

The Old Croydonians' Association

THE ASSOCIATION FOR EX-PUPILS OF THE BOROUGH AND SELHURST SCHOOLS

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RECORD OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING held in the BRIT School Lecture Room on Saturday 15th October 2011 at 11.30 am

1. **Apologies for absence:** nine received

In addition to the five Committee members present, there were eleven members in attendance.

2. **Minutes of AGM, 17th October 2009:** see 2011 Magazine. Also available at this meeting for perusal. Adoption proposed John Ashe, seconded Brian Self. All in favour.

3. **Matters arising:** none

4. **Reports**

Chairman's Report:

There would be no further submissions for tickets for the Centenary Lunch on 12th November with immediate effect. 120 people would be attending the lunch at the Selsdon Park Hotel on 12th November.

OCA future: it will be necessary to make changes as membership, and attendance at meetings, is beginning to decline.

No-one has hitherto offered to fill the role of Hon. Secretary of the Association. Looking outside the Association for a volunteer has been considered, but no decision would be made until after the next big event on 12th November.

Treasurer's Report: Copies of the accounts were available at the meeting for those interested. The deficit this year shows an improvement on last year brought about by the charge for the magazine, which brought in funds to pay for it. The cost of the Exhibition was £234, and it should be noted that this figure was kept down by the generosity of the BRIT School who did not charge for the use of the room.

A cost value has been carried forward for the stock of the Centenary Book held at the year end, as it was not published until July 2011. The bank balance, which appears reasonably high, will diminish sharply after paying for the balance of the cost of the book, the centenary meal and printing the next annual magazine. Of course, this will depend on the success of the sales of the book.

Report from Editor: The next Magazine will be ready for publication in May/June 2012 There is a still some space left.

It was suggested, from the floor, that a full obituary of Ted Grant should be included.

Report from Membership Secretary: There are c580 members. Several names have been removed from the list as there has been no address for these members for a number of years. Several copies of the recent newsletter have also been returned marked "gone away". Numbers are starting to decline as there are fewer new people joining than the number we lose each year.

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Webmaster: There are still many visitors to the site include people looking for advertising and people doing research. Material is added regularly. The Home Page is the most popularly visited page. Thanks were extended to Brian Roote and Roger Cox, who do a lot of work behind the scenes to ensure a steady flow of accurate information.

- 5 **Adoption of Reports:** Proposed Derek Mauri, seconded Roy Winnett and adopted unanimously.
- 6 **Re-Election of Auditor:** Brian Smith had agreed to continue in this role: nominated by Brian Self, seconded by John Ashe adopted unanimously.

7 **Re-election of Officers:**

Reg Whellock thanked the Committee for all their hard work.

It was proposed by the Committee that the role of Chairman be held for a period of three years and then the incumbent could seek re-election if desired. This was seconded by Derek Mauri.

The current committee was re-elected by unanimous vote in favour.

8 **Future Events:**

The members present were asked to consider future events and the format they should take. General opinion was in favour of a tour of the new Crescent Primary School, and possibly a meeting with the architects.

It was proposed that the AGM and Summer Reunion should henceforth be joined together as one event. This was agreed unanimously.

- 9 **Any Other Business:** John Ashe re-iterated thanks on behalf of all members to the Committee. He also enquired about the existence of a visual record of the Exhibition held in July. He was told that all exhibits have been returned to their owners and any additional donated material has been lodged at the Croydon Archive Service, where it is accessible to all.

Meeting closed at 12 noon

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