

OLD SHIRBURNIAN SOCIETY ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

THE 119th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE OLD SHIRBURNIAN SOCIETY WAS HELD ON
SATURDAY 16TH MAY 2015 on THE UPPER AT 4pm.

1. Introduction

The President welcomed those present.

10 members were present and 14 apologies for absence had been received.

2. Minutes

The minutes of the 118th AGM have been posted on the Old Shirburnian Society Website (hard copies available to all members) were approved and signed by the President.

3. Matters Arising

- Informality. It was suggested at the AGM in 2013 that the habit of addressing members with a formal salutation when writing to them was outdated. It was agreed that in future first names should be used wherever possible. The OSS Office has taken up this recommendation and it has been well received even by more senior members of the Society
- In memoriam. A memorial plaque for the OS who lost their life in the Great War was dedicated on Wednesday 15 October 2014, during the OSS Battlefields Trip. The same evening the OSS laid a wreath at the Menin Gate. Headmaster, Ralph Barlow, told the meeting that the School will be taking the whole of the 3rd form to the Battlefields in June. They will be laying several wreaths and would be happy to include wreaths from OS.

4. Reports:

The 119th Annual Record (mailed to all members) carried the annual reports from:

The President

The Chairman

The Headmaster

The Secretary

The Sherborne in the Community

The Trustees of the OS Charitable Trust have reported confidentially to the OS Executive Committee.

5. Questions for the Headmaster

- It was questioned why the School had dropped the IB exam and was told that it was very expensive to run and very few boys wanted to take it.
- Michael Ward had met with Roger Watkins of Sherborne in the Community (formerly Sherborne House) and was very impressed with the work of the Trust. He pressed for the School to become more involved with the Charity and his suggestion was well received by the Headmaster.

6. Accounts

The Hon. Treasurer, Robin Brown, commented on the accounts for both the OSS General Fund and the OSS Charitable Trust for the year ending 31st July 2014 which were signed off at the Finance and Bursary Committee meeting in March 2015. Hard copies or a pdf are available to members of the OSS on request from the OSS Office.

A question was raised regarding the financial wellbeing of the OS General Fund. The Hon. Treasurer explained why the General Fund is in a healthy condition. The loan to the Charitable Trust will soon

be written off in its entirety and that the General Fund will continue to transfer any surplus income to the OS Charitable Trust.

In response to a further question the Hon Treasurer explained that the Charitable Trust currently provides bursaries to 3 boys. Bursaries are awarded in conjunction with the School and packages are put together according to the families' needs. The Committee always welcomes applications and is looking at ways to advertise the bursaries more widely.

Richard Warren proposed that the accounts should be accepted, seconded by David Masters.

6. Elections of Officers of the Society:

No officers were due for re-election until 2016 when Bill Hughes presidency expires. The Secretary explained to the meeting that OS Presidents traditionally choose their successor.

7. Any other business:

There was no other business and the President closed the AGM at 4.20pm

8. Date for the 120th AGM: 4.00pm in The Upper Marquee on OS Day May 2016.

John Harden OSS Secretary (May 2015)