

MINUTES OF THE JOHN FISHER OLD BOYS' ASSOCIATION AGM
13th April 2007

Present: Neil Ockenden (Chairman) John Albertini Michael Drury (Secretary)
Michael Farrin (Treasurer) Michael Thelwell Simon Drury
John Stewart Gerald Culliford

Apologies: Tony Curtis Hugo Dunn-Meynell Maurice Reaney
Keith Ockenden Tony Ockenden John Barrie John Parsons
Colin de'Ath

Meeting opened at 8.15

- 1 Neil Ockenden circulated his report, which he described as a précis of the past year, to those present. A copy of the report is attached
- 2 Finance. Mike Farrin presented the Income & Expenditure account for the year, a copy of which is attached and shows a surplus of £967. The expenditure on the portrait of Robin Gregory led to the query of the whereabouts of Canon Byrne's portrait. Michael Thelwell said it had gone missing from the clubhouse and no one knew its whereabouts. John Albertini said he had a full-sized colour copy, which he was happy to donate. Michael Thelwell said he would arrange to get it framed.
- 3 Election of Officers. Simon Drury was proposed by Neil Ockenden as chairman which Michael Farrin seconded and the rest of the meeting passed unanimously. All other officers were elected unopposed.
- 4 Membership: Neil said a cull of the old mailing list had left us with a 'live' membership. It was proposed to hold reunions for particular years or decades. The website is seen as the way forward. Mike Thelwell gave a summary of contacts made and registrations received through the website. The people who left in the 1970's were seen as a prime target and the boys who leave each year from now on are to be contacted in their last term at the school. Simon said he thought we could act as a conduit for various Old Boys who are in contact with each other to make contact with similar small groups from their era. We will thus build a large database – again the website is crucial and it must be kept up to date. John Stewart thought that extracts from the school magazine on the website would be a good idea but Mike Thelwell explained that the magazine is no longer produced and has been replaced by a more mundane monthly newsletter which did not contain the esoteric items that the magazine once had. Mike Thelwell agreed to put the idea of re-instituting the school magazine to the head teacher. The most important thing is to get the details of those leaving the school particularly their email address.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.05pm

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Chairman's Report

First, I would once again like to pay tribute to Maurice Reaney for his splendid Newsletter which continues to inform and entertain the members. It is a very heavy undertaking to produce such a quality product three times a year. This past year, Maurice has not been in the best of health and so to have produced the three Newsletters has been nothing short of heroic. We, therefore, have a special reason to thank Maurice and to wish him a steady recovery from his recent operation.

I would like to thank Michael Drury, our Secretary, who has been meticulous in recording the minutes of our Committee meetings. I also thank Michael Farrin for controlling and recording the movements in our modest finances.

Simon Drury has continued the development of the Old Boys' Website. This has produced a large number of visits, including a few from Australia. Michael Thelwell believes that before long we may be able to set up an Australian section ! We earnestly expect that this will become the main form of communication for the Association in the years to come. We are indeed fortunate to have Simon with his flair, expertise and hard work to develop this Website.

Michael Thelwell has worked hard to make the list of members up to date. This has meant that we no longer send the Newsletter to members who are Old Boys who are neither Life Members or pay the modest subscription. We have been putting an abridged version of the Newsletter on the Website, together with notice of forthcoming events.

Michael is also the mainstay of the 30 Section. The Ramble in May for the energetic few, the Lunch in July which attracted the more sedentary among us and the Dinner at Woodcote Park Golf Club for members and their ladies, who enjoy the good things in life, were once again very successful events in 2006. At the Dinner, we were able to welcome our new President, Mr Mark Scully, who took up his appointment as Headmaster in September 2006. We wish him every success in this most challenging role. We also congratulate and thank Pat Liddiard for his most successful year as Acting Headmaster during the year 2005/2006

The Golf Section enjoyed their Annual Meeting at Knole Park, Sevenoaks on 8th September. This is an ideal Club and course for an enjoyable day's or afternoon's golf. The section is always looking for newcomers. The informal afternoon's golf before the 30 Section Dinner at Woodcote Park Golf Club, Coulsdon was also an enjoyable afternoon. As yet, our links with Purley John Fisher Rugby Club, the John Fisher Old Boys Soccer and Cricket Sections remain tenuous. We will be working in the coming year to develop our contacts with them.

We have plans to work on extending our membership among the middle and younger generations of Old Boys. We would be pleased to hear any suggestions from our present membership on how we may achieve this.

Our final occasion in 2006 was the Mass in the School Chapel on Remembrance Sunday for all those connected with the School who have died. Old Boy Canon Jim Pannett said the Mass. Canon Jim had arranged for a Fisher boy to sound the Last Post immediately after Maurice Reaney had finished reading out the names from our Book of Remembrance. It was beautifully played and was most moving.

In conclusion, I would like to thank all the members of the Committee for their hard work and good humoured support during my tenure as Chairman. I look forward to offering my strongest support to my successor, Simon Drury, who I am sure will do a great job in making the Association more relevant to the less elderly members !

Neil Ockenden

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Income & Expenditure Account

Year ended 30th September 2006

	<u>2006</u>		<u>2005</u>	
	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
<u>Income</u>				
Subscriptions		1,300		1,389
Rent		500		500
Sale of Ties		-		129
Profit on Dinner		<u>(200)</u>		<u>100</u>
		1,600		2,118
<u>Expenditure</u>				
Printing, Stationery & Advertising	146		478	
Postage	194		561	
Open Day	-		249	
Web site	90		164	
Portrait of Headmaster	-		438	
JFS Mass	<u>203</u>		<u>-</u>	
		633		1,890
		<u>967</u>		<u>228</u>
Add Balance brought forward		1,817		1,589
	£	<u><u>2,784</u></u>	£	<u><u>1,817</u></u>
 represented by				
Bank Balance at 30th September 2006	£	<u><u>2,784</u></u>	£	<u><u>1,817</u></u>