

**Hull Old Collegians' Association**  
**Minutes of the Annual General Meeting**  
**9 September 2010**

**Present**

Mrs P Pilgrim, President  
Mr K P Moxon, Chairman  
Mr R Haworth, Headmaster  
Mr M Daubney, Treasurer  
Mr B Callan, Secretary  
Mr T Crabtree  
Mr M Harding  
Mrs P Kensett  
Mr L Paling  
Mrs G Thompson

**Apologies**

Mr N Bateman  
Mr R Beattie  
Mr J Eldon  
Mr J Jackson  
Mrs E Laing  
Mr B Tomlinson  
Mr A Train  
Mr D Woollons

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The meeting agreed that these were a true record.

**Matters Arising**

None, other than those for discussion later.

**President's Address**

Mrs Pilgrim paid tribute to the committee's work in attempting to fulfil the aims and objectives of the Association. She commented that it was regretful that older members showed little interest, but she was positive about the proposal to enrol school leavers en masse. Any difficulties concerning the position of different categories of former pupils had been anticipated as far as possible and the general feeling was this was the way forward.

Mrs Pilgrim mentioned the discussions about the displaying of artefacts and records of the former schools which were worth keeping, and she expressed the hope that such displays would encourage more interest in the Association.

The two newsletters produced since the last AGM were interesting and had received positive feedback; Mrs Pilgrim thanked contributors for their efforts. She mentioned in particular Mr Paling's contributions from the Old Grammarians' Lodge of Freemasons, and expressed the hope that this would result in increased participation in Association affairs.

She concluded by thanking the School for welcoming members to its many and varied events, and was pleased to observe that the School is in safe hands.

### **Chairman's Report**

Mr Moxon briefly reviewed the Association's activities since the previous AGM. As well as attending School functions and performances, members have continued to organise formal interviews with potential university applicants. Positive feedback was received from the Head of Sixth Form, Mr Wainman, as well as the interviewees themselves, and the practice will continue.

Mr Moxon mentioned the discussions which had already been held about School leaver recruitment, and also setting up of an archive room. He noted that we await a quotation for a display cabinet for the room and that a selection of archive photographs is being (re)framed. The sale of unwanted artefacts has gone ahead, the proceeds to go to the Millennium Trust.

The Chairman had been contacted by Mr J Cheetham (OG) who hopes to revive the annual golf competition. Mr Haworth suggested that this idea goes on the School website, via Jo Munro at the School.

Mr Moxon concluded by thanking committee members for their support and work during the year.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Mr Daubney presented copies of the audited accounts for the years to 28 February 2009 and 2010. He expressed his thanks to Stuart Atkinson, who continues to audit the Association's accounts without charge. (Mr Atkinson is not actually a member of the Association but it was agreed that he should be regarded as a life member for his work with the accounts). There are around 550 names on his list of members from whom only 160 or so subscriptions are received. Accepting that there are some life members who do not pay and others who do pay but whose payments are not made until after 1 March 1, the Association has lost a large number of members, clearly for a variety of reasons. The Treasurer mentioned the difficulties in attempting to contact the "lost" members; however it was agreed that the Association should concentrate its efforts on life and current members, and ignore the others. It was agreed that a definitive membership list should be drawn up.

The balance of the Nellist bequest stands at £240 with £20 being paid each year to the School.

It was proposed by Mr Paling and seconded by Mr Haworth that the accounts be adopted, which was carried unanimously. The Committee's thanks were expressed to the Treasurer for his continued efficient work.

### **Headmaster's Report**

The School has 747 pupils on roll. Prep School numbers are slightly down, although this year's Year 7 intake was good. There are 99 in the 6<sup>th</sup> form. Recruitment has been helped by an efficient marketing officer and the School's high local profile.

The School has formed links with the Great Lakes High School in Uganda and 7 pupils and 3 staff visited Uganda for what turned out to be a life-changing experience. Contact is being maintained to both schools' mutual benefit. The next visit will be in 2012, hopefully.

GCSE examination results were very good. "A" level results were up to expectation, with the majority of pupils being offered place at a university of their choice.

The "Entry of '41" held their annual reunion in the School.

Old Collegian/Grammarians cricket and football matches have again been played, and the football team is planning a tour next year.

The Christmas reunion organised by Nick Edwards will continue. Forthcoming School events include the musical "Fame" and for the third year running there will be a concert in the City Hall.

Finally, Mr Haworth expressed his appreciation to the Association for its continued support and in particular the university practice interviews.

### **Election of Officers**

The Chairman suggested re-election en bloc, with current officers continuing in their existing roles. As all present were in agreement, this was carried unanimously.

### **Any Other Business**

Designs for the ties and scarves were again examined. An order for 200 ties would cost £5.95; for 300 the cost would fall to £5.75, exclusive of V.A.T.

Finally the Chairman thanked members for their attendance and closed the meeting.

(Members then adjourned for refreshments before the Chairman opened an Extraordinary General Meeting to discuss proposed changes to the Association's membership categories).

## **Extraordinary General Meeting**

### **Minutes**

#### **Chairman's Comments**

Documents detailing the proposed changes to Association membership had been circulated to all members. Those present at this meeting were now thoroughly familiar with them. No further explanation was therefore required.

There was immediate and unanimous agreement that the changes be adopted; a proposal to do so was in consequence carried.

The Chairman observed that no changes to the Association's constitution would be needed, but suggested that an addendum which would set out and explain the new membership categories should be drafted. This was agreed.

#### **Any other Business**

In view of the above, a meeting is to be held in School on Thursday 14 October at 10.30am to establish an up-to-date membership list.

#### **Date of Next Committee Meeting - Wednesday 3 November at 7.30pm**

The Chairman thanked members for their contributions and closed the meeting at 9.00pm.