

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Edward Alleyn Club

Held on Tuesday 13th November, 2018 in the Clubhouse at 7.45 p.m.

In attendance: Paul Barber (Chairman), Nell Butler (President), Andy Skinnard (Representing the Headmaster), David Hankin and Mike Jones (Joint Secretaries), John Dunley (Vice Chairman), Chris Heayberd (Treasurer), James Freeman (Clubhouse manager), Ros Archer (Alumni), Robert Holden, Tim Inge, John Knight, Sue Lane, Liz Livingstone, Dennis Lomas, Martin Qualters, Keith Rodwell, George Thorne, Oli Watkins, and Stewart Ward.

1. Apologies for Absence had been received from Dr Gary Savage, Stephen Born, Jim Bridgeman, Neil French and Jason Peck.
2. The **Minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting**, held on 11th December 2017 were presented by the Chairman, agreed by the Meeting and signed by the President.

3. Matters arising

- a. DL reported on the Golf society. He explained that there will now be free golf available to all AOBG leavers. The first ever female captain – Tracey Bridgmen – has been appointed.
- b. RH (Hon. Archivist) suggested we invite the School Archivist (Nicola Waddington) to this AGM and the Annual Dinner next year, mainly as she is an important person for our records. In addition, RH explained that we need a safe space for the archives – something fireproof, for instance. He suggested that the Club should press the school for this.
- c. LL reported that the Tennis section now has a junior section, with some 200 children playing in the afternoon.

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

1. The Drainage Project at Burbage Road – after over five years of discussions, within the Club and with the School, we agreed a formula where the EAC, the Cricket and Football sections and the School all made contributions to the Project. Work was delayed by the harsh late Winter weather, but got underway in April. The results are clear to see to date with much more level pitches and a surface which appears to drain much better. The grass will continue to knit together in 2019 and we hope to play many more games this Autumn/Winter 2018/19.
2. Events Programme – following many suggestions from members to increase our presence with events away from Burbage Road, a number of events have been programmed to take place in 2018 and 2019. We hope to add more as support builds. The Management Board have agreed that several of these events will be funded by the Club to the benefit of members. The programme will be posted on the website.
3. Website - early in the School year, the new Alleyn's website was launched. This took place after considerable work from many people at the School, and the Club benefits from a re-vamped presence within the site. Two Management Board members will

offer suggestions and ideas to the School IT team to boost the Club content and the presentation even more.

4. New Head Groundsman – the School have appointed Stewart Ward as the new Head Groundsman and he has already been very active in maximising the benefits of the next phases of the Drainage Project and liaising with the Football and Cricket sections. We have also welcomed Stewart to Management Board meetings.
5. Tennis Academy – the KMP Tennis Academy has begun coaching lessons at Burbage Road. This has produced a great fillip for the Tennis section with many more juniors around and about the Club but it has also improved the profile of the Clubhouse with a new constituency of parents. The Clubhouse Manager has been very actively promoting the facilities with great success and the extra takings from this letting have been very welcome.

The report was discussed in some detail and approved by the meeting.

5.1 CH presented the **accounts of the club for the year ended 31st July 2018.**

- The Club's biggest and most vital income is from the school with respect to the year 13 and 11 leavers each year.
- The 200 Club has 199 members
- A few M&G shares were sold during the year, taking a profit of £2500.
- Annual dinner at Lincoln's Inn made a considerable loss: the Club contributed £4,700. TI queried the size of the loss at the dinner. PB argued that we wanted to keep the cost of tickets down, so the Board had agreed to the subsidy. We don't want to do this every year, he admitted. The coming year's dinner at the House of Lord's would probably need a subsidy too.
- The Magazine is still the biggest cost to the Club. JD and RA run this between them. JD argued that it was essential that we get access to the mailing list. It is vital we get it out to the widest possible audience of AOBGs.
- The Club's finances are in a healthy position – our assets are just over £100,000.
- Richard Foster AOB is our independent accounts reviewer, which he does on a voluntary basis. CH is very grateful for this work.

The accounts were passed unanimously.

5.2 **Accounts of the Alleyn Benevolent Fund**

- CH began by apologising for the absence of audited accounts this year. He was currently attempting to find a suitable person to carry out this work. He promised that the ABF would seek to get the accounts audited before the next MB AGM.
- There was a small surplus – Income £35,000 and Expenditure £30,000 in broad terms.
- The General Fund supports the two sixth form bursaries, one of which is awarded each year (one third of fees). The ABF is a strong supporter of this aspect of the charity.
- The Pupil Support Fund (used to help deserving pupils go on school trips) is supported by the Alleyn's Parents' Association (APA). Sadly, the current board of

the APA is no longer going to continue with this support. Thankfully, the school itself will use monies from the Dulwich estate to allow this work to continue.

Overall, CH maintained that though the ABF was a small charity, it packed a punch.

6 Election of Officers of the Club for the year 2018-19.

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

i) **The Presidency**

President	Lord Kakkar
Deputy President	Lizzie Frost

ii) **The Management Board**

Chairman	Paul Barber
Vice Chairman	John Dunley
Hon. Treasurer	Chris Heayberd
Hon. Secretaries	David Hankin and Mike Jones
Executive Members	John Battle (Events Liaison) and Sue Lane
Clubhouse General Manager	James Freeman
Development, Alumni Relations and Hon. Editor	Stephanie Macmillan
Facilities Management	Ros Archer
	Oli Watkins

Chair (or representative of):

Alleyns & Honor Oak Cricket Club	Paul Cohen/Jim Bridgeman
Alleyn Old Boys' FC	Jason Peck
Edward Alleyn Tennis Club	Liz Livingstone
Edward Alleyn Golf Society	Dennis Lomas

7. Election of people to Other Roles for the year 2018-19.

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, Paul Barber, 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), Ginny Bolton and Deborah Geddes (nominated by the APA), Neil French, Chris Heayberd (Chair), Mike Jones (Hon. Secretary), Dennis Lomas and Mick Walker (Hon. Treasurer).

iii) Election of Vice-Presidents.

DH spoke warmly about the work that our retiring president, Nell Butler had carried out this year. He made particular mention of the film she had organised and produced, which had been shown at the dinner.

Nell was duly proposed, seconded and unanimously elected a Vice President of the Club.

iv) Hon. Reviewer: Richard Foster.

8. School Business

Andy Skinnard (representing the Headmaster) noted that

- The new meeting for North American based alumni had been extremely successful
- The school is pleased with the new look of our Club magazine
- Almost all of this summer's Y13 leavers obtained their first choice of university place
- Admissions: there were a record 800 applications this year for 130 places at 11+ and the proportions of girls and boys were exactly equal
- He welcomed a number of new staff to the school, including Stewart War
- Georgina Anderson has been appointed the new Housemaster of Tyson's
- The Rev. Anthony Buckley is moving to a new parish in Oxford in January, and a new female chaplain (a JAGs alumni) has been appointed in his stead
- Remembrance Sunday was excellent this year: the playing of the Last Post was outstanding
- The school's bursary fund is growing and will pay for 12 bursaries per year from 2019
- The Summer Reunion (this 400th year, for all AOBGs) is on June 15, Founder's Day on June 29.

9. Dates for the 2019 Annual Dinner and AGM.

AGM: Tuesday 12th November

Annual Dinner: Friday 15th November, at the House of Lord's

10. Announcements and votes of thanks

- i) SL informed the meeting the Memorial Service for the Rev. Howard Jones is being held on 17 November 2018.
- ii) RH noted that the school's Boer War plaque has its lower half missing. He suggested the Club might like to remind the school about this, and get it repaired.
- iii) PB thanked Nell Butler for her fantastic year as President.

PB declared the meeting closed.

Mike Jones

Joint Hon. Secretary