



Minutes of the 132nd Annual General Meeting
of the Old Caterhamians Association
held on Tuesday 10 January 2023
at 7pm at Caterham School (with an option to join via Zoom)
Chaired by: Clive Furness

PRESENT

OCA Committee Members

Colin Bagnall (Archivist, OC 1949-1955)
Bill Broadhead (Sports Club Rep, OC 1953-1960)
Clive Furness (President, OC 1971-1978)
Benjamin Horne (OC 2001-2009)
Rhia Patel (OC 2011-2016)
David Rogers (Honorary OC, Staff 1969-2006)
Paul Sharp (Treasurer, OC 1963-1972)

Representatives of the School

Emma Collings (Development Director)
Hannah Graydon (External Relations Director)
Annie Hebden (Alumni Officer)
Ceri Jones (Headmaster)

OCA Members

Graham Borley (Honorary OC)
Keith Edwards (OC 1956-1963)
Robert Ireland (OC 1961-1970)
John Mathias (OC 1945-1955)
Graeme Mew (OC 1968-1977)
Mary Whenman (OC 1985-1987)

Apologies for absence

Greg Dunne (OC 2000-2005)
David Kinnear (Vice President, OC 1978-1985)
Vivien Parsons (OE 1964-1978)
Sebastian Raaff (OC 2001-2008)
Chris Syer (OC 1947-1958)

Clive Furness gave a roll call of members who have died since the last AGM (full In Memoriam list can be found on the OCA website: oldcaterhamians.com/our-community/in-memory).

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF LAST AGM

No matters arose from the minutes of the last AGM, and minutes were accepted as a true record.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Full Treasurer's report and copy of the accounts for 2022 (until 31 August 2022) are attached to these minutes.

ELECTION OF COMMITTEE OFFICERS

Committee Members Greg Dunne and Sebastian Raaff both stood down this year. Clive Furness thanked them for their invaluable support.

Clive Furness stepped down as President, and David Kinnear (current Vice-President, OC 1985-1988) was nominated as President. Proposed by Clive Furness and seconded by Paul Sharp.

Clive Furness impressed the importance of encouraging new members to join the committee.

Mary Whenman highlighted one benefit to younger OCs in joining the committee is the opportunity to gain real experience of non-executive roles. This is included as one of the benefits in the OCA Committee Appointment Brief which can be viewed on the OCA website (oldcaterhamians.com/our-community/joining).

Paul Sharp suggested that we ask OCs who have completed their term on the Shadow Board.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Graeme Mew enquired if another Annual Dinner was in the planning. Clive advised the last few years indicated that the events that are most popular amongst OCs, those that have 'sold out' are professional networking evenings, the more informal pub events and those back at school. Previous Annual Dinners in London have been a hard sell to OCs involving a lot of work from the school to encourage attendees. It was mooted that perhaps a more formal dinner should be hosted less regularly, for example every 5-10 years, as a special occasion.

Clive Furness thanked each member of the committee for their contribution and support during his Presidency.

Ceri Jones thanked Clive Furness for his extended service to the OCA as President for the last five years and remarked upon the improvements he has made to the OCA.

Date of the next AGM to be agreed in due course.

Meeting closed 19:40

LIST OF ATTACHMENTS TO THESE MINUTES:

- Approved Minutes of the 131st AGM
- Treasurer's Report and Accounts for 2022