

The Old Southendian Association

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Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Old Southendian Association held via Google Meet on Wednesday, 11th November 2020 commencing at 7.47 pm.

Those Present:

Clive Shiret (Chair)	Mike Bambrook	Tony Barrett	Ken Carter
Alex Cass	Kate Cooper	Andy Crow	Daniel Garside
Rick Gill	Graham Glover	Norman Holden	Russ Johnson
Trevor Johnson	Geoffrey Kittle	Kevin Leigh	Richard Maddison
Geoffrey May	Keith Spenceley	Martin Stansfield	David Townend
Joseph Zammit			

Item	Minute				
1.0	Apologies for Absence had been received from Robin Bevan, John Goodman, Ian Grimes, Claire Kirkland, James Masson, Richard Medcalf, Chris Sorrell, David Tanton and Graham Winckless.				
2.0	Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 6 th November 2019 :				
	The Minutes were approved on a proposal by Joseph Zammit, seconded by Graham Glover and sign				
	by the Chairman.				
3.0	Matters Arising from the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of 6 th November 2019:				
	There were none.				
4.0	Chairman's Report:				
4.1	Clive Shiret commented that no-one could have imagined the worldwide turmoil caused by the Covid-				
	19 pandemic. Not surprisingly, Association business had taken a back seat.				
4.2	The circumstances had however led to technological advances in the membership system thanks to				
	Joseph Zammit and had enabled members around the world to participate in the online "Chin Wags"				
	thanks to Andy Crow.				
4.3	Since Chris Sorrell had now retired, it was to be hoped that plans could be put in place to publish the				
	Magazine again on a regular basis.				
4.4	The Association had maintained several funding commitments to the School, including the annual				
	sponsorship of the majority of prizes awarded at the Senior Prizegiving.				
4.5	Clive was pleased to see many members making a difference to their communities, not least at Garon				
	Park where the community has been able to take part in volunteering, sports and wellbeing activities				
	even during these unsettled times.				
5.0	Treasurer's Report and Presentation of the Audited Accounts to 31st March 2020:				
5.1	Dan Garside reported on the financial position of the Association and noted that the Accounts to 31st				
	March 2020 had not been impacted by the effects of the pandemic. They showed a small surplus of				
	£128, mainly due to the absence of the Magazine. The Association was still carrying some £33,000 of				
	reserve funds, principally in National Income Bonds. All in all, the Association's funds were in good				
	shape.				
5.2	Whereas there had not been any grants to individual School departments this year, there were costs in				
	the accounts relating to professional fees for the proposed 125 th Anniversary Wellbeing Garden. This				
	project would be the focus of the Association's resources for the next two years.				
5.3	Dan confirmed that a tie or a scarf was given to each new member and this was a cost to the Association.				
5.4	The Accounts for the year ended 31 st March 2020 were adopted on a proposal by Joseph Zammit,				
	seconded by Geoffrey May.				

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6.0	Report of Sub Committees, the School, the Clubs and the Affiliated Organisations:
6.1	The Reports had all been circulated and were available on the website. The following additional matters were reported.
6.2	Membership Database: Geoffrey May reported that the total membership remained static with some new members joining and others passing away. Once such recently deceased member was Geoff Bromley who had been very active in the Bowls Circle.
6.3	Organ Society: Joseph Zammit advised that the only "live" event in the year was the very successful Cantare concert in December 2019. All other events had had to be postponed. The AGM was held remotely and was attended by several members from overseas. Students were continuing to learn the organ and Warren Symes had made a series of live recordings that were being released via social media. The latest of these was Elgar's Nimrod released on this Remembrance Day. Joseph thanked the School for its support with such endeavours.
6.4	<i>Cricket:</i> Chris Sorrell had asked that a piece be added to his report highlighting the work of the Club's Executive Committee in getting some cricket played, especially Henry Williams and Sam Hodgson, who planned and ran the Covid-secure net sessions that were allowed before the truncated season started.
7.0	A Proposal to approve revised Rules of the Association and revised Standing Orders of the Executive
	Committee and Sub-Committees:
7.1	Kevin Leigh explained that this proposal was not in any way controversial but was brought about by a need to update the Rules and Standing Orders to enable the Association to take payments by more modern methods and to deal with some of the oddities thrown up by the pandemic. In making these changes, Kevin had taken the opportunity to tidy up the documents into a more consistent form.
7.2	The changes to the Rules were as follows: Rule 4. The addition of the words "or such other period as the AGM shall agree". Rule 7 c) The addition of the words "or any such other suitable bank transfer or payment as from time to time deemed acceptable by the Executive Committee". Rule 12. The addition of the words "The AGM can be held remotely and any voting can also be done remotely."
7.3	David Townend asked whether the word "brethren" in Rule 2e remained an appropriate term and suggested the term "member". Geoffrey May stated that the Association had helped non-members in the past and Kevin suggested that "brethren" be replaced with "people" which would cover all eventualities. However, this would need to be the subject of another proposal at a future date and Clive suggested it be "kicked back" to the 2021 AGM.
7.4	The changes to the Standing Orders were as follows: SO 1. A recasting of the Order for clarity to include the Membership of the Executive Committee, "namely the Chairman, President, Headteacher of the School, Immediate Past President, President Designate, Treasurer, Secretary, Registrar, Legal Adviser and Publications Officer, and not more than 12 elected members, two of whom shall preferably have left School in the previous year." SO 3 c) The addition of the words, "Any business of the Executive Committee may be conducted remotely including by email." SO 3 d) The addition of the words, "In the case of any business conducted remotely including by email voting can also be by email."
7.4	The revisions were carried on a proposal by David Townend, seconded by Geoffrey May.
8.0	A Proposal that the terms of office of the current President, Immediate Past President and President Designate shall continue for a further year from 1 st January 2021:
8.1	Clive confirmed that the three people that this affected were supportive of this proposal due to the circumstances of the Covid 19 pandemic.
8.2	The proposal was carried on a proposal by Kate Cooper, seconded by Graham Glover.

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8.0	The Election of Officers, the Executive Committee and the Honorary Auditor:					
8.1	The Meeting approved the appointment of the following Officers:	Clive Chiret				
	# Chairman (of the Executive Committee)*	Clive Shiret				
	President (with effect from 01 January 2020 and to serve until 31st December 2021)*	Andy Crow				
	Immediate Past President (to serve until 31 December 2021)*	Chris Sorrell				
	President Designate					
	(with effect from 01 January 2020 and to serve until 31 st December 2021)*	Keith Spenceley				
	Treasurer*	Dan Garside				
	Secretary*	Keith Spenceley				
	Registrar*	Geoffrey May				
	Legal Adviser*	Kevin Leigh				
	Publications Officer*	Chris Sorrell				
	# serving as Executive Committee Chairman from the 2019 AGM until the 2022 AGM.					
8.2	In addition to the Officers marked*, all of whom are ex officio, the following were elected to					
	Executive Committee until the 2021 AGM: Ken Carter, Kate Cooper, Simon Darby, Graham Glover, Geoff					
	Kittle, Kerry Martin, Martin Stansfield and Joe Zammit.					
	Clive commented that Martin Stansfield, although remaining as a member of the Exec	utive Committee,				
	was standing down from his role on the Events Committee and as the School Liaison Representative Clive thanked Martin for his years of service not only to the school, but also to the Association in					
	number of roles.					
8.3	The preceding appointments were approved on a proposal by Richard Maddison, seconded by Kate					
	Cooper.					
8.4	Executive Committee representatives from the Affiliated Organisations and Clubs are advised as:					
	Cricket Club - Chris Sorrell Football Club - Clive Shiret					
	Hockey Club - Andy Smithson Organ Society - Joe Zammit					
	Golf Circle – Graham Winckless Bowls Circle – Trevor Johnson					
8.5	Paul East of Wilkins Kennedy has agreed to continue as Honorary Auditor.					
9.0	Date of the next Annual General Meeting:					
	The Meeting agreed that the 2021 Annual General Meeting should be held at The S	outhendian Club,				
	Garon Park, Southend on Sea on Wednesday, 10 th November 2021, commencing at 7.4					
10.0	Any Other Competent Business:	·				
10.1	Joseph Zammit suggested that, assuming that the 2021 AGM would be held "in person"	, dial in capability				
	could be made available for those not able to attend the actual meeting. This was considered an					
	excellent idea.					
10.2	Clive thanked Joseph Zammit for all his efforts in updating the Association's website and for arranging					
	the technology for this meeting and Andy Crow for his excellent "Chin Wag" initiative.					
10.3	There being no further business, the Meeting closed at 8.41 pm.					
10.5	There seems no randict business, the Meeting closed at 5.12 pm.					

Keith Spenceley, General Secretary. 30th November 2020.