



## **OLD IPSWICHIAN CLUB**

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held via zoom at 6.30pm on Thursday 19th January 2023

### **In attendance:**

Iain Chesterman (Chairman), Nicholas Allen (Vice-Chair), Sally Webber (Secretary), Steve Runnacles (Treasurer), Nicholas Weaver (Headmaster) and those in attendance:

Leigh Belcham, Nikki Brown, Leanne Castle, Clare Lock, Geoffrey Cook, Ian Galbraith, John Skeates, Keith Nelson, James Davey, Karl Daniels, Neil Garnham, Paul Jackson, Roland Johnson

### **1.0 Apologies for absence:**

John Caudle

### **2.0 Minutes of the last Annual General Meeting:**

The minutes of the last meeting were agreed as a correct record. Proposed by Sally Webber and Seconded by Steve Runnacles.

### **Matters Arising**

There were no matters arising from the minutes

### **3.0 Chairman's report**

IC gave his report for the year. He noted that the year had seen the largest number of OI Events, including the London Dinner, the School Giving Day, a reunion in York.

He reported that the Club will be doing more work on careers in the coming year.

IC passed his thanks to the Development Office, to SLW, NMA, and SR for their help and support during his time as Chair.

KD asked whether the Committee had considered why numbers for the Ipswich Dinner had been so low. IC noted that the year had hosted 3 dinners, and the Committee felt that the membership had suffered from a degree of 'dinner fatigue'. The timing of the dinner had also meant that some of the younger OIs had not yet returned from University.

KD suggested having a point person for year groups to put a table together.

LB suggested introducing a competitive element to this; IC will discuss further with the Committee.

#### **4.0 Treasurer's report**

Steve Runnacles noted that the accounts had already been circulated. He introduced his report, and directed the AGM to the accounts for 21-22.

He noted the surplus for the year had been £5721 which was lower than the previous year, but it had also seen a return to a full programme of events, including the postponed Ipswich Dinner from December 21.

He outlined the School projects which the Club had been supporting financially, including the Giving Day, digitisation of the archives, and music.

He explained that the Club currently holds c£73k in reserves.

KD suggested that if at any point the School did not collect the subscriptions on behalf of the Club, there would not be enough to run events for those members who had paid a life subscription. SR explained that this had been looked at in the past, and would be run along the lines of the State Pension where current members pay for past members. IC explained that a couple of members of the Committee were looking at how much money would need to be retained in reserves to deliver 8-9 years of Club activity. This would come back to the next AGM.

Proposed by Sally Webber and seconded by Clare Lock, the Annual Accounts and Treasurer's Report for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> July 2022 were received and approved.

#### **5.0 Election of President for 2023**

Proposed by the Committee that Neil Garnham be President – proposed by Steve Runnacles, Seconded by Iain Chesterman, this was approved by the AGM

#### **6.0 Election of Vice President for 2023**

Iain Chesterman noted that there was currently no proposed candidate for Vice-President. The vacancy was referred back to the Committee to fill.

#### **7.0 Appointment of Officers**

Proposed by Ian Galbraith that Nicholas Allen be Chairman of the Club – seconded by Geoffrey Cook

Proposed by James Davey that Sally Webber be Vice-Chairman of the Club – seconded by Roland Johnson.

Proposed by Sally Webber that Clare Lock be Secretary of the Club – seconded by Nicholas Allen.

Proposed by Iain Chesterman and seconded by Nicholas Allen that Steve Runnacles was elected as Treasurer.

## **8.0 Election of New Committee Members**

Proposed by Clare Lock and seconded by James Davey that John Caudle was elected as a Committee member for the three years 2023 to 2025. The two additional vacancies were referred back to the Committee to fill.

These were approved by the AGM.

## **9.0 AOB**

Nikki Brown shared the presentation of the OI Events for the last year. James Davey asked for the presentation to go on the website; this was agreed by the AGM – **Nikki Brown to action.**

Karl Daniels felt the eNews was better because of more school news had been incorporated.

Steve Runnacles thanked Iain Chesterman for his time as Chair, and leading the Committee through some tough times. It was noted that he had received a gift from the Committee.

Iain Chesterman thanked Sally Webber for her work as Secretary.

Roland Johnson was attending online, and as he lived abroad he could attend. He requested occasional events to be run online so wider OIs could attend. This was referred to the Committee to consider further.

Leigh Belcham suggested the online event was hosted by an overseas OI. This was referred to the Committee to consider further. Keith Nelson also felt that having online events for overseas OI would be a good addition.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 7.16pm