

Minutes of the meeting of Annual General Meeting of The Cathedralians Society held on Tuesday 9th October 2007 at 7.30 pm in Pates Hall at the School.

PRESENT:

Twenty-one Members attended: Nick Gleed (Chair), David Baker, Mark Blackmore, Nick Chivers, James Cowell, Oliver Cowell, James Dart, Martin Goodway, Eric Hopton, David Langford, Andrew MacPhail, Roger Maggs John Muse, Jimmy Newport, Ron Sims, Sir Hugh Smith-Marriott, George Sutherland, Nigel Sweeting, Peter Templar, Geoff Williams and The Head.

1. APOLOGIES:

Hugo Pike, Stephen Parsons and Nigel Sweeting.

The President, Nick Gleed took the Chair and welcomed members to the meeting.

2. IN MEMORIAM

Members Geoffrey Bovey (1926-1933), Graham Brooks (1932-1937), Cyril Daniell (1922-1927), Reg Ford (1929-1935), Malcolm Glover (1936-1941), Neil Hague (1976-1981), John Panes (1929-1933), Frank Taylor (1925-1932) and Lewis Waller 1949-1958).

Non-Members Eric Craddy (1924-1928), Richard Heard (1968-1974), Simon Hicks (1966-1973), Joe Hobbs (1943-1949), Gareth Morris (1931-1935), Roy Pile (1943-1947), Cyril Royall (1930-1936), Colin Shattock (1949-1953) and Samuel Taylor-Humphries (2000-2004)

The names of those recorded above were read out by the Chairman of the meeting and members stood in silence for a minute in their memory.

3. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS AGM

Copies of the Minutes of the 2006 AGM had been circulated and were approved by the Meeting. Adoption of the minutes were proposed by David Langford, seconded by James Dart and carried unanimously.

4. HEAD'S ADDRESS

The Head, Hugh Monro began by saying that he had been made very welcome at School. It was difficult to arrive at a School once the academic year had already started and decisions for the year had already been made. He was particularly pleased with two aspects of School life, firstly the high level of pastoral care not found in other schools and secondly the progress being made towards achieving Academy status. He was pleased to advise Council members that the Funded Feasibility Stage for September 2008 had been reached. Thereafter no parent would have to pay school fees and the School would have to accept any applicant from the area once known as Avon County. It was expected that there would be 6 to 8 applications for each place. Non-verbal reasoning tests, externally marked, would be used. 100 applicants would be admitted to the School each year in four forms using banding and 10% of the intake would have special aptitude for music. Special consideration will be given to children in care and to siblings of existing pupils. The Chairman of Governors, Stephen Parsons had been working extremely hard on behalf of the School and had been particularly aggressive in the negotiations with the Ministry. Inevitably, there would be problems ahead but the Local Authority was "on side". In questions following the Head's report the future

role of the Society was discussed and it was generally agreed that the Society would be increasingly involved with the School in helping those who had attended the School.

5. TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer, George Sutherland, circulated the updated accounts for the year to 31st August 2007 which had been reviewed and signed off. Income was £900 down on last year due mainly to losses of £385 on the Cricket Day, £51 on the Golf Day and £755 on the Reunion Dinner because of expenditure on subsidies to 6th Formers, champagne prizes and the Jazz Band. Expenditure for the year was up £4000 mainly because of Corporation Tax, printing The Directory, commemorative plates, travel awards, Rugby Tour and t-shirts. The Society had benefited from one legacy, £1000 from Henry Pyne's family. During questions the Treasurer pointed out that 2009 would be the last year for payment to the Scholarship Fund. Geoff Williams proposed and Mark Blackmore seconded the adoption of the accounts and the President thanked the Treasurer for all the work he had done throughout the year and during his term of office. Finally the Treasurer confirmed that a letter of thanks had been sent to Michael Scott of Leach and Co for auditing the accounts.

6. SECRETARY'S REPORT

The Secretary reported to the meeting that Robin Hodge and Tim Robinson had been granted the Society's Travel Awards for 2007. The Society website was under review and the presentation which should have been made to Council on 1st October had been deferred to the December Meeting. The Future Development Sub-Committee, headed by James Cowell, James Dart and Hugo Pike had worked well during the year and had organised the Booze Cruise and Cricket Day.

The Secretary advised that the amended Constitution and Rules, as adopted by the Council at its meeting on 2nd October 2006 had been published in the 2006 Directory circulated to all members and there had been no objections. Martin Goodway proposed and Rom Sims seconded the adoption of the amended Constitution and Rules and this passed unanimously.

7. 25 YEAR MEMBERSHIP SCHEME REPORT

Nick Chivers presented his report, noting that the Scheme had been run in exactly the same manner as in previous years. A meeting had recently been held to review and adopt the accounts. These had been signed off by Mike Scott of F P Leach and Co and a letter of thanks had been sent. Corporation Tax was now payable on income which was at 5.1% of capital. Investments bought at £157,000 were now worth £172,000. Income after 2008 will drop and in each of the next fifteen years capital will be released to the Society. For the ten years thereafter no capital will be released. New officers were sought as both the Trustee and Treasurer were retiring.

Nick Chivers speculated what would be happening now that the School was seeking Academy status? There was a need for the Trustees, the School and the Society to get together to work out the implications of the change in status. In this context it was suggested that the Trustees might join with the Society's Executive Committee which had been tasked to look at the implications. Parents had to be convinced of the benefits to their offspring of joining the Society. Nick Chivers also advised that he and the other Trustees were mindful of the case for charitable status and were looking at that possibility.

8. CATHEDRALIANS' SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Eric Hopton reported that he would be meeting the Head to discuss the future of the Fund and how it would continue. The flow of funds would be increasing after September 2009 when some of the scholarships would be dropping off.

9. MINUTE SECRETARY'S REPORT

The Secretary had nothing to report.

10. MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY'S REPORT

Peter Templar circulated his report, a copy of which is attached to these Minutes. Membership now stood at 1186 made up as follows:

	2007	2006
Ordinary Members	250	268
Life Members	11	11
Honorary Members	24	24
25 Year Members	876	840
10 Year Members	18	8
Donors	7	8
Total	1186	1159

Peter advised the meeting that he had names of 4362 surviving ex-pupils persons on his database for which he had addresses for 2940 and 1042 were members of the Society.

In conclusion Peter said it had been an interesting 10 years in the pos and wished his successor well.

The Society Chairman thanked Peter for his long service and hard work and when adding his thanks the President noted that he was doubly indebted as he had been taught by Peter at the School and by his wife at his Junior School.

11. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Nick Gleed reviewed the past year noting that it was difficult being a President at long distance. The reception for leavers from the previous three years had been a success. Commemoration had been for him an emotional day and he thanked Neil Folland for arranging the tour of the School and the Evensong which followed. He hoped that this could be repeated. The Annual reunion Dinner had been first class with plenty of space and the opportunity for people to meet and talk to people they did not know. He welcomed the reestablishment of the sub-committee to organise the next Reunion Dinner. The appointment of a new Head was a major event. Nick thanked the Development sub Committee for their work in arranging the Cricket Day and the Booze Cruise and hoped for similar events in the future to attract young members. In conclusion the President referred to the need to review the long-term aims of the Society and the challenges of the new status for the School.

12. CRICKET CLUB REPORT

In his report Nick Chivers reported that the Club was attempting to field two teams, in which only two Cathedralians were playing. In the discussion which followed it was noted that the twenty-two ex-pupils who signed up for the Cricket Day on 26th July needed to be involved.

13 HONORARY LIFE MEMBERS

The Society Chairman advised that Sir Hugh Smith-Marriott had been honoured at the 2007 Annual reunion Dinner and that Peter Davies and John Pearson, both long serving members of staff were proposed for Honorary Life Membership. Geoffrey Williams proposed and Roger Maggs seconded the proposition which was carried unanimously.

14 ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND COUNCIL FOR 2005/2006

The President advised that the Society sought a new Membership Secretary, Secretary and Hon Treasurer and asked for nominations. Members whose names were listed in Appendix A, with the addition of two 6th Form Representatives still to be announced, were elected en bloc. Proposed by John Muse and seconded by Geoff Williams and carried unanimously.

15 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- i) The issue of cheque signatories was discussed and it was agreed that the Treasurer and Membership Secretary would sign cheques on behalf of the Society until new officers were found and the new bank mandate completed.
- ii) The proposition that £4000 should be released from the Scholarship Fund to enable the Society to meet situations of hardship at the School was discussed and it was agreed that the proposition needed to be put to the membership. The Secretary agreed to carry this out.
- iii) It was noted that the replacement tree in memory of Ted Martin had been purchased and had been planted at the Failand Sports Ground.

There being no further business the President, who had chaired the meeting, thanked everyone for attending and wishing members a safe journey home, closed the meeting at 9.30 pm.

16. FUTURE MEETINGS AND EVENTS

- **Monday 3rd December 2007 at 7.30 – the School – Council Meeting**
- **Thursday 3rd January 2008 at 7.30 - President’s Event – the White Horse, Clifton**
- **Monday 4th February 2008 at 7.30 –the School – Council Meeting**
- **Monday 3rd March 2008 at 7.30 – the School – Council Meeting**
- **Saturday 29th March 2008 –Jury’s Hotel, Bristol - Annual Reunion Dinner**
- **Friday 8th May 2008 – Commemoration – Bristol Cathedral**

Signed

Chairman

Date