

**Minutes of an OBC Committee Meeting held on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2021 in the Cooper Lounge, Expanse Hotel, Bridlington, starting at 7:30 pm**

**Circulation:**

**Officers & Committee:**

**BC Back; MA Barmby; M Eveleigh; JR Ezard; A Fumagalli; PM Gibson; TR Kench; DN Kitching; K Parker-Randall; M Parker-Randall; S Shilladay; PW Thompson; IR Watson; DT Wilkinson; TH Wright; PJV Elliott (co-opted)**

**Branch Secretaries: E de Brouwer; AE Calvert; PM Gibson; IR Watson; MJ Woodhouse**

**Past Presidents: JC Blythe; D Evans; A Sugdon; ME Wilson; JF Wresdell.**

**Trustees: DJ Burnett; A Fumagalli; PM Gibson; PW Thompson.**

**Attendance:**

**M Eveleigh; JR Ezard; PM Gibson; DN Kitching; S Shilladay; PW Thompson; IR Watson; JC Blythe; D Evans; A Sugdon; JF Wresdell**

**1. Apologies**

**TR Kench; K Parker-Randall; M Parker-Randall; DT Wilkinson; TH Wright; PJV Elliott; AE Calvert; MJ Woodhouse; ME Wilson; DJ Burnett**

**2. Minutes of last Committee Meeting on 16<sup>th</sup> April 2021**

Having been circulated, these were taken as read, then approved and signed following a proposition from **DNK**, seconded by **MEv**.

**3. Matters arising from meeting on 16<sup>th</sup> April 2021**

**(a) Subscriptions:** **PMG** reported that the two members tracked down to America have still not paid their subscriptions, but that Peter Stark is continuing to assist with this matter. Club membership is currently 594.

**(b) Recruitment:** In the absence of **DTW**, it was agreed to hold this item in abeyance until the next meeting.

**(c) Website/Facebook:** **JRE** reported that the website had recently been updated to include the Cambridge Branch Reunion invitation.

He further reported that there continues to be plenty of activity on the Club's Facebook page. Photographs of sports teams spanning several generations had recently been provided by **THW** and uploaded by **DTW**.

**(d) Restoring and placing of School stonework crest:** In the absence of **MAB**, a report on this was postponed to the next meeting.

**4. Correspondence**

The Secretary reported that no written correspondence had been received since the last meeting.

**5. Main Agenda Items**

**(a) Treasurer's Report**

The accounts summary provided by the Treasurer was circulated. This showed a balance of £18,693.63 at 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2021 which, when the forthcoming payment for the OB Chronicle is taken into account, is approximately £2000 more than the balance in the equivalent period last year.

### **(b) Trustees' Report**

**PWT** distributed the statement of assets and reported that the value of these has recovered well, rising by more than 30% compared with their value at the same period last year.

He noted that the assets shown do not include those in the Trustees' two bank accounts, which currently total £5979.

**PMG** reported that starting on 1<sup>st</sup> November 2021, HSBC is to levy charges on the Club's and Trustees' current accounts: these will consist of a monthly charge of £5.00 and a further charge for each manual credit and debit.

**PMG** suggested that to reduce the charges, the two Trustees' accounts be moved to the main Club account, making the formal proposition that the Committee instructs the Trustees to close their accounts and that the cash be transferred to the OB Club main account. This was seconded by **MEv** and passed unanimously. **PWT** and **PMG** will arrange for the transfers to be made.

With no resolution yet of the issue concerning the status of the Trustees, **PMG** further proposed that a sub-committee be set up consisting of **PWT**, **PMG**, **DTW** and **TRK**, to report back to the Committee their findings at either the next full Committee meeting or the one following. This was seconded by **JRE** and passed unanimously.

The chairman thanked **PWT** and **PMG** for their hard work dealing with the affairs of the Trustees.

### **(c) Magazine Editor's Report**

**PJVE** reported that, despite the absence of any Club functions during the past twelve months and thanks to a good response from the membership to his plea for articles, another full magazine has been put together and is now with Positive Action. The new edition will have more photographs than last year's as well as six full-page advertisements. **PMG** has as usual undertaken the proof reading and the magazine is ready for printing and for distribution in October.

### **(d) Branch Reports**

The Branch Secretaries reported that reunion lunches will be taking place on the following dates:

Cambridge:	Sat 16 Oct 2021	Gonville Hotel
London:	Sat 19 Feb 2022	RAF Club
Spring Reunion:	Sat 09 Apr 2022	Bridlington Rugby Club
North West:	Sat 21 May 2022	Venue TBA
Sheffield:	Sat 16 Jul 2022	Tapton Hall
Reunion in France:	Date and Venue to be announced	

**IRW** proposed that in view of the very high price now being charged at the Gonville, the possibility of holding the Cambridge Branch reunion every year in College should be considered, and it was suggested this could begin in 2022 if a booking could be made in time. The provisional date for the 2022 reunion is Sat 15 October.

**SSh** informed the meeting that guest rooms in Cambridge colleges are now available to the public, at a rate considerably lower than local hotels. Information about this will in future be included in the annual invitation.

### **(e) Calendar of Events for 2021 and 2022**

These will be posted on the Club website, and the 2022 events will also appear in the Magazine and the Annual Circular. In view of continuing coronavirus precautions at School, no School events will appear on either list. Announcements of any School events which members can attend during 2022 will be made via the Club website and Facebook.

#### **(f) President-Elect for 2022**

It was agreed unanimously that Peter Elliott should be invited to take the office of Club President-Elect for 2022, proceeding to President in 2023. The Secretary will make the invitation and, if it is accepted, Peter will be the Committee's nomination to be put before the AGM in December.

#### **(g) Recipients of OBC Awards**

Information about the School's recent nominations for OBC Trustees awards were circulated to those present. There were 5 candidates nominated, all of whom will be proceeding to higher education in the autumn.

After some discussion, it was agreed to accept the nominations for Chloe Herring, Jack Walker and Elise Jones, each of whom will receive an Amazon voucher for £150 paid for by the Trustees, and for Phoebe Sims, who will receive a cheque for £100 from the Jodie Cappleman fund, which is held at School. Each award winner will also receive a copy of Mike Mortimore's History of the School. The Secretary will deliver the prizes to School.

The nomination of the fifth candidate, William Mottram, for the Wilfrid Parkinson Award for Mathematics, was queried on the grounds that the Business and Management degree course he is taking may not have sufficient mathematical content to meet the terms of the award. The Secretary will request clarification on this matter from the Head of Sixth Form, and a decision was deferred pending his response to this.

#### **(h) Plans for Annual Reunion Weekend**

Annual Circular and Magazine printing and distribution

Friday evening

*Saturday afternoon events*

AGM

Saturday evening: Dinner; Guests

*Sunday morning*

Each of the above items was discussed in detail. It was noted that owing to continuing COVID-19 precautions at School, none of the events shown in italics will take place this year. The AGM on Saturday afternoon will be held in the Cooper Lounge at the Expanse Hotel, starting at 3 pm with refreshments served from 2:30, and a suggestion will appear in the Annual Circular that members wishing to gather for a church service on the Sunday morning could attend Matins at Bridlington Priory, which commences at 10:30 am.

Individual Committee members made notes of their responsibilities. However, all members should note the following:

**IRW** will compile the Annual Circular and arrange for its printing by Positive Action.

Printing of the Magazine and its distribution, together with the Annual Circular, will be done as usual by Positive Action. 500 copies of each will be printed.

Special invitations to attend the informal gathering at the Marine Bar on the Friday evening, 3<sup>rd</sup> December, will be issued to OBs who started School 55 years ago in 1966, and 50 years ago in 1971.

**BCB** and **MEv** both complete their current terms of three years as Committee members. At the AGM, both will stand for re-election without nomination.

Also at the AGM:

**JRE**, the Committee's nomination for President, will be proposed by **PMG** and seconded by **DNK**.

The Committee's nomination for President-Elect will be proposed by **JRE** and seconded by **SSh**.

**PJVE**, co-opted Magazine Editor and Committee nomination for that office, will be proposed by **PWT** and seconded by **DEv**.

It is assumed that everyone else is willing to stand for re-election. If not, please inform **IRW** as soon as possible.

There are two further vacancies for Committee members.

The following choice of guests to attend the Annual Dinner was agreed: **KP-R**; Head Boy and Girl; Deputy Head Boy and Girl; Senior Cadet. **IRW** will ask the School for the names of the students concerned and will send invitations.

After Dinner, the retiring President's nominee will propose the toast to the President and the Old Bridlingtonian Club and the retiring President **TRK** will respond.

Newly-invested President **JRE** will propose the toast to the School and Staff, and **KP-R** will be invited to respond.

**IRW** will invite John Lepper to write the verses for *Now No More*. Ken Nixon will be invited to sing, and **PWT** has kindly agreed to act as accompanist. A keyboard will be required.

There will be no disco this year.

**IRW** will invite Roger Brocklesby to produce the report of the Dinner for the next issue of the Magazine.

*There will be a seating plan meeting on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> December at 7 pm in the Cooper Lounge of the Expanse Hotel. **PMG**, **SSh**, **IRW**, **THW** and **JCB** are all invited to attend.*

## **6. AOB**

**PMG** announced that at the next Committee meeting he will be proposing that Honorary Student Memberships be discontinued after the current academic year, with a corresponding rule change to be tabled at the 2022 AGM.

## **7. Date of next Meeting**

The next meeting will be on **Friday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2022** at 7:30 pm in the Cooper Lounge of the Expanse Hotel.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9:32 pm.