

Minutes of the Old Egbertian Association Annual General Meeting
held on Friday 8th May 2009 at Woodford Wells Club,
Monkhams Lane, Woodford Green, Essex at 7.30pm

Present: 37 including 10 wives

The meeting started at 8.11 p.m. Peter Burke was in the chair.

1. Apologies for absence.

Apologies were received from the following: Nicky Bass, Mike Tiernan, Bill West and Iain Noon.

2. Agreement to minutes of AGM of 25th April 2008.

The minutes were agreed without amendment. Proposed Brian Pieri and seconded by Mike Burke and carried.

3. Matters arising from above.

- 3.1 It was noted that the website has been taken over by IME Design as Patrick Flood has stood down from the committee. It was noted that the website needs updating which will take place over the summer. Mr Burke thanked Mr Flood in his absence for the excellent work that he has done on the website since its inception.

4. Chairman's report.

- 4.1 Peter Burke addressed the meeting and thanked everyone for attending and noted that the attendance was significantly greater than last year when there were about 18 in attendance.
- 4.2 Mr. Burke then kept up with the tradition he had introduced in 2007 by offering a drink to the person who had travelled the furthest to attend the meeting. This was won for the second year running by Terry Sumner who had come from Galway.
- 4.3 Mr. Burke then thanked the Association Secretary, Jeff Thomas, for all his work in the past year especially the production and circulation of "The Egbertian" Newsletter and for the production of the History Book.
- 4.4 Mr. Burke went on to thank the Social Secretary, Brian Pieri, for the interesting social programme in 2008. All the events had been well supported with the highlight probably being the House of Lords Tour.
- 4.5 Mr. Burke then went on to say that the Association currently had 95 members and three honorary members which was the highest number for a number of years and asked all present to pass on any contact details that they may have of other former pupils of the College.

5. Questions from the floor regarding Chairman's report and Football Club Report

There were no questions from the floor to the Chairman.

Jeff Thomas, on behalf of the Football Club reported that the first team had been relegated from Senior Division Three having only won one game all season. He added that this was not unexpected as with last seasons first team leaving the club en masse pre-season it had forced our second team to move up as our first team. As expected the standard was always going to be too high for them and so it proved. The second team performed well and finished in a very creditable third position. The third team finished in fourth position but should have finished higher but eight draws curtailed any thoughts of promotion. The fourth team came back well after a very poor start and finished comfortably mid table. Probably the highlight of the season was the Vets team, co - managed by Peter Burke. The Vets are in their second season after being reformed after a difficult first season and they performed very well winning more games than they lost.

Mr Thomas then reported that the football club stand to make a loss of about £1200 this season and thanked the Association for their generous financial assistance during the past season which was much appreciated by all of the Football Club.

6. Treasurer's report.

- 6.1 Chris Eastgate reported that 2008 had been an unusual year financially because, as predicted at last year's AGM, we ran a deficit for the first time since restarting the Association. The deficit of £883 resulted from costs totalling £622 for the History plus £300 for our experimental support for regional events. Neither of these costs should recur. Also, the modest cost of the Christmas party will in future be born by those attending the event.
- 6.2 The number of Associate Members remains at just below 30, despite the timing distortions in the accounts.
- 6.3 The Committee's 2009 budget presupposes a deficit of less than £300 deriving mostly from the need to outsource the work on the web site, plus a general upwards creep in costs & collapsing interest rates.
- 6.4 It was reported that funds at our two bank accounts remained healthy & for 2009/10 the total should remain above the £3,000 presently perceived by the Committee as appropriate for the Association.
Our current account is with Nat West & our interest earning account with Scottish Widows. Both of their holding banks are, of course, now partly owned by the taxpayer so it is reasonable to assume that they are secure.
- 6.5 Given our overall financial situation, the Committee proposed that subscriptions for 2010/11 should remain at £10 for Members & £1 for Associates.
- 6.6 Mr Eastgate then suggested a show of thanks to Tony Thorne for his continued support as Examiner of our accounts.

- 6.7 There being no questions concerning the accounts, the Chairman called for them to be approved. This was proposed by Bill Crisp, seconded by Andrew McGovern and carried by the meeting
- 6.8 It was then proposed by Mike Fitzgerald & seconded by Tony Thorne that membership subscriptions for 2010/11 should remain at £10 for Members & £1 for Associates. This motion was carried by the meeting.

7. Social Calendar for 2009.

The Social Secretary, Mr Brian Pieri reported on last years events and expressed his thanks to Malcolm Potter who had greatly assisted him.

Mr Pieri then reported that, based on the results of the Social Calendar Questionnaire, the 2009 programme was likely to be as follows:

- (a) Mansion House Tour will take place in June, full details will be sent shortly to all members who signed up for this event. 27 members and partners have registered for this event.
- (b) The Guided London Walk will be held on in September with the walk location unknown at this time. 28 members and partners have registered for this event.
- (c) The Theatre Trip will take place in October, the exact date will be fixed when the programme for the Queens Theatre in Hornchurch is announced; 20 people have indicated they will attend.
- (d) The Memorial Mass will be held in December.
- (e) The Mass will be followed by the Christmas Social at the Queen Elizabeth Public House; 26 are expecting to attend although numbers will rise closer to the time.

8. Election of Officers and Committee.

The following members were prepared to stand for committee positions for the forthcoming year:

Position

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| (a) Chairman | Peter Burke |
| (b) Vice Chairman | Ron Fellowes |
| (c) Secretary | Jeff Thomas |
| (d) Treasurer | Chris Eastgate |
| (e) Membership Secretary | Mike Fitzgerald |
| (f) Social Secretary | Brian Pieri |

Committee members:

Andrew McGovern (and Archivist), Bill Crisp and Mike Jaselsky

Proposed en masse by Brian Pieri and seconded by Andrew McGovern, the motion was carried.

9. Election of Examiner.

It was proposed by Chris Eastgate and seconded by Mike Fitzgerald that Tony Thorne remains as our Accounts Examiner; the motion was carried.

10. Any Other Business.

10.1 The President, Mr. Gerry Abbott, expressed his thanks to the Committee for their hard work during the past year.

10.2 Thanks were also given to Mr. Andrew McGovern for his great efforts in preparing a history of the College Brotherhood which had been produced and distributed to all members last year. The committee, on behalf of the Association then presented Mr McGovern with some cufflinks as a token of its thanks.

10.3 It was noted that Keith Lloyd has sadly passed away during the last year.

The meeting closed at 8.55 p.m.