



ROYAL HOSPITAL SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

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PRESIDENT: SIMON LOCKYER (HEAD)
MINUTES OF THE 2022 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
SAT 12TH NOVEMBER 2022 – JELlicoe ROOM

PRESENT

Simon Lockyer (Head & President)	Monty Callow (Hon. Vice President)	Nick Gill (Hon. General Secretary)
Aimee Frankham (Hon. Media & Events Sec)	Mark Lucas (Hon. Membership Sec)	Lauren Bayliss-Fuller (Head of RHS Community & Alumni Relations Officer)
Katie Gould (Alumni Events & External Relations Executive)	Claire Waugh	Howard Redwood
Brian Gatward	Bob Ashton	Ken Kay
Alan Oliver	Brian Cutler	Philip Lavers
Andrew Dotchin	Maggie Good	Rich Dunne
Ian Ruddick	Bruce Rawlings	Mark Lawson
Alex Low	Jackie (Baker?)	John Derrick
Mick O'Connor	Mark Seaman	Steve Hughes
Mark Scanes	Neil Williams	Andy Redwood

APOLOGIES

Ted Pearn	Graham Phillips	Chris Ingram
Andrew Pope	Stephen Traynor (Hon. Treasurer)	

1. OPENING ADDRESS & PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

The Hon VP welcomed everyone to the AGM, thanking them for their attendance and apologised for the short notice change of venue, meaning that it was not possible to “live stream” the AGM via Teams or Zoom. He assured all present that it is fully our intention to have the AGM streamed in this way, to allow greater participation.

Our President, Simon Lockyer repeated his thanks to all those attending the reunion weekend and expressed his hope that we all had an enjoyable time. He went on to say that, as ever, it had been a busy time recently at RHS and encouraged those visiting alumni to view and partake in the RHS Art Department Remembrance Artwork, “Bloodlines”; this also involved the local community and schools. Simon also mentioned that the new Heritage Café had now opened.



Monty then briefly went through his annual report which, along with all other documents relating to the 2022 AGM, are available at <https://www.royalhospitalschool.org/alumni/rhsa>

Monty thanked all those involved in ensuring the reunion weekend ran smoothly and likened the GC and others involved to “dark energy” rumbling on behind the scenes, unseen with no-one knowing what was being done! He also made special mention of Lauren & Katie and their hard work for the reunion.

Thanks were also given to Claire Waugh, Brian Gatward & Howard Redwood for their voluntary work with sorting and cataloguing Heritage Items, a great job which is and will be a huge benefit to RHS and RHSA in the future.

2. MINUTES FOR THE 2021 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The minutes for the previous AGM held on Saturday 26th June 2021 were published shortly after the meeting. That these were an accurate and true record was proposed by Brian Gatward and seconded by Maggie Good

3. MATTERS ARISING

To be dealt with under Any Other Business

4. MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Mark Lucas went through his report, which is available, along with a list of demises on the RHS website at <https://www.royalhospitalschool.org/alumni/rhsa>.

It is important to keep the membership database up to date, so please let Mark Lucas or the Alumni Office know of any information via mlucas@royalhospitalschool.org or kgould@royalhospitalschool.org

5. TREASURER'S REPORT

Stephen Traynor offered his apologies for not being able to attend the AGM in person but wished to express his thanks on behalf of the Association to 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 Andy Redwood and seconded by Aimee Frankham.

Stephen had kindly supplied a few notes:

- i) RHSA did not receive any income from the School in 2020-21 due to the lockdown and the School not operating normally. However, two lots of our grant were received in 2021-22 with the amount being increased.
- ii) A donation of £4000 was made to the School to assist in their pandemic relief
- iii) RHSA paid for an upgrade to the InTouch database, for £4500, as this provides substantial benefits in our communications efforts.
- iv) The “loss” we make on stock is down to donating ties or necklaces to all Leavers, who automatically become RHSA Members

The accounts of the RHSA are available on the RHS website at <https://www.royalhospitalschool.org/alumni/rhsa>.

Stephen ended by saying he has a record of all transactions and if there are any queries please contact him directly on straynor@royalhospitalschool.org



6. NOTICES

Upcoming events:

2022	
29-Sep	Nottingham Professional Networking
12-13 Nov	Reunion Weekend
12-Nov	RHSA AGM
15-Dec	Class of 2021 Reunion
2023	
23-Feb	London Professional Networking
16-Mar	Edinburgh Professional Networking
13-May	Army vs Navy
18-May	London Professional Networking
14-Jun	Portsmouth Professional Networking
24-Jun	Black Tie Reunion Dinner

7. AOB

i) **Current Situation Regarding Recovery of Stolen RHSA Funds (from Robert Spencer)**

There has been no progress on recovering any further funds stolen by a former RHSA Treasurer. Any further actions would have to be a civil matter rather than a criminal action, due to a guilty verdict already having been returned and a payment of £2000 made to cover court costs.

A civil case is likely to be expensive and there is no guarantee that we would recover any funds, such a case may have a negative impact on the image of the Association. It was decided to hold a vote not to pursue any further, Results; FOR: 20 AGAINST: 0 – MOTION CARRIED. RHSA will not proceed to recover any additional stolen funds.

ii) **Display of Heritage Items & Greenwich Admission Books (from Brian Gatward)**

Brian was concerned that now the Heritage Café had opened there was a distinct lack of Heritage Items in the Café. He wondered what was happening with these items. It transpired that Katie was already aware of this and was actively in the process of improving the display of Heritage Items in the Café. Larger items would continue to be displayed in the Main Entrance Hall, that being the preferred space for displays, given the comparatively large footfall this has compared to other areas, it also remains one of the “public” areas of the school and thus an ideal space to display.

With regards to the Greenwich Admission books, Brian & Maggie Good were working their way through these tomes to record digitally all the entries, thus making a searchable database. There are also some books in The National Archive at Kew, which need to be applied for, so as these can also be transcribed. It was agreed that this application should happen (Note: to be agreed from RHS or RHSA?). It needs to be agreed what the best way to hold these records is, should they be on a separate database or be added to the current InTouch database.

iii) **Inclusion of Cross-Country Running Event at Future Reunions (from Neil Williams)**

Neil wondered if it might be possible to arrange a cross-country running competition with current pupils at future reunions and how this might be arranged. If it was not possible to run competitively against current pupils, perhaps a “Park Run” type event could be put on for anyone wishing to have a run around the Cross-Country course at reunion weekends.



8. CLOSING COMMENTS

As last year Maggie Good continued Bob Good's tradition of thanking the RHSA General Committee for their continued work through the year.

A reminder that all General Committee positions are up for re-election at next years AGM. RHSA Constitution & Rules states:

"All existing officers wishing to stand for re-election should give notice to the General Secretary no later than three months prior to the date of the AGM. All new nominations are to reach the General Secretary in writing no later than two months prior to the AGM. New nominations must be proposed and signed by at least two Full Members. The nominee must be a Full Member and must formally accept the nomination. New nominations must be accompanied by the CV and manifesto of the nominee.

Officers of the Association may be required to undergo a Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) check (previously known as a CRB check). Failure to accept this requirement will render the nominee ineligible for office."

Existing Officers should notify Gen Sec by 01st August 2023 if they wish to stand for re-election

New nominations to be notified to Gen Sec by 01st September 2023, along with associated documents

NEXT AGM: Saturday 11th November 2023

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