



# ROYAL HOSPITAL SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

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**PRESIDENT: SIMON LOCKYER (HEAD)**

**MINUTES OF THE 2023 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**SAT 11<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2023 – JELLCOE 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	Paul Waldie	Steve Booth
David Scott	Rebecca Winward	Brian Cutler
Paul Jesse	M. Jesse	Dave Franks
Tim Barker	Tony Stone	John Derrick
John Mandeville	Dave Stewart	Sarah Stewart
Bruce Rawlings	Paul Baxter-Gibson	Chris Deacon
Neil Williams	Mick O'Connor	Trent Holmes
Gary Porter	Alex Low	Phil Howarth
Adam Deary	Rich Jones	Rich Dunne
Martin Hobbs	Graeme Simpson	Mark Seaman
Neale Marston	Kenny Kay	Richard Keeves
Gavin Bradshaw	Michael Bayly	Mick Lawrence
Stephen Robins	Bruce Atkinson	Nigel Price
Peter Prendeville	Andy Redwood	

**APOLOGIES**

Stephen Traynor (Hon. Treasurer)	Ted Pearn	Derek Alsford
John Troke	Keith Adlam	Malcolm Costigan
David Greenfield	Trevor Lewing	Graham Burke



Michael Gallagher	Colin Gordon	Graham Manser
Patrick Smith	Adrian Walder	Mark Burrows
Stephen Fyles	Simon Macey	Chris Murrell
Ian O'Connor	Anthony Alsford	Nigel Brown
Steve Brown	Michael Chalmers	Peter Crispin
Matthew Goudge	Chris Matthews	James Barker
Allen Bicks	Douglas Cornwall	John Hadley
Arthur Jones	Simon Murton	Geoffrey Quade
Keith Charlton	Gary Davey	John Dean
Chris Eggleton	Alan Fitzpatrick	Neil Gray
Derek Mayes	Graham Moore	Nigel Sewell
Adrian Box	Robert Godart-Smith	Stewart Rockett
Ken Wilson	Alan Coulson	Roger Howard
David Marsh	Michael Richardson	David Tomlinson
Alan Wedge	Kevin Whitfield	Anthony Cousins
David Cutler	Phil Lennon	Peter Markham
Graham Moxey	Keith Sorfleet	Neil Tink
Robert Tink	Steve Weaving	Simon Barker
Iain Barron	Alistair Campbell	David Crouch
Martin Deaves	Colin Gamblin	Christopher Jeynes
Michael Johnson	Mark Raymond	Andrew Smith
Paul Williams	Christopher Wynne-Potts	Phil Akers
Chris Gubbey	Peter Quinnell	John Barrie
Stephen Gosden	J Brett Lilley	Bob Mills
Karl Railton-Woodcock		



## **1. OPENING ADDRESS & PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS**

The Hon VP welcomed everyone to the AGM, thanking them for their attendance and made special mention to all those from 1967 who had made a special effort to reunite.

Our President, Simon Lockyer added his thanks to all alumni who had returned for the whole or part of the weekend saying that it was always a pleasure to welcome alumni back to visit. Simon reinforced the message that RHS builds lifetime relationships and that the RHSA involvement is important to the school.

Monty then briefly went through his annual report which, along with all other documents relating to the 2023 AGM, are available at <https://www.royalhospitalschool.org/alumni/rhsa>

Monty thanked all those involved in ensuring the reunion weekend ran smoothly and again made mention of this “dark energy” rumbling on behind the scenes, unseen with no-one knowing what was being done. He thanked Aimee, Nick, Mark & Stephen for their continued fielding of queries and comments on social media. The GC does much more than arrange the AGM, GC members connect with many alumni giving support and counsel to those in need or those who are experiencing various personal issues; it is these contacts and messages that help to reinforce and ensure the bonds and history made whilst at RHS are never forgotten.

He also made special mention of Lauren, Katie and Becky for all their hard work behind the scenes in arranging the reunion. They must deal with a host of issues to make the weekend a success, bending the ears of countless school departments, catering; chapel, sport to name but three! They along with Aimee also put in hard work to arrange all the other events that go on throughout the year, the Networking events, Army & Navy Rugby etc. Less visible is Lauren’s work in being the voice of RHSA in meetings with the Head, the Board of Governors and the RHS Charitable Trust.

One of the primary drivers in Monty’s thoughts is how can RHSA develop its philanthropic activities, there are ideas in the pipeline:

- i) The RHSA Business Directory – a listing of businesses and enterprises run by alumni. The idea being to encourage others who might be interested in those listed businesses and to provide a more general networking resource. I encourage all those willing to share their knowledge and expertise to give their details to Aimee, Katie or Lauren for inclusion in the directory.
- ii) The regular Networking Meetings around various geographical locations – all alumni are encouraged to attend these events if they can.
- iii) Supporting Bursary recipients – discussions are in progress as to the best way RHSA can support young people who would benefit from an RHS education. Most of us present benefitted from this supported bursary approach and the GC feel that the Association should continue this tradition in our own modest way.

Thanks were also given to Claire Waugh & Brian Gatward for their voluntary work with sorting and cataloguing Heritage Items and archiving, a great job which is and will be a huge benefit to RHS and RHSA in the future. Several items have been returned to Greenwich and some items are now to frail to display around the school, discussions are taking place about which items and where it is appropriate to display various heritage items, better use of the Heritage Café needs to be made wherever possible, rotating items, possibly with a theme behind them... A reminder that Monty was instrumental in getting the model of the Yashima back home, now on display on the first floor outside



what many of us remember as the Master's Common Room. Also, a special mention to John R G Wood for his continued work as unofficial historian, taking over from Bernard de Neumann.

Our current Constitution & Rules have many clauses within that are anachronistic and no longer relevant. A review has been carried out and Nick will present more later... Approval is sought from attending AGM members to make the recommended changes.

Finally, our President Simon Lockyer is leaving RHS at the end of the 2023/24 Academic Year to take up the post of CEO of the International School in Milan. Simon has been a fantastic advocate for RHSA during his tenure as Headmaster and we thank him for all his encouragement and support. On behalf of the whole RHSA, Monty wished him well in his new post.

## **2. MINUTES FOR THE 2022 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

The minutes for the previous AGM held on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> November were published shortly after the meeting. That these were an accurate and true record was proposed by Paul Waldie and seconded by Mick O'Connor

## **3. CENTENNIAL FUND UPDATE**

Lauren offered her thanks for the £102,000 raised as part of the 2023 "Giving Day", not just for the money raised, but also for the general support given to the Centennial Bursary Fund.

## **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>. All members are encouraged to read Mark's report and to help keep the membership database up to date, please let Mark Lucas or the Alumni Office know of any information via [mlucas@royalhospitalschool.org](mailto:mlucas@royalhospitalschool.org) or [kgould@royalhospitalschool.org](mailto:kgould@royalhospitalschool.org)

Mark also thanked Brian Gatward & Claire Waugh for their continued efforts with their voluntary work. Thanks also to Maggie Good for her work in keeping the membership database up to date with demises. Mark reminded all that there is a link on <https://www.royalhospitalschool.org/alumni> to the Digital Archive, which is open to all and is a valuable resource of historical information. Mark also expressed thanks to all those who run Facebook pages / groups relating to RHS for their work in keeping alumni connected, especially Nigel Price for RHS Arms: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/165912836758261/> and John R G Wood for RHS ~ The Golden Years: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/rhsthegoldenyears/>

## **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. The Treasurer's Annual Report and accounts of the RHSA are available on the RHS website at <https://www.royalhospitalschool.org/alumni/rhsa>. Stephen has a record of all transactions and if there are any queries, please contact him directly on [straynor@royalhospitalschool.org](mailto:straynor@royalhospitalschool.org)



## 6. GC ELECTIONS

No candidates were offered to stand for all GC positions. That being the case, all current GC Members stay in post until the next elections.

## 7. CHANGES TO CONSTITUTION & RULES

A review of the C&Rs was carried out with a view to removing anachronistic and irrelevant items.

The proposed changes were:

- i) INTRODUCTION line added, *"It was updated and agreed at the AGM held on 11<sup>th</sup> November 2023"*.
- ii) 5. MEMBERSHIP remove *"...can be either as a life member or by annual subscription and..."*. Remove *"...Pupils who have contributed to life membership while at the school commence membership on the day of leaving School and are to be known as Full Members"*.
- iii) 5. MEMBERSHIP query Associate Membership as still relevant.
- iv) 6. SUBSCRIPTION remove *"The subscription rate for Full Membership for life is to be agreed at the AGM. The annual subscription for Full Membership is £15"*. Proposed Associate Membership fee is £15.
- v) 7. OFFICERS OF THE ASSOCIATION under terms of office change to *"Three years for all other Officers. All office holders, except The President, are eligible for re-election"*.
- vi) 7.1.3 add *"The General Secretary shall oversee the upkeep of the C&Rs of the Association"*.
- vii) 8 GENERAL COMMITTEE add new section as 8.3 *"Former Heads of School The former Heads of School can be invited to join the GC. They provide an advisory capacity but are not entitled to vote on GC matters. The aim of this is to promote the values of the Association to their peer group, encourage returning to the Reunion Weekends, encourage attendance at the AGM and promote attendance at Association events, e.g., professional networking, Army Navy Rugby, etc. They can also represent the views of their peers and to advise the GC on how the Association can best serve the needs of recent leavers. It is intended that one of the quarterly GC meetings will be mainly devoted to that aim."*.

No proxy votes were received so only those voting in person were accepted. All the proposed changes were accepted unanimously. A new set of downloadable C&Rs will be uploaded to the school website alumni section at: <https://www.royalhospitalschool.org/alumni/rhsa>. A copy will also be held in the Hon Gen Secretary's secure files.



## 8. NOTICES

Upcoming events:

2023	
11 & 12 Nov	Reunion Weekend incl RHSA AGM on 11 Nov
23 Nov	London Professional Networking
02 Dec	Gala performance of Jesus Christ Superstar
09 Dec	RHSPA Christmas Fayre
2024	
2 Mar	Gala Concert & Raffle
25 Apr	Manchester Professional Networking
3 May	Big Band Concert (sponsored by RHSA)
4 May	Army vs Navy Babcock Trophy 2024 (meet for drinks @ 12pm kick off 2pm)
16 May	London Professional Networking
22 & 23 Jun	RHSA Summer Reunion Weekend (Sports Day 23 Jun)
26 & 27 Jun	Giving Day 2024
27 Jun	Class of 22 Reunion
28 Jun	Nelson BBQ
29 Jun	Speech Day

## 9. AOB

### i) Display of Heritage Items (from Brian Gatward)

Brian raised his concern again that he raised last year concerning display of heritage items. It was noted that the main entrance hall had recently been re-decorated, and items removed for this had not yet been replaced. Brian also raised the Heritage Café being free of heritage items... The GC agreed to investigate this and find ways where heritage items could be suitably displayed around the school.

### ii) Inclusion of Cross-Country Running Event at Future Reunions (from Neil Williams)

Neil raised this topic again this year. There was a concern from the school on matters of security / safeguarding regarding alumni having free access to the school cross country course, particularly in those areas that were on private school property. Providing a course could be kept to only those areas accessible to the public, there were no objections. It was explained that there is a Park Run held at Alton Water every Saturday as an alternative.

## 10. 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.

**NEXT AGM: Saturday 09<sup>th</sup> November 2024**



### **RHSA CONTACT DETAILS**

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