

Minutes of Annual General Meeting of Jesus Old Members Group held in the Ship Street Centre, Jesus College, Oxford on 11 April 2015

Those attending: Malcolm McIvor (Chairman), Paul Seward (Secretary), George Reah (Treasurer) and Norman Wright (Webmaster) from the Committee with 18 members and guests.

Apologies: Apologies were received from Richard Cosier (Membership Secretary), Alan Shore (Newsletter Editor), Chris Hicks (Events Co-ordinator) and 6 members.

Welcome

The Chairman opened the meeting by extending a warm welcome to all members of the group.

1. Minutes of the 2014 Annual General Meeting

The minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 12 April 2014 were presented to the meeting by the Secretary. Their acceptance was *proposed* by Stephen Walker, *seconded* by David Pick and unanimously **adopted**.

2. Chairman's Report

The Chairman introduced his report for the year 2014-2015 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, and specifically Richard Cosier and Norman Wright for their further development of the website. The report was **received**.

3. Treasurer's Report and Accounts

The Treasurer's Report, Membership Accounts for the year ended 30 June 2014 and Financial Statement for the Awards Fund to 31 July 2014 were introduced by the Treasurer. The accounts and statement had been circulated prior to the meeting. The accounts showed a surplus of £179.15 from events which would service the running costs of the Group over the next couple of years. The Treasurer asked for permission to extend the next financial year to 13 months to bring the accounting year in line with the College accounting year. The **adoption** of the report and accounts, and the change of financial year, were *proposed* by Norman Wright, *seconded* by Julian Le Patourel 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 declared contributions from group members to College totalled approximately £17,000 for the year. There appeared to be a decrease in the annual value; the Treasurer believes there are two reasons – College failing to maintain the link of a donation to the group when that donation is changed; College not seeking further one-off donations from group members who are living overseas. The Treasurer will ensure through the Newsletter that members understand they must tell the Development Office if they want their donations (including any made in response to a telethon) to be used to support JOMG awards, and will follow up with College over both the assignment of donations and the encouragement of overseas donors.

4. 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), Chris Hicks (Events Co-ordinator), Norman Wright (Webmaster) and Richard Cosier (Membership Secretary) had agreed to continue.

The meeting was therefore asked to support the re-election of the existing members. The motion to propose that these volunteers be elected to the Committee was *proposed* by Clive Jenkins, *seconded* by Alex Galloway and **carried** unanimously.

5. Old Members' Day

Old Members' Day will be held on 27th June 2015. Three speakers have been lined up – Lord Krebs, a student, and Professor Diarmaid MacCulloch. The cost of the day will be £10 with the College sponsoring the lunch in recognition of the support given by the group over the last 25 years.

6. Future Events and Direction

The Group is visiting Tyntesfield on Friday 15th May and Byron Grainger-Jones has volunteered to organise a weekend in Shrewsbury in late 2015 or early 2016.

Clive Jenkins provided an update on the project to install a plaque in St Mary's Church, Abergavenny extolling David Lewis' role as the first Principal of Jesus College.

During the meeting it became obvious that communications within the Group could be improved and that the Group was not using the mechanisms it now had in place to the full effect. The Committee will seek to address this over the next year.

7. Other business

No other business had been notified to the Secretary.

8. Next meeting

The date of the next annual general meeting is Saturday 2nd April 2016. *(Please note the revised dates since the first issue of these minutes.)*

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