



Minutes of 2017 Biennial General Meeting of HOEA,

Held at 1800 on Saturday 8th April 2017

at the Cambian New Elizabethan School, Hartlebury

Present: Dave Allen(DA)-(President), Terry Allsop(TA)-(Vice-President), Les Banks(LB), Jim Cupper(JC), Dave Gilbert(DG), Simon Horsington(SH) , Keith Knight(KK), Philip May(PM), Alan Millington(AM), Rod Payne(RP)-(Secretary), Alf Powick(AP), Kevin Smith(KS), Geoff Thorp(GT), Brian Young(BY), Eddie Wisniewski(EW)

Apologies: Hugh Larmour(HL), John Silvester(JS). In addition a number of Old Boys had tendered their apologies for not attending the dinner (without making specific reference to the BGM) and their names were subsequently read out at the dinner itself.

Minutes of previous BGM -28th March 2015: Acceptance proposed by PM, seconded by LB - Agreed.

President's Report (DA)

At the half-way point of his 4-year period of Office DA acknowledged that it is a privilege to serve as President. Amongst the items that he chose to highlight was the continuing success of the Annual Dinner. As he has attended two Old Carolians' annual dinners he commented that it is noticeable that, despite their significantly higher membership pool, attendance was not markedly different to that at our events. He referred to the tradition of awarding Bursaries to outstanding pupils of local secondary schools, as well as an award to a pupil of the New Elizabethan School. In mentioning that school he also recorded our indebtedness to the present headmaster for allowing us to use the school, both for the annual dinner and for our regular committee meetings. In recognition of it being the 40th anniversary of the closure of the school as we all knew it, a cup– the David Guyatt Cup - had been provided to be awarded for excellence in linguistics at King Charles School and he had been able to make the inaugural presentation recently. He also noted the work that has been done so far on cataloguing the archives and memorabilia, the work of two of our members as Trustees of the Queen Elizabeth the First Foundation, and the support and work of the Committee members generally.

Treasurer's report (EW)

The accounts showed a surplus of £494.17 (2015 = deficit of £120.94), and a closing balance of £8321.22. That the accounts be accepted, proposed by RP, seconded by GT – agreed. A vote of thanks to the Honorary Account Examiner was also agreed unanimously.

Election of officers:

President – Dave Allen (Half way through 4-year term so no election necessary)

Vice President – Kevin Smith. proposed TA, seconded GT - agreed

Hon Secretary – Rod Payne , proposed GT, seconded SH - agreed

Hon Treasurer – Eddie Wisniewski , proposed RP, seconded JC - agreed

Account Examiner – Peter Gibbs (in absentia), proposed KS, seconded DA - agreed

Committee Members – Terry Allsop (end of term as Vice President) plus Jim Cupper, Simon Horsington, Keith Knight, Hugh Larmour, John Silvester, and Geoff Thorp, retiring in order - to re-elect en bloc, proposed DG, seconded AP – agreed.

A.O.B.

DA would be referring, in his dinner remarks, to “The School on the Hill” book and its remaining availability together with the availability of an insert slip correcting two errors that had been identified.

SH, noting that tonight’s dinner was focussed on the 40th Anniversary of the closure of the school, suggested that it might be appropriate for the committee to consider gathering together such information as is possible as a record of that event, especially as so many of the staff who were there at the end have been motivated to attend tonight’s dinner.

There being no other business, the President (DA) thanked all present and declared the meeting closed.