



THE OLD EDWARDIANS ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the OEA AGM, held at King Edward's School on Wednesday 30th June 2021 at 2pm. Owing to Covid-19, this meeting was held as a Zoom meeting.

OEA COMMITTEE & STAFF PRESENT

James Martin (Chair)	JPNM	Jim Evans	JGE
Andrew Baxter	AGB	Katy Ricks (Chief Master & President)	CLR
Mike Baxter	MDB	Adelaide Bailey (Development Director)	AAB

2 OEA Members had elected the Chairman as their proxy. 6 additional OEA members attended the meeting, in whole or in part.

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies: Sanam Chawla and Paul Thomson.

2. MINUTES

The minutes of the previous AGM, held on 25th June 2020, were approved as an accurate record.

3. MATTERS ARISING

JPNM reiterated the committee's support of broader reunion events, covering multiple year groups, in light of the need to catch up on reunions missed because of the pandemic.

4. PRESIDENT

CLR gave her report for the school year. Whilst this is her second year in post, this has been her first summer term out of lockdown and she was therefore pleased to attend her first open AGM.

2020-2021 has been a successful school year in spite of obvious challenges. Whether at home or in school, there has been an intellectual buzz from pupils and staff. We have been our own Covid testing centre, and are now our own exam board.

A number of new appointments have been made this year, including Heads of History, Languages and Classics, and the first Head of Science since George Andronov. These posts will help to support the ethos of IB excellence and filter it through all year groups.

In the last seven days, we have held Speech Day and Sports Day, showing the spirit of KE greatness online and in person. We have also announced the new Chair of the ISGB, who will be the first female to hold the post and is well-connected within our city.

CLR thanked all members for the OEA, young and old, for their on-going support of the school. Their quickness of response and willingness to help has been astounding. CLR has never known an alumni body like it and feel it is fundamental to what makes the school great. She thanked them too for their continued support of the Assisted Places Fund, both individually and through the generous donations the OEA has made over the past two years.

5. CHAIRMAN

Sanam Chawla (2020) was welcomed as a new member of the OEA Committee. JPNM expressed his delight at Sanam's enthusiasm for the OEA and looks forward to the youthful perspective he will bring. The KES Trust has also recruited two young trustees, Obaid Choudhry (2004) and Wasim Rehman (1998), who bring with them much experience and financial acumen.

JPNM, who is also the Chair of The KES Trust, noted the sad passing of Stephen Campbell (1978), his predecessor as Chair and a former Chair of Governors. A tribute to Stephen will be included in this year's Gazette.

JPNM congratulated Sue Dickens (OEA Events Manager) for 12 years' loyal service to the OEA, noting how fabulously grateful the Association has been for her huge efforts and her success in "herding us around like cats". The OEA has sent flowers to Sue to mark the occasion.

JPNM thanked all the alumni, pupils and staff involved in moving our activities online over the past 15 months. He hopes that we can continue to use the best of technology, alongside our normal offering, when we finally return to normality.

6. TREASURER

AGB presented the 2020 accounts for the OEA Ltd. These are effectively the Covid year figures, which show a good recovery after an initial decline, with December 2020 figures virtually back up to December 2019 figures. Income held up sufficiently well for the OEA to make a generous donation of £10,500 to the Assisted Places Fund for 2020, following a gift of £12,000.

JGE queried the fixed value figures. AGB explained that the investment values had gone down by £5,000 but that the fixed asset figures should not change year-on-year.

Votes were unanimously in favour of the adoption of the accounts, without change.

The committee thanked AGB and Stephen Talboys for their work on the OEA finances.

7. DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

AAB thanked all alumni and the OEA committee for their lovely communications and support this year. Virtual events and podcasts have proved popular, with thousands of participants from across the globe.

In-person events are starting up again, with the Class of 2021 Leavers' Party held this week, featuring a keynote address from Lee Bushell (2000) before an informal barbecue. After asking OEs to vote with their feet, we have had fantastically strong bookings for the Biennial Dinner in November, with around a dozen tickets now remaining. Given this appetite, the office is now looking to find dates for the forthcoming year, to catch up on all missed reunions.

The Gazette is underway and will be released over the summer.

8. AOB

Sports Club: JGE gave an update on the Sports Club. John Forster had been in preliminary negotiations with the nursery that leases the club house (Lawnsbrook Day Nursery/ Streetsbrook Childcare), as the nursery intended to rearrange itself into different companies. The nursery is not in a promising financial position and Forster's main aim was to ensure they retained sufficient security. However, the nursery has decided to make no changes imminently.

The Sports Club has increased from three directors to five. It is believed that this will now better represent the community.

The kitchen has been rewired and refitted. The committee discussed whether this had been part of the agreed schedule of works or whether independent permission should have been sought.

It was anticipated that a previously held contract with a local funeral director, which has been lost to Moseley Cricket Club, would now be revived.

Overall, it remains solvent.

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JM concluded the meeting by thanking those present for all of their work in continuing to support and further the interests of OEA. The meeting was ended at 14:50.