

OLD HUISH ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 4 FEBRUARY 2015

APOLOGIES

John Abbott, Geraint Jones, John Moore

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Minutes of the Committee meeting held on the 17 September 2014 were approved

MATTERS ARISING

NPW said he had had a meeting with JA about the paintings. The portrait of Richard Huish was to be kept at the College and what was to be done with the remainder was to be decided by the Governing Body. NPW said he had mentioned that the OHA had no objection to the paintings going to the local Museum.

NPW expressed his dismay at the way in which the matter of the comedian Laura Lexx had been dealt with. He said that the committee had engaged her to perform at the Annual Dinner and it was for the committee to disengage her. He was concerned that her engagement was terminated following selective consultation and that she or MB had not been given an opportunity to provide re-assurance that her act could be amended to avoid giving offence.

NPW had discussed the question of the OHA providing an annual bursary for a College student. The meeting agreed that each year a student chosen by the College would receive a bursary of £250 or 50% of the fundraising sum whichever was the larger. The other 50% would go to a charity and this year it was to be the League of Friends of Musgrove Park Hospital.

TREASURER'S REPORT

AJ said the financial position was satisfactory with £3053 in the account of which £106 was a carry over from the charity account. Included in the figure of £106 was a surplus of £91 resulting from the sale of OHA pens at the Dinner.

AJ reported that there were no ties left in stock.

ANNUAL DINNER

DG reported that 73 attended including 4 College students who provided musical entertainment and 3 guests. DG said the fall the number of those attending could be put down to a reluctance to venture out on winter nights.

There was no charity auction but the Raffle was well supported and a cheque for £1000 was presented to Selworthy Special School.

The meeting formally expressed its thanks to the students for their contribution and it was felt the dinner was a very happy occasion.

SPRING LUNCH

This will be held on the 15 May at Oake Manor Golf Club and will cost £16 a head.

There will be two courses plus tea/coffee.

WEBSITE

CB reported over 4000 hits with material continually being uploaded. He said in particular that there were a number of old photographs waiting to go on the site.

MEMBERSHIP

DG said 2 new members had joined – Barrie Roseworn and William Mournian.

AOB

DG confirmed his intention to stand down at the AGM. No member of the Committee indicated a willingness to stand for the post of Chairman. NPW said that he was prepared to deal with the paperwork regarding the Spring Lunch and Annual Dinner and chair meetings in addition to the normal duties of Secretary but he could not deal with liaising with the venues etc. and if no replacement for DG could be found such tasks would need to be allocated around the Committee.

AJ agreed to contact the Cricket Club to arrange the date for the 2015 Annual Dinner which hopefully would be the 14 November.

The AGM would be at the College at 7.15 on 15 April.

The meeting closed at 8.45pm

Members present:- Andrew Janes, David Gill, Peter Gibbs, Neil Trood Nick Williams, Martin Dongworth, Charlie Barker, Allan Merrifield, Doug Dawe

