

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Edward Alleyn Club

Held on Tuesday 10TH November, 2020 held via Zoom at 8.00P.M.

In attendance: Lizzy Frost (President), Paul Barber (Chairman), Jim Bridgeman (JBR), Nell Butler, John Dunley (Vice Chairman), James Freeman (Clubhouse Manager), Neil French, David Hankin (Joint Hon.Secretary), Chris Heayberd (Treasurer), Robert Holden, Timothy Inge, Mike Jones (Joint Hon.Secretary), Sue Lane, Liz Livingstone, Clive Noble, Lisa Pavlovsky, Philip Peapell, Keith Rodwell, Andy Skinnard (Acting Headmaster), David Taylor, Max Waters, Oli Watkins and Peter Yetzes (Deputy President).

Apologies for Absence had been received from Ros Archer and Stephen Born.

1. The Minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting, held on 12TH November 2019 were presented by the President, agreed by the Meeting and duly signed by the President.

Matters arising.

- a. PY reported that progress had not been made on the moving of the school archives to a more convenient, more spacious location because of the pressures on space in the school caused by the C19 pandemic. The Headmaster concurred.
- b. Neil French had obtained a "rough" estimate for the cost of cleaning the Boer War memorial, of between £1000-£1500. The Chairman asked him to get a definite quote as soon as he was able in the current C-19 lockdown.

2. The Annual Report of the Management Board was presented by the Chairman:

- (a) C-19 Pandemic – We've all had to adapt to the pandemic, and the Club is no exception. Most aspects of club life have been very different to usual or missing over the past few months:
- (b) Sport Perhaps the most notable absences have been cricket and tennis at Burbage road in the early and mid part of the season. With support from its' governing body and work from OW and JF, matches returned to our site from July. Tennis restarted in May. Further hard work has enabled football to resume recently. A team of volunteers led by JBR kept the grounds watered through the hot weather from April-July, as the school had had to furlough ground staff. In the latest lockdown sadly the clubhouse and grounds have had to be closed, a process which ran smoothly to the credit of all. Thanks are due to AWS, OW and JF for this.
- (c) In early September it was necessary to cancel the Annual Dinner.
- (d) In addition, it was necessary to ask the President to serve a further year in her role, not least to enable the club to support her plan to assist social enterprises. PY agreed to postpone his Presidency until 2021-22.
- (e) The club had decided to encourage social activities away from our home base in Dulwich, but C-19 prevented this too. We intend to discuss how we can enhance the activities and the connectivity of the club amongst the alumnae in the coming years. It is felt to be important to expand the club's reach both through the UK and further afield.

- (f) We are now looking at projects closer to home, firstly the refurbishment of the tennis courts through both school and club funds. It is 20 years since they were last resurfaced. Tree root ingress and weather have damaged the playing surface in that time.
- (g) Both the club and the school are now considering the development of a borehole on the site to overcome the water shortages we are tending to get in summers such as 2020.
- (h) Changes to the school's Alumni and Development team will result from SMcM moving on from her post. Thanks are due to her for the thought and support to the club she has given in the past few years and we wish her and her family well in the future.
- (i) This week's Remembrance Sunday was celebrated in a different way this year, in the Great Hall. This moving service which we were able to watch via online video from home enabled us to appreciate the sacrifices made by others for our benefit.

The report was approved by the meeting.

3. CH presented the Accounts of the Club for the Year ended 31st July 2020.

- CH thanked John Griffith for his work as the Club's independent reviewer of the accounts, which may be viewed on the Club's website.
- The Club's most significant area of income was from the School with respect to the year 13 and 11 leavers each year and CH placed on record his appreciation of the support the School provided.
- The 200 Club membership at year-end stood at 195. New members were being sought.
- Magazine costs were largest regular expense for the Club, mainly postage. The Club is looking to encourage more members (especially those living abroad) to take the online version.

The accounts were passed unanimously.

ii. In the absence of M.Walker, CH (who is Chair of the ABF trustees) presented the **Accounts of the Alleyne Benevolent Fund** (which may be seen on the Charity Commission's website).

- The Accounts to 31st July 2019 had been reviewed by Jason Peck and filed with the Charity Commission.
- The main purpose of the Fund remained to pay the Fenner and Inledon Bursaries, each over a two year term covering $\frac{1}{3}$ fees for pupil beneficiaries, who would, without this support, be unable to remain in the Sixth Form.
- The Club's increased support to the Fund, comprising 20% of the Life Subscriptions received annually from the School, would continue through until 2022.

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4. (a) Election of Officers of the Club for the year 2020-21.

The following were proposed, seconded and duly elected to the offices shown.

- i) **The Presidency**
President Lizzie Frost
Deputy President Peter Yetzes
- ii) **The Management Board**
Chairman Paul Barber
Vice Chairman John Dunley
Hon. Treasurer Chris Heayberd
Hon. Secretaries David Hankin and Mike Jones
Board Members John Battle (Events Liaison), Nell Butler
Sue Lane and Lisa Pavlovsky
Clubhouse General Manager James Freeman
Development, Alumni Relations Stephanie Macmillan
and Hon. Editor Ros Archer
Facilities Management Oli Watkins
- iii) **Chair (or representative of):**
Alleyns & Honor Oak Cricket Club Paul Cohen/Jim Bridgeman
Alleyn Old Boys' FC Max Waters/Sam Eade
Edward Alleyn Tennis Club Liz Livingstone
Edward Alleyn Golf Society Dennis Lomas

(b) Election to Other Roles for the year 2020-21.

The following were proposed, seconded and duly elected to the offices shown.

- i) Membership Secretary
This role is covered by the Development and Alumni Office at the School.
- Dinner Committee
The President, David Hankin, Lisa Pavlovsky, Stephanie Macmillan, Ros Archer and co-opted members as required.
- Hon. Archivist Neil French
200 Club Treasurer Chris Heayberd
- ii) Hon. Treasurer of the Alleyn Benevolent Fund: Mick Walker
It was noted that the Fund's Trustees were:
Richard Halladay (Headmaster's representative), Neil French,
Chris Heayberd (Chair), Ginny Johnson (nominated by the APA),
Mike Jones (Hon. Secretary), Dennis Lomas, Chris Nelson
and Mick Walker (Hon. Treasurer).
- iii) Sports Sub-Committee
Terms of Reference were in the process of being finalised.
It was envisaged that this Sub-Committee would meet quarterly or more frequently, as required, and would comprise representatives of the School and of the Sections playing sport at Burbage Road.
- iv) Hon. Reviewer: Edward Alleyn Club: John Griffith
ABF: Jason Peck

5. School Business

Andy Skinnard (Acting Headmaster) noted, amongst other things:

- Two distinguished alumni were drawn to our attention:
- Clive Emsley, who had a moving obituary in the Guardian recently. A distinguished historian, who lectured at the Open University for 39 years and whose family were looked after by the Met. Police after his father died on duty in WW2.
- Mike Houghton of the University of British Columbia who was this year awarded jointly (with two others) the Nobel Prize for Medicine for identifying the virus that causes Hepatitis C.
- The school's year has been dominated by the pandemic. AWS felt that the school had handled things quite well. The Governing body, parents, staff, pupils and friends had pulled together impressively.
- Dr Gary Savage has departed this summer to Westminster School. Jane Lunnon is replacing him from January, she is currently head of Wimbledon High.
- The school provided a comprehensive programme of remote learning for the pupils in the summer term. Since September the school has taught a mix of face to face and remote learning so that pupils and staff who are self-isolating are able to learn and/or teach as appropriate. Parental feedback has been very positive.
- The school has also managed to keep its co-curricular programme going, though as each year is a separate "bubble" that has not always been easy. Matches against other schools have not been possible, and instead of orchestras (for example) chamber groups have been playing within a particular year.
- Remembrance Sunday was successfully commemorated in the Great Hall with the agreement of the club, Dulwich College and JAGs.
- There has been a record number of 11+ applications this term.
- AWS is looking forward to when we can all resume holding events at the club.
- Finally, AWS thanked SMcM for all her work with the club.

6. Dates for the 2021 Annual Dinner and AGM.

AGM: Tuesday, 16th November
Annual Dinner: Saturday, 13th November, at the School

7. Announcements and votes of thanks

The Chairman thanked the President for agreeing to continue in office for another year in the light of the C-19 pandemic.

8. Any Other Business

Nothing was raised

LF declared the meeting closed at 9.15 pm.

Mike Jones

Joint Hon. Secretary