



Minutes of the Eighty-sixth Annual General Meeting Of the Old Grammarians' Club

The Annual General Meeting took place in the Paisley Grammar School Staff Room, Paisley, on Tuesday the 9th September 2014. The President Mrs. Nan Atherton BSc, was in the chair.

Minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting:

The Minutes of the Eighty-fifth Annual General Meeting were distributed and unanimously adopted.

Apologies

Apologies were heard from: Shona Ferguson, Dorothy Johnson, Gordon Grierson, Faye Carruthers, Colin M. Morrison, Lea Allan, George Miller.

Presidents Report:

The President welcomed all attendees and thanked the committee members.

Mr. Melvyn Haggarty (President Emeritus) stands back further this year, but is thanked for all his work especially the senior lunches.

Mr. Ross Brisco turns his hand to anything and is, "A great asset to the club".

Mr. Connor Craig despite several visits to the bank Craig is now in the eyes of the bank the treasurer.

Miss. Erin Newbigging has done very well this year with negotiations for the ball and continues to do a great job.

Miss. Janette Stewart stepping down but is thanked for her several years of service to the club and we hope she will continue to support the club at lunches and events.

Mr. Martin Gallacher stepping into the shoes as school and we look forward to this new connection with the school.

Mr. Ross McNaughton who is ever helpful on the social team at events.

Mr. Colin Morrison has been in contact and is happy to remain on the committee if that is decided; he is thanked for his several years of service.

A mention to Mr. John C. Pears for his service to the club and is a prominent feature of committee meetings.

A mention to Mr. Bruce Erroch for his support in attending lunches and events of the club.

A special mention to Miss. Jean Craig who passed away this year, head of Primary Department at Paisley Grammar School and Head Mistress of Ralston Primary. Lived to a good 91 years and a great supporter of the school.

Secretary's Report:

In the absence of a report from Colin Morrison, as of the previous AGM there are 578 members. The secretary is the first point of contact if trying to get in contact with a member and to accept new members.

Facebook has 238 members, many of whom are not on the email list.

The club should focus on novelty events, photos from events and features from the grammarian magazines for social engagement.

Twitter and Linked-in are struggling in numbers but this is not a main focus for the club.

Since implementing the new mailing system via Mailchimp.com, the club has 266 email addresses, almost 50% of total membership. The club has 100% delivery rate and a 73% open rate which is very high for this type of newsletter.

Treasurer's Report:

Moving in a positive direction.
Same as the previous years and keeping steady.
The NS&I is now closed and all money moved to the Clydesdale.
The account stands at £6003.64
Current events are expected to break even, and as such expenditure has been reduced this year and will continue to be reduced.

Special Report

Mr. Melvyn Haggarty, Honorary Vice-President, reported on:
Transfer of money into one account. Acknowledgement to the Minute book, act to raise money for the school.
Senior Lunches, John Amabile, very witty presentations. He presented to the largest audience for some time. 48 in attendances.
Tom Urie, entertained with reminiscence and sang several songs including the school song. 46 in attendance.
Invited were the old grammarian prize winners who also received a £25 prize each.
This will be the 19th senior lunch and it has been a success from the start. Iain MacLennan

Social Convener's Report:

Three main events:
Senior luncheon refer to Mr. Melvyn Haggarty special report.
Halloween was a great success this year and we saw great profits.
£10 a ticket and £5 per head expenditure. Catering provided by David Lloyd which went down well.
Thanks to Mr. Ross McNaughton who sourced DJ equipment.
Those who attended thoroughly enjoyed it.
David Lloyd cannot accommodate us this year.
Faye Caruthers spoke to Renfrewshire council who would not rent the school for such an event.
Alternative: £350-400 for lagoon + cost of + occasional licence for alcohol.
The Annual Gala Ball.
Lyndhurst Friday 28th 2014 with 77 attendees.
Didn't accommodate to Miss. Amy Ferguson
Amy Corfield & Allan MacDougall provided music.
£30 was charged for tickets which gave us a slight profit. Further profit from the raffle.
For 2015 the ball has been booked Friday 6th march at the Lyndhurst hotel.
Through negotiation the checklist has stayed the same as last year. Ceilidh band TBD.

Unfortunately we cannot guarantee numbers that we have on previous years. And so this means our profit margin is much less.

Curling Report:

No curling report was received in time for the AGM.

Golf Report:

R. Y. Corbett Memorial Slaver was held on the 8th August 2014 with 19 members took part and the winner was Sid Kennedy of Ranfurly Castle, runner up was Ronnie Judge of Ranfurly Castle and third Ken Barclay Blairgowrie

The AGM took place on the 8th August 2013 and remains as previously elected:

President and match	J G Andrew
Vice President & Membership Secretary	W D Martin
Treasurer	G R Matthew
Secretary	J L Park

The Queen Elizabeth Coronation Trophy will be played between the 20th and 23rd of September 2014. Entering from the club will Blair Dalgleish (new member from Ralston) & Fraser Grant, Douglas Martin & John Grant, Murray Sharp & James Andrew.

The club stands at 86 life members and there is approximately £700 of funds in the account. The golf club are in great need of new young members and we propose to target some of the recent leavers who played golf. Our Ralston membership with potential listed below. Paisley is still very low. Fraser Grant (Hcp 0), John Grant (Hcp 2), David Vennard (Hcp 1), Derek Vennard (Hcp 2), Blair Dalgleish (Hcp 0), Ross Douglas (Hcp 2) and David Dickson (Hcp 3). Any person with connections to the school, i.e. former pupils, married to former pupils; teachers past and present will be made most welcome.

School Report:

Miss. Janette Stewart reported on the success of pupils, gaining high numbers of passes in Highers, Advanced Highers and Standard Grades. National exams results have been encouraging. Wide range of social events in the school this year lead by head girl Miss. Jennifer Stewart & head boy Mr. Erran Kerrigan. Burns lunch in February, great meal provided by canteen staff and speeches by pupils. Euroscola 2014 the educational initiative gave senior pupils the opportunity to visit Strasberg for debates in European parliament. 3rd year participated in the Ellen MacArthur Eco house project to learn about the Circular Economy, the winning team visited by a Eco house project. EDT Challenge run by Strathclyde University gave students the opportunity to work in scientific and technological environment. The school received its second green flag this session and congratulation to the eco committee. Fair trade is also booming in the school with many pupils helping to raise money. Senior pupils took part in the School of Sports Education to acquire skills in coaching. Football: senior and jnr have had a successful year. Girl's football and basketball have also had an enjoyable year. School show Grease was of a very high standard, full and enthusiastic audiences.

Farewell to Mr. Frank MacLachlan, Miss. Janette Stewart, Miss. Emma Rogerson and Mrs. Alison Johnson who has moved to Park Mains School.

The school community is saddened to hear of the death of Mr. Peter Cameron, very competent teacher and a valued friend and colleague.

New exciting and productive session begins at the school.

Vice presidents Report

Faye could not attend; President Mrs. Nan Atherton reads her report. I'd like to thank the president. The club continues to thrive under nans leadership. It remains challenging to have any real engagement with the school but we will persevere. Thanks to Miss. Shona Ferguson for attending committee lunches and meeting. With Miss. Janette Stewart recent retirement it is suggests that Mr. Martin Gallacher will become school liaison. My own business "barking mad", has been approved to accept students from Paisley Grammar and I will receive my first pupil. I would urge anyone who can to offer this to pupils in the school.

Honorary Vice Presidents:

The Honorary President, Mr. George Miller, is unanimously elected on the motion of the president.

The Honorary Vice Presidents were unanimously re-elected on the motion of the president:
Mrs. Marjorie MacKellar; Mr. Kenneth Gillespie; Mr. John Mitchell; Miss. Elizabeth Allan; Mr. Douglas Mill; Mr. Alasdair Campbell; Mr. Gordon Matthew; Mr. Ian Gillespie; Mr. Bruce Erroch; Mr. Melvyn Haggarty; Mr. John Pears and Mr. Donald-John Morison.

Election of Executive Office-Bearers:

The president Mrs. Nan Atherton was proposed, duly seconded and unanimously elected.

The President proposed the election of the following office bearers. All were duly seconded and unanimously elected:

Vice-President:	Mrs. Faye Carruthers
Members Secretary:	Mr. Ross Brisco
Treasurer:	Mr. Connor Craig
Social Convener:	Miss. Erin Newbigging

Election of the Executive Committee:

The president elected the following who were duly seconded and unanimously elected to the Executive Committee:

Mr. J M Haggarty (President Emeritus)
Mr. J C Pears (Rector Emeritus)
Mr. Martin Gallagher (School)
Mr. R McNaughton (Social team)
Mr. Colin Morrison
Miss. Jennifer Stewart
Miss. Shona Ferguson
(Head Boy)
(Head Girl)

The Club accepted the kind offer by Mr. Alex Johnston,C.A. to oversee the Club's Accounts

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Halloween: due to social circumstances and availability of the venue, it is agreed that this is very short notice for the Halloween ball. With intensions that it may return when circumstances are better.

Closure

There being no further business, the date of the next Annual General Meeting was then set for Monday, 14th September 2015.