

MINUTES OF ALLANIAN SOCIETY AGM 17 September 2019

Attending: Bill Lomas (Chairman), Brian Adcock, Dr J R Hind, Alan Hopper, Walter Armstrong, Stephen Davies, Bel Whitehouse, Barry Hopper, Abby French, Trevor Scott, Helen Richardson, Marion Russell, Helen Flynn, Gordon Robinson, Liv Satow, Tove Elander

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chairman welcomed all present to the AGM. Draft minutes of the 2018 AGM and accounts for the year ended 31st July 2019 were circulated.

Apologies were received from Julia Weatherall, Dave Stewart, Sue Stewart, Jon Archer, Simon Taylor, Sandie Deane, Rachel Bainbridge.

2. Minutes of previous AGM

The minutes were accepted by all present.

3. Matters arising from minutes

No matters arose.

4. Review of the Year

Dr Hind gave his review of the year, highlighting the following:

- Great A level results, with 17 students achieving all A*/A grades, followed by excellent GCSE results, with 21 students achieving all 7-9 grades.
- In the summer term the Senior Schools were inspected by Independent Schools Inspectorate (ISI), who rated the Schools as excellent.
- Rev James McGovern is the new Schools Chaplain, spending two days a week at the Schools.
- The House system is developing, with more House staff and more House events taking place.
- CCF is flourishing, and OLED continues to grow.
- Sport is doing very well, with medals, trophies and wins collected across all sports. The Schools introduced rowing and surfing, both which proved very popular.
- Music, dance and drama: highlights include GCSE Music award, Dame Allan's pupils attending Schools Shakespeare Festival, and the two contrasting drama productions: Our Country's Good and Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Coat.
- The school organised its first ever trip to Russia, a history trip to Moscow and St Petersburg.
- The Schools currently have 1,140 pupils attending, of whom approx. 300 are in the Junior School.

The Principal thanked the Society for its support to the Schools over the last year, it is hugely appreciated by everyone at the Schools. He also thanked the Chairman for tirelessly working to forge closer links between the Schools and the society, which the Schools are very grateful for.

The Chairman reviewed the Society's activities of the last year:

- 1968 DAGS reunion was held at the Schools.
- The London Alumni event was enjoyable, with Allanians of all ages attending.
- Christmas lunch and Founder's Day lunch were held at the Northern Counties Club.
- The annual dinner celebrated thirty years of mixed sixth form, and was a very enjoyable evening with a lovely atmosphere.
- Careers event Return and Inspire was a success, with feedback overwhelmingly positive.
- 92 out of 110 Year 13 leavers left their contact details with the Schools. They received an Allanian society badge as a thank you for filling in the contact form.

5. Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer presented the accounts for the year ending on 31st July 2019. The total fund of the Society is £9,964.95. There are no bills outstanding.

6. Election of Board members

Officers:

President – Bryan Sanderson

Vice Presidents – Jon Archer, Julia Weatherall, Dave Stewart, Abby French.

As Christine Straker had resigned from her role as Vice President, Abby French was proposed as Vice President by Helen Richardson, and seconded by all present.

Steven Davies proposed that the Society makes Christine Straker Life Vice President. This was seconded by all present.

Chairman – Bill Lomas stood down as Chairman, and proposed Stephen Davies as the new Chairman. Seconded by all present.

Honorary Treasurer – Chris Archer

Honorary Assistant Treasurer – Marion Russell

The rest of the Board was elected as a group, adding the following as new Board members: Sandie Deane, Barry Hopper, Rachel Bainbridge, Simon Taylor.

The Board thanked the Chairman for his 45 years of service to the Schools and the Society.

7. Any other business

There were no other business.