



OLD RIPONIANS' ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting

Saturday 21st December 2019

Venue: Sports Hall

Present

Claire Green, Greta Hills, George Ofram, Derek Crookes, Nick Edwards, Toby Kinread, Hannah Crosby-Wood, Tim Wolstencroft, Kevin Auger, Marita Murray, Danny Costelloe.

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 2019

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 2019 were very well supported and thanks go to all the members of the committee and to the volunteers involved.

Reunions

2018 Winter Reunion:

Last winter's reunion proved one of the best attended for a while.

Our Thanks go to Hannah for the hockey, Helen for the netball

The numbers were swelled by the players and spectators for the Old Riponians Rugby Match.

Our thanks go to Dominic Butler for **herding** the rugby teams together.

Hopefully, Dominic will be again successful this year that will see our first use of the new artificial grass pitch for the rugby game

The Ladies Hockey match organised for us by Hannah Crosby Wood (nee Hale) has had the input of some **new blood** this year

Fredda Bottomley, so we hope her knowledge of the all the former RGS hockey players over her long career will add some ADDITIONAL spice into the game

Summer Reunion:

We had no requests for summer reunion tin 2019.

For 2020, we have 2 provisional bookings

The Class of 2000: the *contact is Richard Bradley*

Reunion for former members of the RGS orchestras: the *contact is Xen Kelsey*

2019 Leavers Reunion are Prize Giving: Wednesday 19th December 2019

The Headmaster, Jonathan has introduced this December reunion for this year's leavers.

His aim to encourage teach year's leavers to maintain their contacts with the school and the Old Riponians association.

The 2019 event was partially sponsored by a former student and the possible sponsorship of this event in future years will be discussed by the Old Riponians Committee.

Support to the School

Financial: We continue with our objective to use our annual rental income from the Memorial Field to support the school activities.

The ongoing appeal from the FRGS (formally the PTA) for donations towards the refurbishment of the 1907 Geography rooms was sent out the membership.

The donations received from the Old Riponians is approaching £1000 pounds.

Our thanks to all who donated.

The full list of our expenditures are listed in the George's Treasurer's report.

Memorial Field Sporting Facilities: - All-weather 3G pitch

This year saw the construction of the facility, which is now in full use by the school and Ripon residents.

The bookings to use the pitch outside school times are high which is good news as these monies are required to cover maintenance costs etc.

The facility has been further enhanced by the Headmaster and his leadership team to include an excellent changing room block.

Career Ambassadors

This year the potential of tapping into the experience & expertise of our Old Riponians to help our 6th formers has been rolled out

To date: Volunteers have agreed to answer questions over choices and pathways for fifty potential careers

Recruitment of the ambassadors is still ongoing so please pick up a flyer if you are interested.

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

Alumni Magazine

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

Ruth is now employed by the School and has taken charge of the school's communications strategies. Her impact can be clearly seen in the news articles in the RGS News, RGS website, Facebook & Twitter

The proposals for a new alumni magazine under development are

- we move back to an annual edition of the alumni magazine.

- as with RGSNews, the cost of production and printing will move us toward electronic publishing only.

The better news is that we hope to go back to calling the alumni magazine “The Riponian” to reflect nearly 120 years of history of the magazine and our school links with the City of Ripon.

My thanks go to

- all the members of the committee for their inputs and guidance and to the volunteers for their support this year.
- Jonathan, Marita, Terry, Kevin & Ruth for their support for 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 2019

Membership Records

The Alumni membership database is maintained jointly by the ORA and the School.

- Membership (as December 2019):

	2019	2018
Members with confirmed email addresses:	1504	1361
Members with confirmed postal addresses:	20	21
Total	1524	1382

Additional Members where their email addresses fail: 83

Recruitment

Again ca 90% of this year’s leavers have joined the Old Riponians. The credit goes again to Terry Fell for signing them up!

ORA Website

The day today management of the Alumni web pages is now conducted 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
Twitter account @OldRips

RGS Electronic Archive

The archive continues to grow (27,000 documents & photos) and is stored in the School’s Microsoft Office 365 account. This allows access to all with a grammar school email account both in school and via the web.

Treasurer’s Summary Report

2018	Capital Account	2019
£11,546.66	Balance as at 1 st October	11,439.81
£0	Excess of Income over Expenditure	£0
£107	Excess of Expenditure over Income	£351.33
£11,440		£11,088.48

See appendix 1 for further details

Assignment of our 2018 Rental income

The committee agreed to purchase

- £1400 Donation following Jonathan’s request, 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.
- £351 used for Reunion catering expenses & a Thankyou gift for our Clocktower Editor Ruth Savage

Assignment of our 2019 Rental income

The committee have provisionally agreed with the Headmaster to purchase an cabinet to go in the school foyer to showcase the school’s long history.

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 2020 Committee

	Proposer	Second
<i>Greta Hills</i>	Derek Crookes	George Owram
<i>Claire Green</i>	Derek Crookes	George Owram

Election of Officers for 2020

	Proposer	Second
<i>President</i>	<i>Derek Crookes</i>	George Owram
<i>Secretary</i>	<i>vacant</i>	
<i>Treasurer</i>	<i>George Owram</i>	Derek Crookes

George expressed the ORA thanks to Derek' for his input and work to maintain the day to day running of the association.

AOB

Kevin and Derek expressed our sincere thanks to Steve's caretaker team who at short notice (Derek's error) came in early today to ensure the rugby posts were set up for today's game.

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 19th December 2020.

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

Appendix 1

OLD RIPONIANS' ASSOCIATION

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30TH SEPTEMBER 2019

<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>
Capital Account	
11,547 Balance as at 1st October 2018	11,439.81
0 add: Life Membership	0.00
0 Excess of Income over Expenditure	0.00
107 less: Excess of Expenditure over Income	351.33
11,440	£ 11,088.48
Current Assets	
National Westminster Bank PLC	
11,440 Current Account	11,088.48
11,440	£ 11,088.48

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

Expenditure	
512 Reunion Catering Expenses, Postage Costs, Thank you gift for Ruth Savage	351.33
995 Donation to school for Television monitors in the entrance foyer	0.00
0 Donation to school for Floor covering in Sports hall (exam & function use)	1,400.00
1,507	1,751.33
Income	
1,400 Rent of Field (N.Y.C.C)	1,400.00
Interest	
0 National Westminster Bank PLC	0.00
1,400	1,400.00
0 Balance being Excess of Income over Expenditure	0.00
107 Balance being Excess of Expenditure over Income	351.33

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

1st December 2019

George Oram
Old Riponians Treasurer