



ROYAL HOSPITAL SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

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PRESIDENT: SIMON LOCKYER (HEADMASTER)

MINUTES OF THE 2017 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

SAT 24TH JUNE 2017

1.1 PRESENT

Kevin Beaton (Hon. Vice President)	Stephen Traynor (Hon. Treasurer)	Ciaran McLaughlin (EA President)
Brian Burton	Brian Challis	Sue Challis
Kathleen Hocking	Julian Saunders	Ted Pearn
Barry Hocking	Kim Wilde	Paul Rowland
Andy Redwood	Mike Lawrence	Richard Grills
Peter Bayly	Maggie Good	Bob Good
Howard Redwood	Kevin Briscoe	Bob Collins
Paul Williams	Monty Callow	Kevin Cooke
Stephen Butler	Ian Walkerdine	Rich Keeves
Alex Speight	Lucy Pembroke (part)	

1.2 APOLOGIES

Nick Gill (Hon. General Secretary)	Aimee Frankham (Hon. Media & Events Secretary)	Alan Myers
Bernard de Neumann	Andy Pope	Andrew Polson
Mike Moxey		



1.3 OPENING ADDRESS

The Hon VP welcomed everyone to the AGM and commented on the fantastic turnout. He encouraged all those present to visit the Heritage Centre and the Jutland Memorial which was unveiled last year.

Kevin felt that we were back on an even keel now after the stormy waters of the past and reiterated the three principles on which the Association stands.

- i. Social reunions – meeting with old school friends
- ii. Creating the wider network to provide RHS leavers with opportunities in their future careers, internships and foreign travel
- iii. Support for the Charitable Foundation. Kevin pointed out that the contraction of the Greenwich bursaries meant that the importance of preserving the non-precocious and grounded nature of the RHS was an imperative. The RHSCF is aiming to fund a sixth form bursary to a suitable recipient who will be a child of a seafarer or a child of an RHSA Member.

He stated that as we now have a steady source of income thanks to the School, the Association is able to support a number of activities for its Members.

- i. Entry to the Cronk-Cunis Cup competition for Old Boys' rugby
- ii. Entry to the Sparkles Cup competition for 7 a side rugby
- iii. Sponsoring the RHS Band Concert, giving us concessions.

The RHSA is awarding two prizes on Speech Day, one for the School prefect (CPO) who has given meritorious service in the past year, and one to a sixth form leaver, (not a prefect) for the same.

Kevin went on to thank the General Committee for all the hard work they had done behind the scenes to make the Association viable and fit for purpose.

1.4 MINUTES FOR THE 2016 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The minutes for the previous AGM held on Saturday 25th June 2016 were circulated and read. That these were an accurate and true record was proposed by Bob Collins and seconded by Kevin Briscoe

MATTERS ARISING

Bob Collins asked about the recovery of the Midland Branch regalia. Stephen Traynor answered stating that it was ongoing but feared there was little chance of recovering these items.

2.1 MEMBERSHIP REPORT

The Hon Mem. Sec reported on the 1967 Reunion. He had tracked almost the whole cohort and 50 returned to RHS to that specially arranged reunion.

Mark stated that his work continues searching through other year groups, particularly those who left in the 1970s. He has received requests for specific years, for example 1968 entry, and offered to work on other requests leading to a year group reunion.

Kevin Briscoe mentioned the Raleigh'75 group and asked whether Mark or any other members could assist with locating these individuals.



3.1 DEMISES

Kenneth Alsford	Collingwood	1942-46
Adam Bowtell	St Vincent	2008
Peter Crick	Anson former Housemaster Nelson	1946-54
John Groves	Howe	1969
Bernard Knight	Cornwallis	1944
Robert Rowling	Anson	1937-40
Desmond Morris	former Housemaster Raleigh House & Deputy Head	
Bill Curtis	former Housemaster Hood House & Head of Design	
Jane Myatt	former teacher & Mistress of the Robes	
Mary Hall	wife of Don Hall	
Jean Saunders	wife of Carl Saunders	

The Eulogy was read and a minutes silence observed to reflect and remember the friends and Members who were no longer with us.

Julian Saunders reminded the meeting of Leo Jacobs who also died in the past year.

4.1 THE HON. TREASURER'S REPORT

Many thanks to Stephen Fyles (Blake 67 - 73) of Fenleys who has carried out the audit of the accounts and found them to be satisfactory.

Stephen reiterated that the funding from the School enabled the Association to sponsor and promote events for its Members.

He requested that any donations which in the past were intended for the RHSA were now directed to the RHSA Charitable Foundation

That the RHSA funds were sufficiently robust enough to give a donation directly to the Charitable Foundation

A propos the Charitable Foundation, Gift Aid had not been collected on the account as yet. The CAF Bank are waiting for HMRC to release these funds.

All the details of the movements in the accounts are available if any want to review them.

There were no questions.

The Accounts were unanimously accepted by the meeting. The accounts presented were accepted as being correct and in order, proposed by Ian Walkerdine and seconded by Ciaran McLaughlin. The accounts are attached as a separate document.



5.1 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Kevin reminded the meeting of forthcoming events.

- i. The Royal Marines Training Band/RHS band joint concert, venue Portsmouth (*date tbc*)
- ii. The RHS Band Concert (*date tbc*)
- iii. Remembrance Weekend Reunion (*11th & 12th November 2017*)

Bob Collins pointed out that the RHSA website was outdated and asked if any plans were being considered to make it more user friendly.

Monty Callow replied stating that a new Director of Development, Simon Marsh, had been appointed who has a focus on fundraising for the School. There has been some discussion with him of a different platform which incorporates many of the features which would be useful to the Association. This may be in place by next year.

Maggie Good raised the idea of having a representative from each decade to help with organising and reinvigorating the activities of the association.

Brian Challis mentioned about the change in dress regulation for the Annual Dinner, dropping the black tie instruction.

This was answered, the feeling was that the insistence on black tie might exclude some Members who did not have such attire. The solution seemed to be that black tie would be an option for those who wished to wear it as is now common in other functions.

Julian Saunders requested that some consideration be given to those who have difference eating preferences. For example, could a pescatarian option be included next year.

Stephen Traynor had a question about blazer badges which he promised to follow up.

Bob Good proposed a vote of thanks to all those in the GC and Branches for all the hard work to keep the Association on a sure footing.