



## MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2023

The Annual General Meeting of the Old Brutonian Association was held in the John Davie Room at King's Bruton at 6.30pm on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November 2023.

The President Gemma Brunton (W92/94) was in the Chair. Committee members present were Michael West (O49/55) Hon Treasurer, Rose Vigers-Belgeonne (Hon OB) Hon Secretary, Ed Tickner (Hon OB), Emilie Head (Asst OBA Sec) Perter Dobson (O60/65), David Fleming (B72/74), Dom Haigh (L89/93).

Also in attendance were Sally Snook (72/73), Kirsten Palmer (69/71), Jeremy Hall (L60/64), Nick Evelyn (L56/59), Jan Juneman (Hon OB), Colin Juneman (Hon OB), Rodger Gallannaugh (O54/57).

Apologies were received from Janey De Borchgrave d'Altena (W95/97) Vice President, Nigel McCrea (O61/65) Committee member, Rob Snook (B62/65), Ed White (B95/00), Charlie White (B97/02), Peter Phillips (L60/65), Chris Biddle (P56/58), David Hindley (Hon OB).

All those present introduced themselves to everyone.

### 1. The Minutes

The minutes from the last AGM, held on 8<sup>th</sup> November 2022, having been circulated in the 2022 Old Brutonian Magazine, were agreed and signed as a true record.

Proposed by Peter Dobson; seconded by Dom Haigh.

### 2. Matters Arising

A matter arose from David Hindley (in his absence by Kirsten Palmer) regarding the matter of David Fleming remaining on the Committee after his tenure as President. The OBA rules allow Officers to be eligible for re-election on the expiry of their terms of office.

This was discussed and all those present were happy with the decision.

### 3. President items

- a. Communications between the OBA, OB's and King's continues to improve. A key achievement over the past 12 months has been the setting up of the OBA Mentoring Scheme. Currently there are 88 Mentors signed up and it is hoped that they will be able to help, guide and support young OB's. Underpinning message of bringing OB's together is very positive and hopefully it will continue to grow in the future.
- b. The OBA online Community has 1400 members and an increase in year of 172. The features and newsletters are more appealing, and the regular newsletters bring more visitors to the website.
- c. The Association would like to thank Ed Tickner for all his hard work as Editor of the OBA Magazine over the past 6 years. Everyone has been very grateful for his efforts, dedication and hard work to produce such an attractive publication. We are thankful that Ed has agreed to remain on the Committee.
- d. The Committee would like to welcome Chris Biddle, who has taken over the role as Editor of the magazine and we wish him every success.
- e. The recent social event held in Salisbury was a great success and enjoyed by many. It was with great sadness that one member Nick Wilby (B87/92) passed away at home later that evening at home.
- f. Sadly, the Day of Celebration in the summer was cancelled.
- g. A Wessex lunch is planned to take place on 17<sup>th</sup> November at Sidling St Nicholas.
- h. Currently there are 105 guests expected at the London Lunch, which will take place at the Ironmongers' Hall.
- i. It was a pleasure to present all the 2023 Leavers with an engraved attractive bottle stopper on their final day at King's.
- j. It is hoped that over the next 12 months that a OBA WhatsApp group will be set up to enhance the communications with younger OB's.

#### **4. Vice President Report**

There was no report from the Vice President

#### **5. Hon Secretary Report**

- a. There was wonderful news that over the past 12 months, 6 OB's married each other. James Smith (O07/12) and Suzy Urch (A11/13), Molley Donnelly (A08/13) and Harry Alright (L08/13) and also Josh White ( L10/15) and Lauren Glover (W 11/15); the OBA sends their congratulations and very best wishes to them all.
- b. The OBA Facebook members continue to grow.
- c. In May two members of the King's staff were made Honorary Old Brutonians. Paul Charlton who is the CCF, SSI and has worked at King's for 24 years and Emily Simper who completes her tenure as Housemistress of Priory House and will become Deputy Head Pastoral.

#### **6. Hon Treasurer Report**

- a. The accounts were audited and published in the OBA Magazine. Copies of the accounts were distributed to all those present.
  - b. OBA Trust position- there was provision for the extra Covid Bursary to continue but the offer of funding was not taken up by King's
  - c. 3 Bursaries continue to be supported. An additional student will be added in January.
  - d. The investments had fallen by approximately £12k but now stand at £3k below previous balance.
  - e. The OBA Fund stands at £260K and a cash holding of £46K and the Charitable trust fund is at £80K
  - f. The new members subscription for new OB's is £313
- The accounts were approved and proposed by Nick Evelyn and seconded by Colin Juneman.

#### **7. The Headmaster Mr Ian Wilmshurst (Hon OB) briefed those present on current news of King's Bruton.**

#### **8. Officers and Committee**

- a. The Hon Treasurer, Micheal West, agreed to serve for another year and was duly elected. Proposed by Dom Haigh and Seconded by Peter Dobson.
- b. The Hon Secretary Rose Vigers- Belgeonne agreed to serve for another year and was duly elected. Proposed by Jan Juneman and Seconded by Sally Snook
- c. Ed Tickner was also proposed for election onto the committee as an ordinary member. Proposed by Rose Vigers- Belgeonne and Seconded by Rodger Gallannaugh.

#### **9. Rules of the Association**

The following amendments were made to the OBA Rules:

##### **2. Membership**

- b. Each member shall have the right to receive a copy of the of the Associations Annual Report and Accounts and to receive a copy of the annual magazine. To attend and vote at any General Meeting (each member having one vote) and to attend any Association function. A copy of these rules is published on the OBA web site.

Rationale. The OBA Rules are now published on the OBA website.

#### **10. Amendments**

These Rules may be altered only by the passing of a Resolution at a General Meeting. Any proposal to alter these Rules must be supported by 5 members at least twenty-one days prior to the Annual General Meeting and notified to the Honorary Secretary in order for the proposal to be included in the Agenda for the Annual General Meeting.

Rationale. To align the proposal rules amendments with the actual date of the AGM.

These changes to the rules were proposed by Dom Haigh and seconded by Colin Juneman

There was no further business and the meeting concluded at 8pm