

Minutes of the OP Committee Meeting at the Naval Club
Tuesday 8th September 2009

Present: Mark Dumas (Chairman), Robin Knight (President), Ian Williams (Vice President), Lionel Stephens (Hon. Vice-President.) Keith Evans, Andrew Adams, Thomas Garnier (Headmaster), Anthony Fenwick-Wilson, Pip Smitham (Trustee), Stephen Davis, Anthony Clifford.

The Chairman opened the meeting by welcoming the new committee and especially:

- Anthony Clifford who had been able to attend despite the short notice, i.e. being elected on Sunday and attending two days later.
- Lionel Stephens in his new role as Hon Vice-President
- Headmaster Thomas Garnier

He said he was excited to be Chairman and looked forward to building on previous year's achievements, but:

- It must be fun and interesting

1 Apologies: Trevor Turner (Vice-President), Chris Reed (Trustee), Michael Beale (Vice-President), Richard Shuttleworth (Hon. Sec), Tarka Duhalde (Hon Treas.), William Shuttleworth, Alex Smith, Charlie Parry, Niall Kilgour, Jerry Hodgson.

2 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The Minutes were approved and taken as read. It was agreed that in future all sub committee minutes would be circulated to the General Committee by e-mail. In order that work can continue between General Committee meetings it was accepted that all Minutes would be automatically approved 10 calendar days after distribution, assuming there were no comments from the recipients. Distribution would be by e-mail and post to those not having a computer.

3 Matters Arising

None

4 Chairman's Report

MD extended his heartfelt thanks and appreciation to the HM for such tremendous support to the OP Society since becoming Headmaster and asked him to extend our thanks to Lindsey Hughes in particular and all the teachers and staff at the College who are always so helpful.

He thanked IW for everything he had achieved during his two eventful years in the Chair.

MD confirmed he would be writing to Lindsey Hughes to formally invite her to become an Honorary OP. Unanimously welcomed by the committee. **MD**

MD then set out his objectives to build on what we and the PA have achieved over the last few years:

- **To encourage younger OPs of both sexes to participate;** for example should there be a dinner especially for the girls? He requested names of girls who could act as centres of influence amongst their year groups; Charlotte Butterworth, Charlotte Hayne (as was) in Cardiff; Penny Smith, and Tarka Duhalde came to mind – were there any others? Amongst younger OPs Paul Lawrence was also suggested as were others who had been at the College (tennis) on Sunday.
TG suggested we should ask the girls what they would like. **MD**
- **Officers and Committee Reports:** to be submitted and circulated 7 days prior to a committee meeting to minimise time spent on discussion at the meeting.
- **Support for pupils:** increased liaison with scholars/College for student placements, careers, and work experience. TG said that a Careers Forum was in the planning stage. Steve Davis volunteered to act as our intermediary with the College.
- **Pangbourne Association:** Alex Hunter and Danny Lee were no longer on the Committee so two replacements were required. Anthony Clifford volunteered and was accepted. Alex Smith (in his absence) was nominated. Next meetings at the College: 10th October 2009, 20th March 2010, and 12th June 2010. No excuses for non-attendance! **MD**
- **Board of Governors:** TG was asked if he felt an annual presentation to the Governors would appeal, as no members of the OP Society committee were governors. The Committee would appreciate the opportunity. **TG**
- RK said that he had already talked to the Chairman of the Board Michael Allsop about this and had had a favourable reaction. To be arranged.
- **OP Society constitution:** MD has studied The Old Wellingtonian constitution and believes there is much we can learn. He will circulate his thoughts in due course. It was agreed that revising the constitution was a priority in the year ahead. **MD**
- **University visits to OPs:** One idea (well received) is for OPs to visit graduate OPs at universities around the country and fund a “Happy Hour” (or two) for Old Pangbournians and encourage participation in the Society. HM said that Hon. OP Robin Brodhurst would make an ideal host for such a night. (Budget?) **TG**
- **Coordination with the College:** MD asked TG if the College sporting Fixture List could be posted on our website too – provisionally agreed. **TG**
- **Social:** a dinner at the College for OP (Decade group) representatives would be appreciated.
- **Reaching out:** MD suggested a “Membership and Reach” committee. There are 3,600+ OPs out there – we need to find them!
- **Sailing:** Andrew (Bart) Simpson’s painting was ready. We were attempting to contact Bart to arrange a presentation (at a reception), perhaps on HMS

Wellington this winter.

- **Sub-Committees:** MD gave a quick outline of the present structure and asked members to consider on which s-c they would like to serve. MD will keep Social. PS will take over day-to-day administration of the Finance s-c and our accounts but TD will remain Hon Treas. There will be a new Finance s-c. SD will chair both the website s-c and magazine s-c as they are integral in developing communications with OPs. RK has agreed to edit one issue of the transitional forthcoming magazine/newsletter.
- **Sport:** MD hoped Charlie Parry might head this up but we need a link at the College.
- Alex Hunter has agreed to be an OP representative in Sydney.

5 Hon. Secretary's Report (Presented by Lionel Stephens)

Steve started by saying that he had a few observations to make as this was probably the last OP meeting he will attend. Mark again thanked Steve profusely for everything he had done for the OP Society – “We couldn't have done it without you”.

LCS reported the following deaths:

Lt Cdr W.C. Rimmer XO at the College 1960 – 1971

J M Baynam (25-27) Uncle of J Daniel & Chris (father) of TS Hesperus (4 x generations)

Bob Fidler

W F Charles (43-46)

R G Woodward 29-32 via Courtney Edenbrough

John Faber (38 – 41) MRA Michael Smith

Obituaries etc??To be supplied by Steve

Magazine Subs: 6 or 7 will cancel bankers orders; 120 said divert to HSMT

Sub Income:	08/09	£3479
	07/08	£5184

Do we carry on as usual? LCS reported that he had asked Hon Treasurer about the total number of banker's orders but this information was still outstanding.

OP Magazine:

Steve asked that we write to Ted Daubeney to thank him for all his work in supporting the production of The Pangbournian. MD agreed. **MD**

IW suggested we ask Ted what he might like to do under the new arrangements.

LCS went on to stress the importance of the magazine to older OP's and past parents. AF-W and KE concurred. These points were appreciated and acknowledged by the new production team.

AFW supported LCS in asking for magazine to survive in present format and LCS submitted a magazine format to RK for future reference.

MD thanked LCS for his editorship and assured him that his views and those of others were appreciated and that we would be working with the College to ensure that there would be continuity.

6 Headmaster's Report

RK proposed a huge thank you to the Headmaster for OP Day, which despite the lack of a hockey match was felt to have been a most enjoyable day and a great success. TG concurred.

Report appended,

N.B. in the report the HM draws attention to the fact that the next Pangbourne Association meeting will be held at the College on 10 October 2009 and that the OP Society will need to prepare and submit its budget to the PA Committee in time for it to be considered at the next PA Committee meeting on 20 March 2010.

7 Hon. Treasurer's Report

General Fund: £13,596

Our commitments: none at the moment

Pip advised 'Budget' should include items to cover student trips (e.g. Rowing the Atlantic) and the various sports.

Sally Munton's final invoice for Lionel Stephen's portrait has been received and processed for payment.

It was agreed Mark Dumas should be added as a signatory to the OP Society bank accounts (following departure of Hon Sec.).

8 Social Report (Mark Dumas)

Mark reiterated some of the points made earlier in his report.

- The Hurlingham dinner was a great success. Many OPs have requested a repeat. Currently a London event will be in 2011.
- The next OP dinner will be at the College in Spring 2010. We are waiting a date from the College.
- A reception (including partners) will possibly be held on HMS Wellington end 2009/early 2010 to present the painting to Bart Simpson.
- PS suggested an OP tent at Henley. It was agreed to discuss this idea further.

9 Website Report (Steve Davis)

SD gave an upbeat report on progress to date and thanked RK for his enormous contribution. RK asked that more committee members make an effort to contribute material.

SD/Budget

10 Trustees Report (Pip Smitham)

Harry Sykes MT: No current commitments pending transfer to the College. Still subject to legal advice but draft deeds of transfer now prepared – all committee to sign. Three line whip please for attendance at next (signature) meeting. Lawyers had scheduled completion for April 2010 but PS thought (assuming a committee meeting on 3rd November) then 31st December should be possible, with transfer to the College on January 1st. IW said, as he had at the AGM, that in future legacies will go to the College and this would remove the possible confusion of two possible beneficiaries. TG thanked the OPs for this development. He said that the HSMT would initially help the current fundraising campaign and thereafter be refunded to establish an OP Scholarship Fund.

It was agreed that Rachel Sykes, our contact with the Harry's family should be invited to an event when the new development begins. The Committee and LCS also asked that there be a suitable recognition of Harry and the OP Society when various rooms and buildings are named. **OPS/College**

General Fund: As at 29th June 2009 the value of The General Fund stood at £13,596 (£14,525 as at the previous review). This represents the third consecutive decrease in value.

11 Any Other Business

- Hall of Fame – anomalies (6 x inaccuracies; data since temporarily withdrawn from the website) raised by Lionel Stephens (e.g. St Clair Ford played rugby for Scotland NOT England and between 1930 – 1931 not 1920 – 1931). **TG**
- **New OP tie/tie-belt for OP women**: RK said that a new OP tie is available from Dege & Skinner of Savile Row priced at £30 (OP William Skinner has apparently done this on his own initiative).
- RK also proposed that a belt tie be designed and made for OP women. Further research required and RK will report back at the next committee meeting in November.
- KE – Hon OP John Calver sends his regards to the committee.

The meeting closed at 2015.

All meetings at 1800 at the Naval Club, 38, Hill Street, W1

Next Meeting: 3rd November