

Minutes of Annual General Meeting of Jesus Old Members Group held via Zoom on 17th March 2021

Those attending: Peter May (Chairman); Paul Seward (Secretary); George Reah (Treasurer); Andy Simpson, Richard Cosier, Norman Wright and Malcolm McIvor (all Committee Members); Paul Herrington, David Pick, Chris Butterfield, Chris Hicks, John Baldock, Murray Hallam, Joel Griffiths, Carole Souter, Clive Jenkins, Terry Betts and John Wilson.

Apologies: Apologies were received from Sally Hope, Carrie Walker, Robert Gidden, Pat Tyrell, Eddie Williams, Jeremy Eccles, John Bevan, Eric Hollis, Stephen Parry-Jones and John Blore.

Welcome

The Chairman opened the meeting by extending a warm welcome to all attendees who then introduced themselves.

The attendees took time out from the official business to learn from Malcolm McIvor the current state of health of Peter Silverman, a long-standing active member of the Group, who was recovering from a serious car crash. Peter is currently in an acute trauma ward, after previously having been on a ventilator for four weeks. The attendees sent their best wishes to Peter.

1. Reports from the 2017 to 2020 Annual General Meetings

No minutes were produced from the E-AGM's of these years. The accounts and Chairman's reports for these years were circulated as part of the E-AGM process and no objections were raised. The minutes from the 2021 meeting will be circulated to members and placed on the Group's website.

2. Chairman's Report

The Chairman introduced his report for the year 2020-21 which had been circulated prior to the meeting and in which the limited activities possible during the year were set out; he was happy to report that recent Zoom meetings, set up in place of the London Curry meetings, had been successful. He thanked all of the Committee Members, and specifically Malcolm McIvor who was stepping down from Chairman but continuing on the Committee. The report was received.

The Chairman then went on to outline envisaged events for 2021, starting with Old Members' Day on 26th June and continuing with outings to Chichester in September (including a morning guided tour of the Cathedral and an afternoon visit to Tinwood Vineyard) and to the British Library in November (a joint event with College). The Curry meetings will resume as soon as the restrictions allow.

3. Treasurer's Report and Accounts

The Treasurer's Report and Membership Accounts for the year ending 31st July 2020 were introduced by the Treasurer. The accounts and statement had been circulated prior to the meeting. The accounts showed a loss of £152, almost totally due to the purchase of two banners (one of which was on display behind the Treasurer), with almost no activity during the year. The adoption of the report and accounts was proposed by R Cosier, seconded by P Seward and carried unanimously.

The Treasurer also noted in his report that the recipients of the awards that are sustained through past and on-going donations by Group members were set out for the first time as group of related awards in the College Record, and thanked members for their continuing generosity. Later in the meeting, M McIvor said that it was pleasing to see the list set out in such a clear manner.

4. Election of officers and of members of the Committee

The two existing officers of the Committee: Paul Seward (Secretary), George Reah (Treasurer) had volunteered to continue. Peter May (Chairman), Norman Wright (Webmaster), Richard Cosier (Membership Secretary) and Malcolm McIvor had also volunteered to continue as Committee members.

The meeting was therefore asked to support the election of Paul Seward (Secretary) and George Reah (Treasurer) as officers of the Group. The election of the Secretary was proposed by T Betts, seconded by M Hallam and carried unanimously. The election of the Treasurer was proposed by A Simpson, seconded by T Betts and carried unanimously.

The meeting was also asked to support the election of Peter May, Norman Wright, Richard Cosier and Malcolm McIvor as Committee members of the Group. Their election was proposed by G Reah, seconded by J Wilson and carried unanimously.

Andy Simpson, co-opted onto the Committee recently, had volunteered to be a member of the Committee but had done so after the end of the nomination period. The Committee indicated their decision to co-opt Andy Simpson onto the Committee.

The Committee also noted with thanks that C Hicks had offered to advise anyone organising an event, if help was needed, and to guide any future volunteer for the role of Events Co-ordinator.

5. Other business

No other business had been notified to the Secretary but members were able to provide suggestions or ask questions.

M McIvor suggested that an expansion of the Committee might be needed to incorporate the roles currently envisaged and to facilitate the introduction of new volunteers. The Committee undertook to take this forward and to bring proposals forward to a future AGM or EGM.

T Betts asked whether there would be further Harold Wilson Memorial Lectures as the impression given had been that this was to be a regular feature of the College calendar. This is not a XL matter but the Chairman offered to ask College about this.

G Reah informed the attendees that he, and all other contributors, had received a letter from the Principal telling them of the first recipient of the XL Network Bursary; the recipient, Andrew Fletcher, had written an article to accompany the letter that explained how valuable the award was to him. G Reah indicated that he thought that the award made was directly in line with the intentions of the contributors.

R Cosier wished to record his thanks to Roger Price for setting up the mailing list mechanism that allowed the members to discuss the changes of the Group's rules that were accepted at last year's E-EGM, and to all of those who contributed to the discussion on the changes.

M McIvor asked if there had been any progress on finding new e-mail addresses for those with whom the Group had lost touch. A Simpson and R Cosier will talk through how the minefield of data protection might be negotiated to enable the College to get requests to the individuals concerned, where the College itself has a valid address, for them to pass new e-mail addresses to the Group.

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