



OLD RIPONIANS' ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 15th December 2012, 12.00pm at Ripon Grammar School

Present: Jenny Bellamy, Anne Harrison, Claire Green, Marita Murray, Helen Mackenzie, Nicky Woolfenden, George Owrap, Euan Raffel, Martin Pearman, Derek Crookes

Emil Brown, Malcolm Wright, John Saul, Tony Ellender, Lynda Milner

Apologies: , Louise Watson, Simon Hebb, Alison Frankland

Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting were presented, accepted and signed as a true record.

Matters arising

None

President's report

The President reported that the Association's activities during 2012 were very well supported and were a credit to the thorough organisation of the many volunteers. In fact, 2012 improved on the successes of an excellent 2011.

Two highlights of the year were reviewed both celebrating the 50th anniversary of the amalgamation of the High School & the Grammar School

i) ORA Summer Reunion.

With support from Jackie Dawson, the president described how they found that the interest from former students grew & grew leading to a large number of visitors (ca 200) for this special 50th anniversary.

The enjoyment of reunion further enhanced by about 40 former students attending a dinner in the evening.

The presidents thanked the volunteers on that day and George for the organisation of the dinner.

- ii) The School Concert in the Cathedral.

The President had the honour to give a reading during the concert and noted that there was hardly an empty seat for this evening, both former and current students showing their appreciation of how the School has impacted and improved their lives.

The President congratulated the Headmaster, Teaching Staff and the Students on the academic achievements and awards achieved by the school during 2012.

Looking forward to 2013, the President challenged the new ORA committee to look to move forward new initiatives to enhance its involvement and support to the school's activities and goals.

In conclusion, the President thanked all the ORA committees members for their proactive support during the year.

Secretary's report

The Secretary reported on his key activities during 2012

- i) Upgrade of the Old Riponians website to allow easier access and improved navigation through the pages.
- ii) Recruitment page upgraded to allow members to join using Paypal for their subscriptions
- iii) Resumed responsibility for managing the membership database, relieving the treasurer of this task. Euan expressed his thanks to George for his sterling efforts in rebuilding the database to show correct and current data.
- iv) Move to the use of email (where possible) as the primary communication route to the membership

In summary, these improvements have greatly eased ORA communications.

Membership:

Current Membership : 427

Lapsed Members : 51

Letters were sent out to the lapsed members to encourage them to retain the involvement with the school.

Treasurer's report

The Accounts were presented to the meeting. (see appendix 1)

In summary, the ORA expenditure during 2012 was £1492.23 as compared with an expenditure of £953 in 2011. The major expenditures were our support for the House of Commons dinner and catering for the reunions.

The overall balance being an excess of income over expenditure of £180.93. This 'deficit' turns into a 'profit' of ca £127 when the income of £308 from the new life members (7 new members; 3 upgraded to life members) is taken into account.

The Treasurer thanked Fred Metcalfe for his assistance (given at no cost to the ORA) in certifying the accounts.

Looking forward to 2013, the Treasurer will be:-

- Finalising the key issue of the legal agreements covering the new lease of the field to the NYCC for £1100 per annum. This cost of this legal work has been estimated at £1495. It is anticipated that this cost will be met by the NYCC but if necessary, the ORA funds donated by the trustees (£5000) will be called on to cover any shortfall resulting from the trustee's failure to renew this lease.
- Seeking further saving accruing from the increased use of emails instead of using hardcopy postage.
- Looking for investment opportunities that could generate some income from the ORA funds

Election of Committee and Officers

Committee

Jenny Bellamy – proposed by George Owrap, seconded by Anne Harrison. Carried unanimously.

George Owrap – proposed by Helen Mackenzie, seconded by Nicky Woolfenden. Carried unanimously.

Anne Harrison - proposed by Jenny Bellamy, seconded by Emil Brown. Carried unanimously.

Derek Crookes – proposed by Helen Mackenzie, seconded by Martin Pearman. Carried unanimously.

Officers

President: Jenny Bellamy. Proposed by George Owrap, seconded by John Saul. Carried unanimously.

Secretary: Euan Raffel. Proposed by Jenny Bellamy, seconded by George Oworm. Carried unanimously.

Treasurer: George Oworm. Proposed by Jenny Bellamy, seconded by Euan Raffel. Carried unanimously.

Minutes Secretary: Derek Crookes. Proposed by Jenny Bellamy, seconded Martin Pearman. Carried unanimously.

Associate Members: A proposed change to the constitution

In response to requests from parents and relatives who were keen on being a member of the Association, but are currently ineligible as they are not former students or staff. The committee have draw up a proposal to change the constitution to allow Associate Members.

The proposal states:-

Associate Members of the Old Riponians Association (ORA) are limited to family members of former students and have all the membership rights of a full member excluding the right to vote on association issues or serve on the ORA committee or as an ORA Trustee.

The Associate Membership fee for 2013 to be set at £30 for a lifetime membership.

The change of the constitution was formally proposed by Jenny Bellamy and seconded by Emile Brown

The proposal was carried unanimously.

Date of next AGM

The following dates for the next AGM were proposed as the 14th December or the 21st December 2013. The preferred date will be determined at the next ORA committee meeting on Thursday the 24th January 2013

With no further business, the meeting was closed at 12.50pm.

Appendix 1

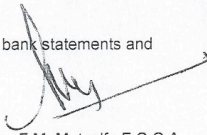
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BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30TH SEPTEMBER 2012

<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>
Capital Account	
11,189 Balance as at 1st October 2010	11,262.82
add: Life Membership	308.00
74 Excess of Income over Expenditure	0.00
0 less: Excess of Expenditure over Income	180.93
11,263	£ 11,389.89
Current Assets	
National Westminster Bank PLC	
11,214 Current Account	11,341.39
49 Stocks of ties and scarves at cost	48.50
11,263	£ 11,389.89
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER 2012	
Expenditure	
240 RGS News	240.00
324 Postages and Stationery	354.04
20 Database Expenses	0.00
82 Officers' expenses	20.00
180 Post Match Catering	216.19
35 Rugby Insurance	0.00
60 Hockey Insurance	0.00
0 Staff Retirement Presentations	0.00
12 Ties from Stock	0.00
0 Website	12.00
0 House of Commons Dinner	650.00
953	1,492.23
Income	
50 Annual Subscriptions & Donations	346.00
965 Rent of Field (N.Y.C.C.)	965.00
12 Tie Sales	0.00
0 Paypal security checks	0.30
Interest	
0 National Westminster Bank PLC	0.00
1,027	1,311.30
74 Balance being Excess of Income over Expenditure	0.00
0 Balance being Excess of Expenditure over Income	180.93

The above Accounts are certified to be in accordance with the books, bank statements and vouchers examined


 F.M. Metcalfe F.C.C.A.
 Hon Auditor

30th November 2012