

**OXFORD SOCIETY OF GLASGOW UNIVERSITY GRADUATES (OSGUG)**

**MINUTES OF THE 29th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**SATURDAY 6th APRIL 2019**

**12.30pm**

**THE CROWN AND THISTLE, ABINGDON**

**COMMITTEE PRESENT:** John Gordon (President), Ken McClements (Treasurer), Alistair Mills (Webmaster), and Margaret Stevenson (Secretary).

**ALSO PRESENT:** Maureen Aitken, Christine Gray, Margaret Hancox, Jackie Hruby, Rosemary Macdonald, Hamish Macdonald, Irene McKenzie, Bob McLatchie, Alistair Milne, Bill Toner, Mary White, Ann Young

**APOLOGIES:** Carol Bateman, Iain Duff, Scott Dunlop, Freda Hughes, Maureen McKeown

**189 MINUTES OF THE 28<sup>th</sup> AGM**

The Minutes of the meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> March 2018 were accepted as correct.

**190 MATTERS ARISING**

Dame Elish Angiolini was mentioned as a possible Patron.

\* It was later established that she was not in fact a Glasgow University Graduate.

**191 PRESIDENT'S REPORT (appended)**

**192 TREASURER'S REPORT (appended)**

Ken drew the members' attention to the fact of slowly decreasing membership and consequently decreasing income. He indicated that there would be further discussion of raising the subscription later in the meeting. He asked again that members with Standing Orders currently paid to RBS should switch to the account with Barclays Bank.

With reference to our donation to the University in 2018 he informed the members that £1200 had been given for 2 travel scholarships as suggested by the University. One recipient, Lucy, a Chemistry student had visited Fukushima as part of the Fukushima Youth Ambassadors Programme. The other recipient, Miriam is a Politics student currently studying for a year at the University of Sydney.

**193 ELECTION OF COMMITTEE FOR 2019- 20**

John, Ken, Alistair and Margaret indicated their willingness to stand again. This was approved by all present.

Hamish Macdonald agreed to join the Committee.

**194 WEBSITE**

Alistair asked members with any suggestions for the site to contact him.

**195 FUTURE EVENTS**

**The Last Tuesday Club**

This will continue on its monthly 'on demand' basis, taking place when members wish to organise/attend.

**Possible College Lunch**

Although no progress has been made to date it was felt by all that this would be worthwhile. Bob McLatchie said that he could be a link with St Cross College and John said he would try the Development Office again for suggestions of possible speakers.

#### **Possible visit to Tom Brown's School Museum Uffington**

This would be a summer visit, possibly on a Sunday when members could avail themselves of the Cream Teas on offer in the local Church.

#### **Possible visit to Diamond Light Source, Harwell**

If there are sufficient numbers it may be feasible to arrange a private visit. This suggestion was met with wide approval.

### **196 A.O.B.**

#### **Membership Fees**

It was suggested to the members the subscription should be increased to £20 per annum. Most members having already paid for this year would not be affected until the 2020 subscription. It is not the Society's policy to withdraw membership from anyone who fails to amend their Standing Order and on this understanding the members agreed to the increase.

#### **Recruitment**

In the light of declining membership numbers some time was spent in discussion of ways to encourage new members and several suggestions were made. Hamish Macdonald thought it may be possible for information about OSGUG to be included in, for example, the financial /funding communications from the Funding Authorities which all Alumni receive on a regular basis. Jackie Hruby mentioned that an email drive may bring some worthwhile results. It was felt that these suggestions would be worth exploring.

#### **Future Donations to the University**

There was further discussion regarding the current Travel Scholarships where members expressed some disappointment at the lack of detailed information received from the University. Some members felt that they would like to support students who were experiencing hardship in the pursuit of their studies. Other suggestions were sponsorship for a PhD student or for a particular subject area, the latter to be rotated on a regular basis. It was agreed that perhaps for the current year Travel Scholarships would be the most convenient way to go. Ken agreed to contact the Development Office to ascertain further possibilities for the future.

#### **Gilmorehill Expansion**

Rosemary Macdonald told members of a recent meeting in London where Professor Frank Coton spoke about the proposed Learning Hub and the ways in which teaching and learning are being shaped by technology. Information is available online.

<https://www.dropbox.com/s/xaoglpkuclxzgj/Future%20Teaching%20Gilmorehill.pptx?dl=0>

The meeting was punctuated by lunch and closed and subsequently closed.

Margaret Stevenson (Secretary)