



## OLD RIPONIANS' ASSOCIATION

### Minutes of the Annual General Meeting

22<sup>nd</sup> December 2018  
Ripon Grammar School

#### Present

Claire Green, Greta Hills, George Ooram, Derek Crookes, Toby Kinread, Hannah Crosby-Wood, Tim Wolstencroft, Richard Abbott, Kevin Auger, Mike Thompson

Apologies: Jonathan Webb, Nicola Woolfenden, Nick Edwards

#### Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of the previous AGM were presented, and accepted as a true record and saved into the RGS Electronic archives.

*Matters arising:* None.

#### President's Report 2018

The Association's aims continue to be:-

- 1. To make the Old Riponians' Association inclusive and welcoming to former students and staff.***
- 2. To facilitate reunions to allow members old & young to remain in contact with old friends and with the School.***

The aim to make the Old Riponians' Association welcoming to all students is continuing; typically 90% of leavers now join the association.

Association activities during 2018 were very well supported and thanks go to all the members of the committee and to the volunteers involved.

## **Reunions**

### **2017 Winter Reunion**

Our decision to hold the Winter Reunion in the Sports Hall this year proved fortuitous. Snow prevented any use of the outside pitches so the Hall allowed us to stage hockey, football and netball games. An added benefit of being in one venue was that the spectators could watch the games while having coffee and mince pies.

### **July 2018 Reunion**

We hosted a reunion for two groups, the “Class of 78” and RGS/RGHS students from the 1950s. The weather on that Saturday was sunny and England was still in the World Cup!

Special thanks go to

- Jackie Barmby, the organiser of the Class of 78 Reunion and of the social gathering in the Ripon Rugby Clubhouse later that day.
- Peter Ellis who gathered the Old Rips from the 1950s.

### **September: Ripon Heritage Day**

In support of this annual event, we again opened the school’s library & archive for about 30 of Ripon’s budding historians.

My thanks go to Greta and Claire for their help in organising the event and the displays.

### **Act of Remembrance 9<sup>th</sup> November**

To mark the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the end of WW1, and to remember the 99 Old Riponians who gave their lives in both World Wars, more than 1300 people, including students, Old Riponians, staff, parents and the local mayors gathered around the school’s Memorial Stone.

Leading the tributes were the relatives of the five Wells brothers from RGS who served in the First World War.

Our thanks go to Jonathan and the students & staff for organising such a fitting tribute to the Fallen.

## **Support to the School**

Financial: We continue to use our annual rental income from the Memorial Field to support school activities. Our contributions are listed in the Treasurer’s Report.

*Sporting Facilities:* Memorial field - All-weather 3G pitch

The contractors are targeting a February 2019 start date for the construction. The school is now also looking to enhance this facility by building new changing rooms.

*Career Ambassadors* The potential of tapping into the experience & expertise of our Old Riponians to help our 6th formers has been highlighted. Agreement has now been reached with the school to roll out an invitation early in 2019 to all Old Riponians asking them to share their experiences and lessons learnt from a wide range of career pathways.

Our thanks go to George for proposing and progressing this initiative.

*Alumni Clocktower Magazine* Over the years the amazing quality of our Clocktower magazine reflected the skills and tremendous hard work of our volunteer editor, Ruth Savage.

Fortunately for the Association, Ruth has now been employed part time by the school in a marketing & publicity role. Ruth's initial impact can be seen in school news articles on the RGS website, Facebook & Twitter.

Ideas are being developed but it is planned that a hard copy school magazine will be published once a year covering both school and alumni activities.

### ***Special thanks were given to:***

Nicky Woolfenden, who is standing down this year after many years of proactive involvement as a member of the ORA Committee, Clocktower editorial team, and as President of the Association. Nicky's energy and leadership have refocused the Association to become welcoming to all members and to ensure that we play an active role in promoting the interests of the school.

George Owrap, for his role as Treasurer of the ORA.

Greta Hills & Claire Green, for their much appreciated help at all our events. Greta continues to support the electronic archive and our links to the city of Ripon.

Tom Cavell -Taylor, a school governor, who attends our meeting and provides useful links with the school governors' meetings.

### ***And finally, thanks to***

Jonathan, Marita, Terry & Kevin for their support to the Association.

All the staff at RGS for another excellent year where the school continues to build on its successes in so many different areas.

## ORA Secretary's Report 2018

### **Membership Records:**

The alumni membership database maintained jointly by the ORA and the school was reviewed and re-issued in May 2018 to meet the new Data Protection guidelines.

The following Data Protection actions were implemented

- *Removal of the details of those who have not formally agreed to membership.*
- *Only one copy of the database is kept; securely stored on the RGS cloud server.*
- *An "Unsubscribe" option is included on all email communications.*

### **Membership** (December 2018):

	<b>2018</b>	<b>2017</b>
Members with confirmed <b>email</b> addresses:	<b>1361</b>	<b>1160</b>
Members with confirmed <b>postal</b> addresses:	21	25
<b>Total</b>	<b>1382</b>	<b>1185</b>

*Members whose email addresses fail: 52*

### **Recruitment:**

90% of this year's leavers have joined the Old Riponians. Recruitment activities by the committee have been significantly reduced as our headmaster, Jonathan, has introduced a new strategy where all leavers will join the alumni unless they actively opt-out.

Our thanks must also go to Terry Fell who has contacted many of the 2006 - 2012 leavers, recruiting over 120 new members.

### **ORA Website:**

The day to day management of the alumni web pages is now carried out by Ruth Savage and the School IT team. We again thank Jon Slater and Ruth for their input & support.

### **ORA Social Media:**

Our "pages" on Facebook and Twitter are used to publicise our events & news. All our communications are also sent out by email, so members do not need to join Facebook or Twitter to stay in touch.

Facebook Pages    [www.facebook.com/rgsoldrips](http://www.facebook.com/rgsoldrips)  
Twitter account    @OldRips

### ***RGS Electronic Archive:***

The archive continues to grow (25,000 documents & photos) and this year the database has been transferred into the school's Microsoft Office 365 account. This will allow access to all students and staff with an RGS grammar school email account, both in school and via the web.

### **Treasurer's Summary Report**

<b>2017</b>	<b>Capital Account</b>	<b>2018</b>
£11,175.33	Balance as at 1 <sup>st</sup> October 2018	£11,546.66
£371.33	Excess of Income over Expenditure	£0
£0.00	Excess of Expenditure over Income	£106.85
<b>£11,546.66</b>		<b>£11,438.81</b>

#### ***Assignment of our 2017 Rental income***

The committee agreed to purchase

- A TV monitor in the entrance foyer to provide up to date information (£995).
- A signed photo of Jack Laugher, to commemorate his Olympic successes, which has been installed in the corridor leading to the swimming pool.
- A 'thank you' present for Ruth Savage, our Clocktower editor.

#### ***Assignment of our 2018 Rental income***

Following Jonathan's request, the committee agreed to commit all our 2018 rental income (£1400) as part payment for the purchase of a removable vinyl floor covering for the sports hall. The objective is to allow the venue to host events and to act as an examination hall.

#### ***Assignment of our 2019 Rental income***

Over the last few years, the majority of our donations have been sports related. This year we will attempt to seek ideas from the department heads for worthwhile projects.

#### ***2019 Rental income from the Memorial Field***

In accordance with the terms in our lease of the Memorial Field to North Yorkshire County Council, our annual income from the field has been increased to £1532 (from £1400) for the period Jan 2019 to Jan 2022. The increase mirrors the rise in the RPI over the last 3 years.

## **Election of Committee and Officers**

These members accepted the following roles.

### ***Election to the Committee***

	Proposer	Second
George Oworm	Greta Hills	Derek Crookes
Toby Kinread	George Oworm	Derek Crookes
Derek Crookes	George Oworm	N. Woolfenden

### ***Election of Officers***

	Proposer	Second
<i>President</i>	<i>Derek Crookes</i>	N. Woolfenden
<i>Secretary</i>		
<i>Treasurer</i>	<i>George Oworm</i>	Derek Crookes

## **AOB**

Greta Hills thanked the officers of the committee for their hard work, once again.

## **Date of next AGM**

The date for the next AGM was proposed as Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> December 2019.

With no further business, the meeting closed at 12.30pm.

## Appendix 1

### OLD RIPONIANS' ASSOCIATION

#### BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30TH SEPTEMBER 2018

<u>2017</u>		<u>2018</u>
<b>Capital Account</b>		
11,175	Balance as at 1st October 2018	11,546.66
0	add: Life Membership	0.00
371	Excess of Income over Expenditure	0.00
0	less: Excess of Expenditure over Income	106.85
<u>11,547</u>		<u>£ 11,439.81</u>
<b>Current Assets</b>		
National Westminster Bank PLC		
11,547	Current Account	11,439.81
<u>11,547</u>		<u>£ 11,439.81</u>

#### INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER 2018

<b>Expenditure</b>		
600	RGS Cross Country Sponsorship	0.00
134	Telescope	0.00
378	Officers' expenses (post match catering, retirement gift, postage, framed photo of Jack Laugher)	511.85
0	Donation to school for Television monitors in entrance foyer	995.00
<u>1,112</u>		<u>1,506.85</u>
<b>Income</b>		
83	Donations	0.00
1,400	Rent of Field (N.Y.C.C.)	1,400.00
<b>Interest</b>		
0	National Westminster Bank PLC	0.00
<u>1,483</u>		<u>1,400.00</u>
<u>371</u>	Balance being Excess of Income over Expenditure	<u>0.00</u>
<u>0</u>	Balance being Excess of Expenditure over Income	<u>106.85</u>

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

14th November 2018

George Oram  
Old Riponians Treasurer