



THE OLD CLIFTONIAN SOCIETY

CLIFTON COLLEGE

Minutes of The 126th AGM of the Old Cliftonian Society and the Old Cliftonian Society & Endowment Fund Trustees held in the Cricket Pavilion on Friday 10th November 2023, at 3.00pm

Present: Jeremy Pickles, Kate Holland-Smith, Alex Turco, Lucy Nash, Jez Walters, Simon Reece, Luke Fromant, John Davies, Seb Hoyle, Mark Eldridge, Karen Pickles, Hector Stamboulieh, Ben Preston, James Isaacs, Lexi Shore-ACMole, Rachel Morris, David Mander, Neil Constable, Ella Leonard, James Richards, Matt Howard-Cairns

Apologies:, George Harris, Andy Rudge

Confirmation and approval of the minutes of the 125th AGM 2022.

Approved by all

Confirmation and adoption of the 125th Annual Financial Report and Accounts 2022

OC Society

AT outlined the comments from the 2022 accounts. Poor results highlight the need for a new relationship with the school as regards to income from subscriptions. GDPR changes have forced a change. The OCS and the School are in process of discussing how the legal changes and structure will take place.

Lexi Shore from AC Mole outlined their satisfaction with our accounts and that their suggestions from 2021 have been taken on board.

Seb Hoyle – asked questions on differences from 2021/2022.

CCEF

AT outlined what and how the bursaries are distributed via the CCEF. Means tested and allocated by the School. Trustees ensure donors requests are adhered to.

Trustees meeting with Evelyn Partners to oversee 3 times a year.

AC Mole are our legal independent examiner and not auditor. Registered Charities state that we are under the size for full audit so AC Mole undertake this work. Last year's audits recommendations by AC Mole were taken on board.

AT thanks to Ben Preston on the trustee investment management committee a great help. AT thanked SJMR for his historical knowledge. MHC was thanked for interaction with the school. LN thanks to support from within the society. Helen Staff, Lauren Summer and Lisa England for their help within the accounts dept at the school. Huge thanks to KHS for support in general.

The President's remarks

JI thanks AT for everything done with accounts. Thanks to KHS for her tireless work within the OCS.

Regarding future structure with the school, happy that the discussions so far which are open and supportive. WWV, the College legal advisors, have our best interests at heart. Independence of the CCEF is crucial and central. Not yet ready to present anything but that will be forthcoming

Thanks to KHS/SJMR for their assistance with Head of Alumni Role. Several folk interviewed, good progress and hopefully one of those will be successful.

Thanks to JP thanks for holding the fort.

Careers Advice Chapter – Investment Management, our first event, went extremely well. Very encouraged by warmth and engagement. Legal and Tech dates being discussed currently. New opportunity for 'Not for profit/charity' sector also being put forward.

The Chairman's review of the year

Events calendar – many regular events on offer as well as some new ones. Highlights – SNG/HK, Careers event, Reunion 86-96 bumper year, 2023 reunion cohort slightly smaller cohort to ensure enough room.

Alumni Day a first and a success – weather dependant though. Regional dinners not a success. A review for 2024.

Thanks for AC Mole for their support. Accounts published on website. Thanks to AT for tireless work. Cricketer Cup we got to R3, OC Hockey, thanks to George Cryer. OC Football continues to do well in the Downs League.

SJMR suggested a mixed tennis tournament possibly at BB.

Careers chapter a success.

Next year NY and HK as well Alumni Day, more Careers Chapters and another alumni Day around a home Cricket cup fixture.

Thanks to JP/LN for all the support across all aspects of the Society.

Thanks to JHG for his work as Editor, based on huge increased costs for print and environmental issues it will be both digital and print. We are in the process of engaging a new Editor for 2024.

Reiterative that Society will be funded directly by the School. Our financial situation was unsustainable so thanks to the school for their help and support.

Huge thanks to Alex Turco, for his tireless work on the accounts, with the school. Huge personal support to the Chair.

Focus has been on the relationship with the school – although not sorted yet thanks to the School; Helen Staff, Ellie Sykes and Lauren Summers, for their support and help.

Thanks to Committee for all their input, attending events, careers and SJMR previous experience very helpful. ME/MHC for support for Council. JI, as both had changes in personal business life – thanks for support.

Elections of officers:

Ordinary members –

Bryony Denner retires, thanks for her input in the last 4 years

Alan Bailey retires as an ordinary member

JW/JD retire as VPs

KHS/JI retire as Chair/President

Welcome to Rachel Morris, OC who 2007, Governor, Law School, Geography at Oxford.

Proposed by Kate Holland Smith, seconded by Jez Walters

Simon Reece **proposed** Jez Walters as ordinary member, seconded by Alex Turco

James Issacs **proposed** John Davis as ordinary member. Seb Hoyle seconded

Mark Eldridge **proposed** Seb Hoyle as VP, Alex Turco seconded

Simon Reece **proposed** Alan Bailey as VP, Jez Walters seconded

Mark Eldridge **proposed** to re-elect Kate Holland-Smith as Chairman – Alex Turco seconded

Kate Holland-Smith **proposed** to Re-elect James Isaacs as President, Seb Hoyle seconded

Mark Eldridge therefore stays for another term as Immediate Past President

Alex Turco to remain as Treasurer

In accordance with Clause 10 of CCEF Trust Deed – The President formally appoints the Trustees of the Committee to the Fund. **Agreed** by all

Appointment of auditors

AT recommends we appoint AC Mole again for 2023 accounts.

KHS **proposed** / Seconded – SJMR

Cheers to Kate Holland Smith for everything!

The meeting closed at 3.50pm