

**MINUTES**  
of the  
**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**  
of  
**THE OLD FELICIANS' CLUB**  
**Saturday 16 March 2019 at 2.30 pm**  
**Randolph Hotel, Reydon, Suffolk.**

**PRESENT** Miss Fran D'Alcorn (Chairman), Mrs. Elizabeth Strowlger (Acting Treasurer), Mrs. Caroline MacMillan (Secretary), Mrs. Carol Smithers, Mrs. Samantha Bowman, Mrs. Mary Anne Aldred, Mrs. Margaret Angus, Mrs. Maggie Boswell, Miss Alison Evans, Mrs. Lyn Kennedy, Mrs. Hilary Price.

**IN ATTENDANCE** Mr. James Harrison, Headmaster of Saint Felix School.

**APOLOGIES** Mrs. Janet Buchanan-Smith (Life President), Mrs. Jean McArthur (Membership Secretary), Mrs. Erica de Courcy, Mrs. Sylvia Hillier, Mrs. Deborah Digby, Mrs. Josephine Saunders, Mrs. Deborah Strickland Evans.

**MINUTES** The minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on the 12 March 2018 having been previously circulated, were agreed to be a true record of the proceedings, proposed by Mrs. Smithers, seconded by Mrs. Stowlger and duly signed by the Chairman.

**MATTERS ARISING** There were no matters arising from these minutes.

**CHAIRMAN'S REPORT** The Chairman welcomed Old Felicians and Mr. Harrison to the 118<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting of the Old Felicians' Club. Although this is a much smaller gathering than last year at the Mansion House (for which many thanks to Samantha Bowman), it does represent the core members of the OFC. In fact, the presence here today of James and Samantha lowers the average age considerably which sadly means that on this occasion I cannot describe myself as the youngest person present though this is still the case on the OFC committee. I eagerly anticipate Samantha in the future taking up the baton to ensure that the Club can continue to function effectively for OFs of all vintages.

Following the extravaganza at Mansion House this has been a relatively quiet year for the OFC. However, a small number of OFs have enjoyed a couple of London visits and the committee has continued to enjoy meeting at Sylvia Hillier's house in Highgate followed by lunch in a local restaurant.

As ever, I am extremely grateful to Caroline MacMillan for not only keeping me on the straight and narrow but also for her continued hard work and endeavours to ensure that the OFC continues to function effectively. I have to add that Colin MacMillan is remarkably tolerant of all the time that she devotes to this. I also wish to record my thanks to all members of the OF committee for their contributions throughout the last year, especially Lizzie Strowlger who has soldiered on as treasurer despite the sad loss of her beloved Ken who will be much missed at these reunions.

I have spent a lot of time during the last year researching the activities of OFs and ex-staff – this has included an OF who committed infanticide, an ex-

member of staff who may have had an illicit relationship with a member of a well-respected Southwold family, OFC badges pre-WW1 and numerous queries about distant relatives and friends.

Additionally, James has devolved to me the task of escorting visiting OFs on tours of the school which has been a thoroughly enjoyable experience and only yesterday afternoon I met with two OF sisters whose mother, grandmother and aunt were also OFs.

I am delighted to report that the Sunk Garden project is making good progress; a current parent has provided a digger free of charge to clear the beds and the funds are now such that sufficient money has been raised to restore the brickwork. This process will start imminently; the recent OF newsletter mentioning the project resulted in a couple of significant donations and I hope that more will be forthcoming in the not too distant future. The OFC has agreed to donate a contribution towards the cost of plants when this stage is reached.

The new format of the newsletter seems to have gone down well, especially now that the packaging is environmentally-friendly. I hope that the increased information about relatively recent OFs will encourage these ex-pupils to recognise that they are an important section of the OFC.

Our Life President, Janet Buchanan-Smith, who unfortunately cannot be with us today, will be 90 this summer and we will be marking this occasion appropriately.

#### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

Elizabeth Stowlger continues to manage the club's financial affairs. She reported that during the year income from sales of postcards and a small surplus from the 2018 lunch at Mansion House resulted in the current account increasing by £273.15 to £2,907.87. Interest of £2.61 on the Business Reserve Account brought that account's total to £2,979.10, and with interest of £23.45 on the Liquidity Manager 95 Day Account this account now stands at £5,062.07. Total funds are £10,949.04.

Mrs. Stowlger suggested that funds in the Business Reserve Account be transferred to the Liquidity Manager Account.

The Club has agreed to buy a lectern for use in Gardiner Hall and Mr. Harrison was asked to forward their requirement to Mrs. Stowlger.

#### **MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY'S REPORT**

The Membership Secretary was unable to attend the meeting and emailed her report. There are 1666 names on the Old Felician data base and seventy-seven OFs have asked for newsletters to be sent by email. During the year 32 postal newsletters have been returned whilst five of those emailed to OFs have failed. During the year notifications of twenty-four deaths have been received.

Jean McArthur has asked to stand down as Membership Secretary but will remain on the committee. The chairman thanked her for all she has done to ensure the data base has been kept up to date.

Lyn Kennedy has agreed to join the committee and take on the role of Membership Secretary. This was proposed by Caroline MacMillan and seconded by Elizabeth Strowlger and Lyn was welcome to the Old Felicians' Committee.

**SECRETARY'S  
REPORT**

Mrs. MacMillan reported that there are now thirty-two regions covered by representatives, nine of these being overseas.

During the year she attend the Association for Representatives of Old Pupils Societies (AROPS) conference which focused on GDPR and also their AGM and dinner in London. It is always good to meet representatives from other societies and discuss problems and achievements. In April along with several OFs she attended the unveiling of the statue to Millicent Fawcett in Parliament Square and September joined the visit to London's Guildhall and June Addison's excellent City walk.

The Secretary dealt with numerous enquiries from OFs, supplied information to the newsletters and ensured that the OF section of the school's website is kept up to date

Thanks were extended to Fran D'Alcorn for her support during the year and for organising the venue for this year's AGM and lunch.

**ANY OTHER  
BUSINESS**

It was noted that Erica de Courcy, a long-standing member of the committee has tendered her resignation. Her work on behalf of Old Felicians and the club over the years is greatly appreciated.

**DATE OF NEXT  
MEETING**

March 2020, date and venue to be arranged.