



The Old Priorian Association

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OLD PRIORIAN ASSOCIATION ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD IN THE ORCHARD HALL SATURDAY, 11th NOVEMBER 2006 at 2.00pm MINUTES OF MEETING

Present: Richard Baker (1959), Margaret Moore (Administrator), Paul Andersson (1963), Anthony Havery (1958), David Murphy (1954), Martin Russell (1953), Peter Watson (1952), Richard Sandys (1962), Chris Cleugh (Headmaster), Catherine de Cintra (Bursar), Gregory Stafford (2001), Rob Simmons (1987-Headmaster Junior School), Mark Tymieniecki (1970) & Lewis Hill (1975)

Acting Chairman: Richard Sandys acting as Chairman in the absence of the President.

Opening Prayer led by David Murphy.

Apologies: P.Fagan (91), Peter Hearn (67), Michael Ainslie (80), Michael Rapazzini (57), Anthony Baker (58), Basil Nickerson (94), Joe Kearns (50), Alan Leverton (43) Philip Hopley (84), Mary Keal (83), Paul Tobin (66), Emma York (98), Adam Kokzynski (01)

Minutes of Last AGM: Having been read by the meeting their acceptance as a true record of last year's meeting was proposed by Chris Cleugh & seconded by David Murphy & approved.

Matters arising from last year's minutes: No matters arising.

Honorary Treasurer's report: The Bursar, in the absence of the Treasurer, explained the results which were read by the meeting. The results attached show a gain of £2,499 compared to a budgeted loss of £630.

Income of £10,427 was well over budget of £9,370. We received £500 more than anticipated from pupils leaving the 6th form and £500 more than planned on interest on our bank balance and subscriptions collected by the school.

The fixed expenses of running the OPA were on budget.

Newsletters were £1,000 under budget as we published one rather than the budgeted two during the year.

The original budget was reduced by £500, compared to what was presented to the AGM, and the funds diverted to "other" expenditure to cover the inscription costs for the honours boards at Perivale.

Social events were c. £600 under budget reflecting budgeting for a recent leavers' get together that failed to materialise. Sports were c. £400 under budget, mainly through the rugby club managing to operate on a cost free basis this year.

Other expenses were on budget.

Overall the result for the year was c. £3,000 better than budget. Yet again the main reason for being under budget is not spending enough! Financially that keeps us in a very healthy position, but we may have missed an opportunity to bring together more of the network of alumni.

2006/2007

The committee has proposed an expenditure budget of c. £12,000 for the year to August 31st, 2007. This is planned to give rise to a surplus of c. £800. We have communicated to the membership that we would be interested in hearing of other ideas for events that we might fund and therefore this planned surplus may end up being used.

My thanks, as ever, to Catherine, Margaret and the two Richards for doing all the hard work and making my role as treasurer very straightforward. Once again, my apologies for missing this meeting.

A query from the floor concerned the possibility of a perpetual cup to go with the Priorian Medal. This proposal to be put to the Treasurer at the next Council meeting. The Treasurer's report was proposed by Rob Simmons and seconded by Richard Baker & approved.

Honorary Secretary's Report: The Hon. Sec. explained his report

Elected Officials

Paul Fagan
President

Richard Sandys
Hon Secretary

Mike Ainslie
Hon Treasurer

Council Members

Lewis Hill

Philip Hopley

Adam Koczynski

Pierre Ricard

Gregory Stafford

Michael Toolan

Peter Watson

Emma York

Ex-Officio Members

Fr Thomas Stapleford
Chaplain

Chris Cleugh
Senior School
Headmaster

Rob Simmons
Junior School
Headmaster

Catherine de Cintra
Bursar

Patrick Tobin
Chairman of the
Abbot's Advisory
Governing Body for
the Schools

Mary Keal
Society of Parents &
Friends

Margaret Moore
Administrator

Richard Baker
Assistant
Administrator

In order to participate properly in today's world any organisation must change to meet the constantly changing challenges of modern life. The OPA is no different and, during this last year, the Council has endeavoured to meet the challenges it has faced.

Our first major change was to hold a Dinner Dance in September '05. As a means of attracting support from the younger members we had our "in-house" bands, the Commandments & The Jazz Bistro Quartet to play during and after dinner. The meal was provided by our usual catering company, Heriots, and was well up to standard. A good evening was had by many although some found the music to be too loud.

The Mass for deceased members of the OPA was held on Saturday, 12th November with Dom Bernard Orchard concelebrating with our chaplain, Dom Thomas Stapleford. This was followed by a short service at the War Memorial in the annex and then a lunch for 26 people before the AGM.

March saw the re-emergence of the President's dinner at the Royal Over-Seas League. This event proved very popular and saw the Head Boy & Head Girl present and the headmaster, Chris Cleugh, make an amusing speech about what was happening in the school.

Half-term saw the second running of the Leavers' Party. Held during half-term just before the last set of exams it has proved very popular during these last two years.

Our website has progressed during the year from our tentative start and recently has been completely reworked by our President, Paul Fagan, with able assistance from Richard Baker. Hopefully you will all find it very friendly and up to date.

Please pass any comments to us in the usual way. The site address is <http://www.theopa.org/>

This year we have produced two smaller colour newsletters and this is the way which we intend to proceed next year. We could do with more information from OPs for the newsletter.

From time to time we get asked to provide information about individual members or to circulate information. As the laws on sharing personal information are quite strict we cannot pass on people's information. What we can do is inform the requested person that someone else wishes to contact them & provide the details. If they then choose to contact the other person that is up to them. Where we feel appropriate we will circulate information to all on the email list when asked but reserve the right to withhold inappropriate information. When we do circulate information the council takes no responsibility for it in any way. The sports activities are covered in the respective reports but with all of those and the events I have covered the invaluable work done by Margaret Moore & Richard Baker is greatly appreciated by the Council for without them nothing would get done!

A formal vote of thanks was made to Margaret & Richard by the meeting.

The Secretary's report was proposed by Anthony Havery, seconded by Martin Russell & approved.

Report of the Sports Clubs: The Hon.Sec, in the absence of the relevant person, talked through the sports reports which included a Fencing report.

It was mentioned from the floor that the Honours Board needs updating.

The Sports reports were proposed by Richard Baker, seconded by David Murphy and approved.

Report on Membership: Richard Baker took the meeting through his report explaining the six types of Membership & also giving a breakdown by decade & geography. The OPA do not hold as many email addresses as it would like and would encourage more people to give us this information.

Election of Officers: President – Paul Fagan, Hon. Treasurer – Mike Ainslie & Hon.Sec – Richard Sandys were all offered for re-election. Proposed by Chris Cleugh & seconded by Catherine de Cintra the Officers were re-elected unopposed.

Election of Council Members: The following people were standing for election as Council Members– Philip Hopley, Lewis Hill, Mike Toolan, Peter Watson, Gregory Stafford, Mary Keal & Adam Kolczynski. Pierre Ricard is standing as Overseas Council Member & Emma York is standing as our Antipodean Council Member (for one year). Proposed by David Murphy & seconded by Mark Tymieniecki the members standing were elected.

Any Other Business:

A question was asked as to who was the SPF representative. The Hon Sec replied that Mike Ainslie was asking Mrs Debbie Bell if she would undertake this role.

The meeting closed at 2.54pm.

Richard Sandys (62), Hon Secretary OPA