



Minutes of the Old Lancastrian Club Annual General Meeting

Friday 5 July 2024 at 7.15 p.m.

Ashton Hall Golf Club, Lancaster

The following signed the 'Present' list: Martin Alexander, John Ashworth, Michael Barton, Paul Bradburn, Roderick Burgess, Stephen Clarke, Simon Corless, Peter Dyer, Paul Fitton, Stephan Harker, Nick Holland, George Howarth, Toby Hunt, Robin Jackson, Olly Jaques, Chris Pyle, Andy Robertshaw, Alan Sagar, Ishmael Wadee, Jago Westaway, Ian Weir, Barry Wild, Donald Wilkinson, Chun Yin Wong.

1. Apologies for absence:

Paul Andrew, Steve Aughton, Niel Barbour, Mike Barker, Richard Brigg, Chris Critchlow, Peter Davies-Colley, Jeremy Duerden; Ian Gibbs, Damon Hall, Gordon Parker.

2. Minutes of the AGM, 7 July 2023

The Minutes of last year's AGM were accepted, *nem con*, as a true record of the 2023 AGM. Proposed: Martin Alexander; Seconded: Peter Dyer.

3. Chairman's Report

- a) MSA is starting his seventh year as Chair of the OLC and gave notice of his intention to retire at the AGM 2025.
- b) MSA, SGC and Andrew Jarman represented the School and OLC at the funeral of Anthony Joyce in July 2023.
- c) MSA spoke to Brenda Spencer at 12.15pm on the 06.06.2024, the moment when her husband John landed at Gold Beach on D Day 1944.
- d) The OLC now has access to the membership database with thanks to Michael Barton and Jeremy Duerden.

4. Treasurer's Report

Simon Corless presented the Accounts for the year ending 31 August 2023. The Treasurer's Report had been published in the *OLC Newsletter 2023*. The Accounts were accepted *nem con*. Proposed: Ian Weir; Seconded: Paul Bradburn.

5. Secretary's Report

Paul Andrew said that a full report of the Committee's work will appear in the *OLC Newsletter 2024*. The following points were raised by MSA:

- a) PCJA sent his apologies for not being present at this AGM, as he was attending Henley Royal Regatta, which he has been attending annually since 1980 and which almost always clashes with the AGM.
- b) A successful UVI Leavers' Assembly and Brunch were held in May, the latter paid for by the Club.

The Secretary's Report was accepted *nem con*. Proposed: Martin Alexander; Seconded: Peter Dyer.

6. Election of Committee Members

The committee thanked Craig Atkinson and Stephen Clarke for all their work for the OLC.

The following duly nominated candidates were elected, *nem con*, to serve until the 2027 AGM:

Damon Hall

Proposed: Olly Jacques.

Seconded: Chris Pyle

Ian Gibbs

Proposed: Michael Barton

Seconded: Paul Bradburn

7. Election of the OLC Vice-President (2024-25)

Barry Wild was proposed by MSA and seconded by RGJ. He was appointed *nem con*.

8. Investiture and Acceptance of the OLC President (2024-25)

Professor-Emeritus John Ashworth (65-72), Principal of St Aidan's College (Durham University) 1998-2011, and Principal of Stephenson College (Durham University) 2012-2019, accepted the office of President for 2024-2025, prior to being invested at the Dinner later that evening.

9. Motion

"The OLC recommends that from Friday 5th July 2024, the annual subscription will rise, taking effect from the 1st April 2025, to £25". SPC spoke to the motion. Proposed by Paul Fitton and seconded by Nick Holland. This was approved *nem con*.

Michael Barton suggested the members database could be a route to contact OLs regarding the change. He cautioned that this should be carried out carefully and that he, SPC and PRB, who have access to the database, would consider how this could be done.

10. AOB

RADB, on behalf of the members present, congratulated PVD on the award of the Officer of the Order of the British Empire (OBE) in the King's Birthday Honours List 2024.

The meeting closed at 8.05pm.

Peter V. Dyer
(Acting Hon. Sec. for this meeting)
5th July 2024