year. The first was the donation of £50,000 to the Walsey Appeal and the second was £6,000 to First World War Memorial in the Chapel. After taking into account the two donations mentioned above and the surplus for the year, the Club has reserves of nearly £25,000 and is forecast to record a similar level of surpluses over the next few years.

Proposed by Tim Passmore and Seconded by Henry Staunton, the Annual Accounts and Treasurer's Report for the year ended 31st July 2019 were received and approved.

5.0 Election of President for 2020

Proposed by Sally Webber and Seconded by Henry Staunton, Tim Kiddell was elected President for 2020. This was approved by the AGM

6.0 Election of Vice President for 2020

Proposed by Geoffery Cook and Seconded by Geoffrey Bell-Jones, Joanna Carrick was elected Vice President for 2020. This was approved by the AGM

7.0 Appointment of Officers

William Coe recorded his thanks to Sally Webber for her 4 years as Chairman and Clare Lock for her 4 years as secretary and as editor of the journal who are both stepping down this year as officers of the club.

Proposed by John Graham and seconded by Guy Main. Iain Chesterman was elected as Chairman, William Coe was elected as Secretary, and Steve Runnacles as Treasurer. This was approved by the AGM

8.0 Election of New Committee Members

Proposed by James Davey and seconded by Peter Boughton, John Caudle, Sally Webber and Clare Lock were elected as Committee members for the three years 2020 to 2022.

These were approved by the AGM

9.0 Proposed Rule Change

The committee have recommended a rule change in relation to teachers becoming OIs. The current rules state that a teacher must serve 5 years before they can become an OI. It is suggested that this is reduced to a minimum of 2 years on the recommendation of the headmaster. Suggested wording was put forward as below. John Caudle recommended changing the wording to read 'membership may be granted'.

RULE 3 – ELIGIBILITY FOR MEMBERSHIP

3.5 Staff Membership is granted to all teaching staff of the School, and to other staff at the discretion of the Committee, *normally provided they have served as a member of Ipswich School staff for two or more years. The Headmaster shall recommend those staff who are eligible in the Autumn Term, for approval by the Committee.*

Proposed by John Ward seconded by John Caudle

All business being concluded the meeting closed at 7pm