



**Minutes of the 128<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting**  
of the Old Caterhamians Association  
held on Friday 8 March 2019  
in the Court Dining Room of Drapers' Hall  
Throgmorton Street, London EC2N 2AN  
Chaired by: Clive Furness

**PRESENT**

Committee Members

Clive Furness (President, OC 1971-1978)  
Ceri Jones (Headmaster)  
Paul Sharp (Treasurer, OC 1963-1972)  
Colin Bagnall (Archivist, OC 1949-1955)  
Bill Broadhead (Sports Club Rep, OC 1953-1960)  
Emma Gooden (OC 2002-2007)  
David Rogers (Honorary Member)  
Annie Hebden (Alumni Officer)

Guests

Andrew Brown (OC 1953-1962)  
David Charlesworth (OC 1959-1964)  
Geoffrey Coppock (OC 1951-1959)  
John Jones (Honorary Member)  
John Lumsden (OC 1954-1963)  
Graeme Mew (OC 1968 - 1977)  
Chris White (OC 1948-1954)

The AGM was succeeded by a dinner of 110 guests.

A roll call of deceased members (attached to these minutes) was given, and a moment's silence was observed.

**APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Committee Members

Greg Dunne (OC 2000-2005)  
Samir Dwesar (OC 2001-2008)  
Tom Howes (Social Secretary, OC 2002-2007)  
Mark Mear (Vice President, OC 1976-1985)  
Vivien Parsons (Eothen Rep, EOGA 1964-1978))  
Seb Raaf (OC 2001-2008)

Guests

Roger Ellis (OC 1947-1953)  
Sandie Kirk (OC 1981-1983)  
Rodney Lyons (OC 1952-1954)  
Stephen May (OC 1971-1976)

**MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF LAST AGM**

No matters arose from the minutes of the last AGM, and minutes were approved.

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**TREASURER'S REPORT**

Paul Sharp drew attention to the deficit of £4,500 for year end 2018 which is a positive step toward drawing down on the surplus in the OCA accounts. Ways of reducing the surplus is an agenda item for the next OCA Committee meeting.

Clive Furness outlined the Archivist's request to digitise the historical admissions records and impressed the importance of these as a social record. The request will be put forward at the next OCA Committee meeting.

The adoption of the accounts was proposed by Paul Sharp and seconded by David Charlesworth, subject to approval by the independent examiner. (Post meeting note: the accounts were approved with no changes by Roy Battison 9 March 2019)

A signed copy of the accounts for 2018 are attached to these minutes.

## **HEADMASTER'S REPORT**

Ceri Jones advised that the School is currently full with a waiting list and continues to be academically strong with 15 offers from Oxbridge this year.

There is an increase of weekly boarders, although this is not at the expense of full time boarding which remains the main boarding offer.

Ceri Jones noted the changes amongst the parents' perception of the OCA since the subscription has been made visible on the school fees. The OCA has made a positive impact on current pupils through initiatives such as the new 'OCA Innovation and Collaboration Award', OCA sponsored Insight Evenings and its contribution to the Caterham School Society networking platform.

Outreach projects, sport, music, dance and drama continue to go from strength to strength.

John Jones enquired what percentage of bursaries are fully funded. Ceri Jones confirmed that there are currently 50 bursaries in place of which 10 are transformational bursaries.

## **OCA CONSTITUTION REVIEW**

There is currently no quorum for AGM and EGM meeting. Graeme Mew recommended that proper procedure would be to hold an EGM to agree all changes to the constitution. It was agreed that the EGM should have no less than 10 members present.

## **OC SPORTS CLUB REPORT**

Bill Broadhead advised that all sports combined we field 500 players across the Sports Club.

Some of this year's highlights include: Rugby 1<sup>st</sup> XV is currently top of the Surrey league which is the most competitive in the country, with a good chance of being promoted. Old Caterhamians Lacrosse Club currently have four girls representing their country, and nine girls represented Surrey in the Super Counties competition.

Clive Furness added that the OC Golfing Society is also involving OCs in sport. Although in its early stages with 30 members, it is looking to broaden its membership and has secured 3 good locations for its 2019 matches.

Full report is attached to these minutes.

## **ANY OTHER BUSINESS (DATE OF NEXT MEETING)**

Clive Furness thanked those present.

**Date of next AGM:** to be discussed.

Meeting ended 6pm.

**LIST OF ATTACHMENTS TO THESE MINUTES:**

- Accounts for 2018
- Archivist's Report
- Sports Club Representative's Report
- Roll Call of Deceased Members