

Minutes of Annual General Meeting of Jesus Old Members Group held in the Shi Street Centre, Jesus College, Oxford on 12 April 2014

Those attending: Malcolm McIvor (Chairman), Paul Seward (Secretary), George Reah (Treasurer) and Alan Shore (Newsletter Editor) from the Committee with 12 members and Sam Hall from the College Development Office.

Apologies: Apologies were received from Richard Cosier (Membership Secretary) and five members.

Welcome

The Chairman opened the meeting by extending a warm welcome to all members of the group and to Sam Hall who was representing the College.

1. Minutes of the 2013 Annual General Meeting

The minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 6 April 2013 were presented to the meeting by the Secretary. Their acceptance was *proposed* by Terry Wood, *seconded* by George Reah and unanimously **adopted**.

2. Chairman's Report

The Chairman introduced his report for the year 2013-2014 which had been circulated prior to the meeting and in which the principal activities in the year had been set out. He thanked all of the Committee Members, all of those who had organised events and specifically Peter Silverman for his development of the website. The report was **received**.

4. Treasurer's Report and Accounts

The Treasurer's Report, Membership Accounts for the year ended 30 June 2013 and Financial Statement for the Awards Fund to 31 July 2013 were introduced by the Treasurer. The accounts had been circulated prior to the meeting. They had been scrutinised by Eric Morgan, the Group's independent examiner, to whom the Group's thanks were extended. In future the Group would retain approximately £500 in a bank account to enable it to facilitate events and maintain the website. The running costs of the Group were expected to be about £100pa which it was hoped would be raised from event surpluses. The **adoption** of the report and accounts was *proposed* by David Lermon, *seconded* by Martin Harris and carried unanimously.

Summarising the awards, the Treasurer explained that the donations enabled funding for two Clarendon Old Members' awards, three Old Members' Exhibitions and a number of bursaries. The known contributions from Group members to College totalled between £18,000 and £20,000pa, with funding pledges having risen in value by at least 10% in the last year. The process of transferring the financial management of those donations to the Development Office had now been completed.

5. Rules of Association

The Committee put forward the following changes to the Rules of Association:

- The addition of RULE 10: Submissions for a change to these rules may be made by any member of the Group or by the Committee but shall be required to be submitted to the Secretary at least 63 days before the expected date of the Annual General Meeting. If the submission is by a member of the Group, it must be supported by at least four other members and may be accompanied by a statement of support for the proposal; the Committee may elect to respond to the submission. A ballot will be held and votes may be cast by email or post, but must be received by the Secretary not less than 48 hours before the date of the meeting.
- Changes to the TITLE: The official title of the Group for use within College publications will be changed to Jesus Old Members' Group (XL Network); and to RULE 2: Membership is offered to all Members of Jesus College Oxford who were admitted to the college at least 40 years ago, and to partners of deceased members of the Group but is available to all Old Members of the College who support the Group's purpose.

The changes were unanimously approved.

6. Election of members and officers of the Committee

The existing members of the Committee (Malcolm McIvor (Chairman), Paul Seward (Secretary), George Reah (Treasurer), Alan Shore (Newsletter Editor) and Richard Cosier (Membership Secretary) had agreed to continue. Norman Wright had volunteered to take on the role of Webmaster and Chris Hicks had volunteered to take on the role of Events Co-ordinator.

The rules of the Group allow for six members and two co-opted members. The meeting was therefore asked to support these seven volunteers. The motion to propose that these volunteers be elected to the Committee was *proposed* by Steve Walker and *seconded* by Clive Jenkins and **carried** unanimously.

7. Old Members' Day

Old Members' Day would be held on 28th June 2014. Three speakers have been lined up – John Krebs, Paul Riley, who works in the field of Regenerative medicine, and Tim Palmer, who works in the field of climate change.

10. Ideas for the Future of the Group

A short discussion was held with some ideas on possible future events and feedback on the success of some of the subject-oriented events.

Richard Cosier has issued the electronic form of the Directory as a pdf file, for understandable security reasons. However, this will make the electronic use of the Directory difficult if updates are issued as additional files. There was a request that an up-to-date electronic version be made available if possible.

11. Other business

No other business had been notified to the Secretary.

11. Next meeting

The date of the next annual general meeting is Saturday 11th April 2015.

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