

**Minutes of the Old Egbertian Association Annual General Meeting**  
**held on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2010 at Woodford Wells Club,**  
**Monkhams Lane, Woodford Green, Essex**

Present were: 19 members and 8 partners

The meeting started at 8.05 p.m. Peter Burke was in the chair.

**1. Apologies for absence.**

Apologies were received from the following: Jeff Thomas, Ron Fellowes, Patrick Flood, Malcolm Potter, Tony Thorne, Martin Higham, Tony Butler, Norman Davis, Gordon Maxwell, Terry Sumner, Ian Noon and Alan Geary.

**2. Agreement to minutes of AGM of 8<sup>th</sup> May 2009.**

The minutes were agreed without amendment. Proposed Andrew McGovern and seconded Michael Tiernan and carried unanimously.

**3. Matters arising from above.**

There were no matters arising.

**4. Chairman's report.**

4.1 Peter Burke addressed the meeting and thanked everyone for attending.

4.2 Mr. Burke reported the passing away of Patrick Moore and Colin Noon and condolences were expressed for both families.

4.3 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 by Andrew Carslake who had come from Brighton.

4.4 Mr. Burke expressed the view that the past year had been successful with a social programme that had been enjoyed by a good proportion of the members. The overall membership of the Association had remained steady and he had contacted most of the members who lived far away to ensure they felt part of the Association.

4.5 Mr. Burke then thanked the Association Secretary, Jeff Thomas, in his unavoidable absence, for all his work in the past year especially the preparation, production and circulation of "The Egbertian" Newsletter. Jeff was also the link with the Football Club and he had circulated a report on the Club activities with the AGM papers.

He had also sent the following update to the meeting:

The first team had been relegated for the second consecutive season. The second team is currently in mid table but with a strong finish might finish in third place. The third team is also in mid table and is most likely to finish in third or fourth position. The fourth team is near the bottom of their league but hopes to avoid relegation. The veteran's team is probably the most successful side this season having won more games than it has lost.

4.6 Mr. Burke asked all members present to sign the attendance book. Mike Fitzgerald reported that the Association currently had 95 members and honorary members (over 50 of which had already renewed their subscriptions) and asked all present to pass on any contact details that they may have of other former pupils of the College.

4.7 Mr. Burke invited all members to comment at any time on what the committee arranges or what we could do better.

**5. Questions from the floor regarding Chairman's report.**

Howard Watling asked if we could "Gift Aid" our subscriptions to increase our income. However the Treasurer said that the Association was not a charity and therefore did not qualify for "Gift Aid".

**6. Treasurer's report.**

6.1 Christopher Eastgate reported that we had had a stable year financially. He referred to the accounts for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> December 2009 which had been previously circulated to all members. The accounts had been inspected and certified by our Independent Examiner, Tony Thorne, to whom he expressed his thanks. Our income during the year had been reduced due primarily to the low interest we received on our bank accounts (now zero on the Scottish Widows account). On the other hand we had reduced expenditure by withdrawing financial support for the Christmas Social, dropping support for the Regional Lunches, and having only two issues of "The Egbertian"; this had more than offset the increase in expenditure on the website. Thus we ended the year with a surplus of £212.

6.2 The balance sheet showed that we were carrying forward a balance of £3,852.

6.3 Mike Jaselsky requested that when the website was being updated the banner "Newsflash" heading should be removed as it refers to "Roll on 2008". Other members also commented on this anomaly!

6.4 Mr. Eastgate said that the Committee, in view of the healthy state of our financial position, wished to recommend to the meeting that annual membership fees should be held at present levels. It was then proposed by David Moore and seconded by Mike Jaselsky that (1) the annual membership fees for 2011/2012 should remain at £10 for members and £1 for associates and (2) the Annual Accounts for 2009 are approved. This motion was then carried unanimously by the meeting.

6.5 The Chairman then thanked Mr. Eastgate for his fine efforts in maintaining the accounts in such good condition.

**7. Social Calendar for 2010.**

The Social Secretary, Mr. Brian Pieri, reported that he had received very favourable comments on the 2009 programme. Based on the results of the Social Calendar Questionnaire, the 2010 programme was likely to be as follows:

- (a) The Tower Bridge Tour would be replaced by the Ceremony of the Keys at the Tower of London preceded by drinks in the Beefeater Bar. The meeting was in favour of this change. Date to be arranged in June, 24 people had so far indicated their intention to take part.
- (b) The Guided London Walk will be held on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> September, details to be circulated in due course; 15 members and partners had so far registered for this event.
- (c) The BBC Television Centre Tour in October was proving popular with 34 people already signed up. Date to be fixed.
- (d) The Memorial Mass will be held on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> December.
- (e) The Mass will be followed by the Christmas Social at the Queen Elizabeth Public House starting at 12 noon; 25 have already expressed their intention to attend.

The meeting unanimously passed a vote of thanks to Brian for all his efforts with the 2009 and 2010 Social Programmes.

#### **8. Election of Officers and Committee.**

The Chairman announced that Christopher Eastgate was standing down as Treasurer. Malcolm Potter has indicated that he would be prepared to fill the vacancy provided his health problems allow; meanwhile Christopher is prepared to continue in the interim. Mike Fitzgerald will resign as Membership Secretary for business reasons but will share some of the duties with Peter Burke. At the meeting Hector Watts said that he would be available to serve on the committee.

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

<i>Position</i>	
(a) Chairman	Peter Burke
(b) Vice Chairman	Ron Fellowes
(c) Secretary	Jeff Thomas
(d) Treasurer	Malcolm Potter (Chris Eastgate in the interim)
(e) Membership Secretary	Peter Burke (assisted by Mike Fitzgerald)
(f) Social Secretary	Brian Pieri

Committee members:

Andrew McGovern (and Archivist), Bill Crisp, Mike Jaselsky and Hector Watts.

Proposed en masse by Howard Watling and seconded by David Moore, the motion was carried.

#### **9. Election of Examiner.**

It was proposed by Christopher Eastgate and seconded by Andrew Mc Govern that Tony Thorne continues as our Accounts Examiner; the motion was carried.

**10. Any Other Business.**

10.1 Vic Mould pointed out that the time of the AGM was missing from the letter of invitation although it did show on the Agenda. This was noted for the future.

10.2 With regard to articles for future issues of the Newsletter, Mike Jaselsky suggested the committee looks at articles from past issues of the Newsletter or Egbertian magazines in the archives as these could be of interest to our newer members. We might also consider articles on interesting holidays taken by members. These comments were noted for the future.

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

The meeting closed at 8.55 p.m.