

THE OLD RUSSELLIANS  
(Founded 1890)

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

6.30pm Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November 2013

Held at Champagne Charlies, Villiers Street, London

MINUTES

**The objectives of the The Old Russellians are:**

- **To keep Old Russellians in touch with one another**
- **To organise social and sporting events**
- **To publish a regular newsletter**
- **To keep Old Russellians informed of all matters of interest regarding the School.**

**Present:**

**Brian Angel (1938-1947), Simon Jones (1991-1998) - Treasurer, Julia Lee (1982-1988) - Chairman, John Piggin (retired RRS staff), Sam Smith (1983-1987), Sue Tanner – Minutes (O.R. Secretary)**

1. **Apologies for absence: Jane Bruce (1993-2000), Charles Froy (1992-1998), Julia Powell (O.R. Correspondent), Robert Fisher (1996-2002) - not at meeting but attended later, Simon Jones (1991-1998)**

**Apologies also received from the Headmaster, Chris Hutchinson and Operations Director, Danny Neely**

**No Show: Kemal Chaudhri (1967-1974), Seyra Dagadu (191999-2006), (Karl Yabsley (1978-1982)**

2. The meeting was opened at 6.40pm by Julia Lee and the reports were circulated. Notice of the AGM was posted on the website, emailed to all O.R.s, announced in the autumn newsletter and the meeting was quorate. The reports were available to read online from Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November. The balance sheet of accounts will be circulated by the Treasurer at the January meeting.
3. **The following important matters arose from the reports and the ill attendance at the AGM.**
- 3a John Piggin said that it was imperative that committee members make every effort to attend meetings, and particularly the AGM. It was noted that a number of apologies were received, but there were also 3 no shows, which is unacceptable.
- 3b In January we need to consider the winter event very seriously to avoid another bad turnout of people.
- 3c Regarding the O.R. footie, the most successful annual event for the Old Russellians, this is only supported by the O.R.s in terms of funding and admin, but is actually organised and run by a current member of staff, Steve Greaves.
- 3d John Piggin suggested that the committee approach Chris Hutchinson and John Jennings to ask for names of potential recent leavers who may be prepared to sit on the committee. Sue said that we had targeted Head Boys and Head Girls a couple of years' ago which resulted in one more committee member, Seyra Dagadu.

- 3e** A discussion arose regarding the name being changed from O.R.s to the 'Russellian Society', suggested by Chris Hutchinson soon after his appointment as Headmaster. Sue explained that we have already changed the name from 'Old Russellians' Society' to 'The Old Russellians' a few years' ago, and all the changes had been made to the notepaper, bank accounts etc at that time. Having asked around, O.R.s themselves like to be called O.R.s.
- 3f** Remembrance Day service in school 2014 – we should at this stage be organising this event to include invitations to Old Russellians and try to make this a bigger and special event being the centenary of the beginning of WW1. John Pigginn will help Brian Angel with the development of this idea.
- 3g** Jane Bruce has asked for some help with the social network sites as her job has become more demanding and she works very long hours.
- 4. Election of Officers & Committee**
- 4a** Nomination for Chairman: Julia Lee nominated by Simon Jones, seconded by Brian Angel and unanimously carried.
- 4b** Nomination for Treasurer: Simon Jones nominated by Julia Lee, seconded by Brian Angel and unanimously carried.
- 4c** The following Old Russellians have agreed to remain on the O.R. Committee as general committee members: Brian Angel, Jane Bruce, Kemal Chaudhri, Seyra Dagadu, Robert Fisher, Charles Froy, Samantha Smith, Karl Yabsley.  
These names were put nominate as a block by Julia Lee, seconded by Simon Jones and carried.
- 4d** No nominations for Secretary or any other officers.
- 4e** Nomination for new committee member, John Pigginn (retired staff), nominated by Julia Lee, seconded by Simon Jones and unanimously carried.

**Date of next Committee Meeting: Saturday 18th January 2014 at 10am in the Conference Room followed by lunch – attendance and apologies must be received by Sue before Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2014.**

**Date of next Annual General Meeting: tbc**

**Meeting closed at 8.00 pm**

**CHAIRMAN**

**Date**