

**ELIZABETHAN CLUB
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**Held in the Camden Room, Westminster School, Dean's Yard, London SW1P 3PB
On Thursday, 18th September 2014 at 6.00 pm**

In the absence of the President the Chairman took the chair.

1. The Minutes of the 2013 Annual General Meeting were approved.
2. The Chairman gave an overview of his Annual Report. He requested that a vote of thanks be made to Dr Stephen Spurr for his help with the Elizabethan Club during his tenure as Head Master, in particular his efforts to increase the Club's subscription income.

The Chairman also welcomed the new Head Master, Patrick Derham, who briefly visited the AGM to greet the Committee and assembled Elizabethan Club Members. The Chairman confirmed that the Head Master would be having dinner in the near future with some of the Committee members.

The Chairman thanked the Development Office, without whose support the Elizabethan Club would not be able to carry out its activities. The Chairman offered the Committee's best wishes to Katharine Robinson, Head of Alumni Relations, who is on maternity leave, whilst also welcoming Chris Conneely, who is covering for Katharine in her absence.

Artin Basirov stated that he had not prepared the unaudited accounts because the accounting year now ends on 31st August, which meant he had not had time to complete them. It was noted by both Chris Conneely and Nick Brown that the accounts should have been prepared in advance of the AGM and posted on the Elizabethan Club web page for OWW to view. Nick Brown suggested that the accounts could be received and discussed at a later stage and that an extraordinary general meeting could be called to accommodate this. It was suggested that the AGM be held later in the Play Term in future years, perhaps in December, so that the accounts could be prepared in good time.

There then followed representations from OW Sports Reps seeking funding from the Elizabethan Club. Grant requests and annual reports were submitted by the following clubs:

Athletics	Request: £30
Cricket	Request: £1,450
Fives	Request: £380
Football	Request: £4,850
Golf	Request: £4,000
Tennis	Request: £475
Water	Request: £1,110

In addition to receiving the Annual Reports, a number of OW Sports Reps raised the issue of access to sports facilities, in particular, Vincent Square and the Fives courts. Access is limited for reasons of child protection and the rules on access have been previously communicated to the Elizabethan Club and OW Sports Reps. (*Note: the Chairman suggested that Jessica Chichester should follow up on this issue with the School. However, following*

the AGM Chris Conneely has had a conversation with Franklin Barrett, Head Groundsman, who is happy to provide repeat confirmation of the rules to anyone who wishes to receive them.)

The Chairman and Jessica Chichester both thanked the OW Sports Reps for attending the meeting and for sharing their annual reports with those assembled. Jessica asked that reps email her soft copies of their grant requests and Annual Reports.

3. The Chairman reported that David Neuberger would be standing down as President of the Elizabethan Club, and thanked him for being such a great ambassador and for his successful stewarding of the Club during his tenure.

The Chairman proposed Jonathan Carey (GG, 1964-69) as President, which was seconded by Nick Brown.

4. The Chairman proposed that all Members of the Committee be re-elected, with the exception of Charlotte Seymour who was standing down as Young OW Representative.
 - Nick Brown to stand down as Honorary Secretary, to be succeeded by Jessica Chichester
 - Matthew Webb to succeed Jessica Chichester as Sports Secretary
 - Charlotte Seymour to be succeeded by Avalon Lee-Bacon (GG, 2007-09) as Young OW Representative
 - Anita De to join the Committee as a new member (to be formally approved at the Lent Term Committee Meeting)

Proposed: Tim Brocklebank-Fowler; Seconded: Nick Brown

Chris Conneely asked the Chairman to clarify the decision-making process for the new appointments and he explained that he had held discussions with various Committee Members, colleagues in the School and the Head Master, who were all in agreement about the new appointments.

5. Any other business

Tarun Mathur confirmed that he was still working on the details of the Club's new Arts Award and would be liaising with Chris Conneely on how it could best be publicised and how appropriate beneficiaries would be selected. It was expected that the award would be announced early in the Play Term and beneficiaries selected by 1st June.

Tim Jones, present at the AGM on behalf of OW Water, mentioned that he had had an informal conversation with a fellow OW about establishing an OW Choir. The Committee and Club members present agreed that this was a very attractive idea.

The Chairman closed the meeting by offering his thanks to the Sports Reps for attending the meeting and thanking Committee Members for their efforts in the past year.

Action: Tarun Mathur to investigate the possibility of establishing an OW Choir and report back at a future meeting.

6. Date of next meeting

Dates will be circulated to the Committee and a decision will be made on holding the next AGM later in the Play Term 2015 to allow for completed accounts to be circulated in advance.