

OLD RUSSELLIANS' SOCIETY

(Founded 1890)

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

6.30pm Friday 25th November 2005

Board Room, Royal Russell School, Croydon

MINUTES

The objectives of the Old Russellians' Society 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:

Chairman: Paul Enville

Brian Angel, Keith Angel, Rosemary Angel, Michael Ayles, Paul Barlow (Bursar), William Cave, Chris Gough, John Jennings (Headmaster), Jason McCreanney, John Piggin, Julia Powell, Sue Tanner

Apologies: Shalil Bhatessa, Peter Green, David McKergo, Simon Tuck, Karl Yabsley

The meeting was opened at 6.30pm by the Chairman who welcomed all those present. Chris Gough and Sue Tanner agreed to take the Minutes.

Previous Minutes

- 1.1 Minutes of previous AGM held on 26th November 2004 had not been distributed. These were read by Paul Barlow, approved and signed by the Chairman.
- 1.2 There was a discrepancy (at item 6) over the definition of 'archivist'.

Matters Arising

- 2.1 Fiona ~~Atkins~~ Aiken (who worked for the Old Brightonian Society at Brighton College) and Karen Rogers have both declined posts within the Society.
- 2.2 Both databases have been amalgamated by Sue Tanner, who is now the Old Russellians' Membership Secretary, using Excel computer software. There are no other databases of which anyone is aware.
- 2.3 Brian Angel reported that a bust of Lord John Russell (approx £10,000) is considered too expensive, and that a cheaper solution could be a portrait (approx £6,000). Paul Barlow agreed that the new steering committee would resolve this matter. Brian agreed to pass on the documentation.

Annual Report (attached)

- 3.1 Julia Powell, who is now supporting the Society as Old Russellians' Correspondent, read the report, which outlined the activities and status of the Old Russellians' Society to date.
- 3.2 Reference was made to the Memorial Service held at the school in memory of Judith Chapman who had been a teacher at Royal Russell for over 28 years.
- 3.3 Paul Enville expressed his gratitude to John and Sue Jennings for the regular event hosted at the School, which gives ORs an insight into what is happening in the School.

- 3.4 John Pigginn felt that the opportunity was missed to get people's names at the OR v School Football match. Paul Enville agreed that there should be someone from the School to organise this. It was explained that we now have a system in place for obtaining details by proforma, as was evident at the OR Dinner, immediately following the AGM.
- 3.5 Paul Enville felt that the new Chairman, when appointed, should be based in the Croydon area.

Treasurer's Report (attached)

- 4.1 Keith Angel (Acting Treasurer) reported on the Income and Expenditure Balance Sheet for 2004/5 in detail.
- 4.2 Keith had found several errors in posting monies to the wrong headings in the accounts for previous years. These have now been adjusted based on all the statements and records available.
- 4.3 Keith explained that the Paypal system that was set up has not been used. Chris Gough proposed that it was cancelled, seconded by Julia Powell.
- 4.4 It was ascertained that item 19 (miscellaneous) was expenditure for Judith Chapman's flowers.
- 4.5 Keith is satisfied that the accounts now being presented, represent the true state of the affairs of the Society as at the date of these accounts.
- 4.6 The Chairman thanked the Treasurer for his report. The acceptance of the accounts was proposed by Chris Gough and seconded by Julia Powell and carried.

Chairman's Remarks

- 5.1 Paul Enville resigned as Chairman and Jason McCreaney also resigned from the Committee.
- 5.2 Paul expressed his apologies to the ORs and members of the committee for standing down but he and Jason had reluctantly concluded that, with their other commitments, they did not have sufficient time to devote to the Society. He also felt leadership of the Society could do with some 'new blood, and he welcomed the School's direct support of the Society. He wished good luck to those on the new committee.
- 5.3 Paul thanked Jason McCreaney for his idea of, and help with, the OR magazine.
- 5.4 John Jennings formally thanked Paul Enville and Jason McCreaney for their work with the Old Russellians' Society.
- 5.5 Jason McCreaney proposed and Chris Gough seconded a vote of thanks for the outgoing Chairman for all his hard work, and this was carried unanimously.

Election of Officers & Committee

- 6.1 No nominations were received for the post of Chairman.
- 6.2 Keith Angel proposed that a steering committee consisting of Paul Barlow, Julia Powell and Sue Tanner be set up and this was seconded by Brian Angel and approved by those present.
- 6.3 Paul Barlow proposed that Keith Angel be appointed as Honorary Treasurer for the forthcoming year. Seconded by Michael Ayles and approved.

Election of Two Accountant Examiners for 2005/2006

- 7.1 It was suggested the accounts of the Society did not need to be formally audited, but two ORs should be appointed to examine the books of account annually and Chris Gough and Bill Cave agreed to take on this roles.

Honorary Members

- 8.1 The meeting sought to clarify who had been granted Honorary membership in the past and Chris Gough reported that in his time as Chairman, Honorary membership had been granted and accepted by Peter Green (staff), Shirley and Ron Balaam (Ex Headmaster and wife), Dilys

Birkett (staff), Edward Thompson (Ex staff), Andrew Foot (staff) and Derek Card (Military Archivist). Also since then Chris Gough had been granted an Honorary membership by the OR Committee

- 8.2 It was noted that in most of these cases the person was already either an OR or eligible to be a member of the Society and they were not strictly speaking honorary members, but life members.
- 8.3 It was agreed that the new Steering Committee might wish to consider the position of 'Life Member' when making any amendments to the OR Rules.

Any Other Business

- 9.1 Brian Angel expressed his satisfaction with the moves to involve the school in the re-structuring of the O.R. Society. He welcomed the continuing help and involvement from the Headmaster, Bursar, Julia Powell and Sue Tanner. Former members of the OR Committee will always be on hand to advise if requested.

Date of Next Meeting: Friday 24th November 2006. Venue to be determined.

The meeting concluded at 7.27pm

CHAIRMAN

Date