



ROYAL HOSPITAL SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

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PRESIDENT: SIMON LOCKYER (HEAD)
MINUTES OF THE 2021 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
SAT 26TH JUNE 2021

NOTE: *This year's meeting was held via Zoom, due to Covid-19 restrictions*

PRESENT

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| Simon Lockyer (Head & President) | Andy Redwood (Hon. Vice President) | Stephen Traynor (Hon. Treasurer) |
| Nick Gill (Hon. General Secretary) | Aimee Frankham (Hon. Media & Events Sec) | Mark Lucas (Hon. Membership Sec) |
| Lucy Pembroke (RHS Community & Alumni Relations Officer) | Katie Gould (Alumni Events & External Relations Executive) | Gavin Stone (Director of External Relations) |
| Andrew Polson | Brian Gatward | Stewart Crowe |
| Mike Newland | Paul Waldie | Mike Harmsworth |
| Brian Culler | John Poolman | Edward Pearn |
| Stephen Fyles | Ciarán McCloughlin | Nelson Ward |
| James Kerr | Bob Collins | James Hendry |
| Trent Holmes | Glen Baird | Julian Ticehurst |
| Rob Ingram | Maggie Good | Vyvyan Howard |
| Claire Waugh | Howard Redwood | Ron Lansley |
| Stewart Grove | David | John R G Wood |
| Rebecca Winward | Steve | Brian Burton |

APOLOGIES

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| Ken Knott | Mark Lundquist | Steve Harpum |
| Graham Sewell | Phillip Nash | David Brown |
| Gary Adams | Eric Harris | Cliff Grantham |
| David Sheppard | John Meyer | Paul Jones |
| Laurie Brunger | | |



1. OPENING ADDRESS & ANNUAL REPORT

The Hon VP welcomed everyone to the Zoom AGM and commented on how nice it was to see so many faces, he said that it was the intention that all future AGMs would be also held via Zoom and recordings made of the meetings, primarily to allow a wider audience to take part.

Andy briefly went through his annual report which, along with all other documents relating to the 2021 AGM, are available at <https://www.royalhospitalschool.org/alumni/rhsa>

Andy explained he would like to set up quarterly Q&A sessions with the GC via Zoom, this was agreed by all present and notification will be made in due course for the first session.

Andy also said that there primarily two areas he felt that RHSA could improve their relationship and dealings with, firstly with Greenwich Hospital. Historically, RHSA Alumni have enjoyed privileges relating to visiting The National Maritime Museum and other GH buildings / exhibitions. This seems to have fallen away in recent years. Andy has agreed to work with John Gamp at GH to actively further and improve the RHSA / GH relationship and possibly reinstate these privileges. Secondly, Andy has recognised that the GC need to foster a closer relationship with the Parents Association, something to be worked on over the next few months or so.

2. MINUTES FOR THE 2020 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The minutes for the previous AGM held on Saturday 07th November 2020 were published shortly after the meeting. That these were an accurate and true record was proposed by Maggie Good and seconded by Bob Collins

3. MATTERS ARISING & NOTICES

- i) Proposed change of date for AGM & re-aligning RHSA / RHS accounting periods
It was proposed to change the date of the AG from the Summer reunion weekend to the Autumn reunion in November, with effect from November 2022. Currently RHSA runs its accounting period from April to May and RHS from September to August. It is also proposed to re-align the RHSA accounting period to fit with the RHS period.

This was put to a vote = 29 FOR & 1 AGAINST. MOTION CARRIED

Therefore, the next AGM will be in November 2022 and the RHSA accounts for 2021/2022 will run until August 2022

4. MEMBERSHIP REPORT

It is important to keep the membership database up to date please let Mark Lucas or the Alumni Office know of any information via mlucas@royalhospitalschool.org or kgould@royalhospitalschool.org. Mark has supplied his annual report and other documents which are available via the RHS website at <https://www.royalhospitalschool.org/alumni/rhsa>.

Mark encouraged all alumni to register on the "Geolocator Map" which can be found at <https://www.easymapmaker.com/map/4d10c4aff5a042cdf38145a09930a20> It is password protected, please contact Mark on the email address above for the password.

5. TREASURER'S REPORT

Stephen expressed his thanks to the auditor, Stephen Fyles (Blake 67 – 73) of Fenleys who has carried out the audit of the accounts and found them to be satisfactory. That the accounts represented a true representation were proposed by Brian Burton and seconded by Brian Gatward

The accounts of the RHSA and the RHSA Charitable Foundation are available on the RHS website at <https://www.royalhospitalschool.org/alumni/rhsa>. The RHSA bank account has now been moved to an all-electronic one with online authorisation for payments.



6. NOTICES

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, it is not possible to provide a list of upcoming events. Any developments and events will be published to the alumni section of www.royalhospitalschool.org and on social media.

RHS / RHSA are still planning for the November 2021 reunion weekend to take place, with the proviso that things may change with short notice. RHS / RHSA are also planning for the Summer reunion weekend to take place over the weekend of May 25/26 2022, with accommodations provided on site in 2 of the Houses.

7. AOB

i) **Notification of Ned Long 90th Birthday Celebration**

Andrew Polson invites all RHSA members who knew Ned Long to attend a special 90th birthday celebration at:

Prince Albert & Royal Naval Yacht Club
12 Pembroke Road
Portsmouth PO1 2NT

Date & Time: Saturday 4th September at 18:00

Dress: Smart / Black Tie (optional)

Cost: £45 for 3 course meal

Please call the Club directly on 0239 282 5924 between 10:30-11:30 asking for Nelson (yes, really!) or Kerry to book and make payment. Andrew requests that you also call him on 0239 255 4068 once you have booked or if you have any queries.

ii) **Restoration of the Riddle Bust**

From Wikipedia: "Edward Riddle, FRAS (1786–1854), astronomer, mathematician and teacher of navigation. Highly esteemed teacher; senior mathematics master in the Upper School (1821–1840); headmaster of the Upper School (1840–1841); and then of the Nautical School (1841–1851). Author of an authoritative and important book: "Treatise on Navigation and Nautical Astronomy", that was used throughout the world and ran to eight editions. "

Currently a bust of Riddle lays in Hardy's tomb in Greenwich, Monty Callow is keen to restore the bust and Andy has agreed to explore how this can be done with RHS / GH and RHSPA

iii) **Heritage Centre**

Lucy Pembroke clarified the situation regarding rumours surrounding the future of the Heritage Centre. She explained that the Heritage Centre was being repurposed and converted into a Heritage Café. This will be of benefit to parents, alumni and visitors alike where they will be able to sit and chat over a drink surrounded by items of RHS Heritage. Larger items of heritage are to be returned to the main entrance hall to be permanently displayed to all visitors.

iv) **Closing comments**

Maggie Good & Gavin Stone carried on Bob's tradition of thanking the GC and Andy Redwood for his leadership and guidance.

Andy closed the meeting by thanking all those in the Development Office and elsewhere at the school who work so hard to make RHSA reunion weekends such a success.



FINAL NOTE

RHSA GC members all have new email addresses:

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If anyone wants a copy of the video recordings of the 2021 AGM, please contact Nick Gill at the email address above. There are 3 files which will be sent via www.wetransfer.com