

Queen Elizabeth (Kensington) Branch, KCLA
Minutes of Annual General Meeting
Held on Saturday 3rd October 2015 at King's College, Strand, London.

The Chair, Paul Ogden thanked all for coming to the Reunion/AGM

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apart other absentees, the following members of the Committee sent their apologies

- Seamus Higson
- Sally & Ed Henderson
- Lyn & Henry Embling

MINUTES 2014 AGM

The physical copies of the AGM 2014 minutes were distributed for all to review.

There were no matters arising from the 2014 AGM minutes and they were approved by the meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE

No outstanding correspondence received since the last meeting

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Paul said that yet again there was a fantastic attendance at the Reunion and also there is a growing Membership which is incredible for a closed association.

Paul said that this year broken the 50 mark for the reunion.

Paul mentioned that there have been several changes to the Committee since last year. He welcomed the new members and thanked them for volunteering their time to keep the QEC name still alive.

Paul specially thanked the outgoing members of the committee which included:-

- Pat Cox - the Treasurer who managed the finances very well even through difficult times
- Henry Embling - the Membership Secretary who managed various tasks regarding membership for many years.

A vote of thanks was given to both Pat and Henry.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer, Barbara McLennan, presented the accounts for the year, providing a detailed print out of these which were signed off by Pat Cox, the former Treasurer.

In summary, the total income (from Building Society Interest, Dividends and donations) amounted to £1413.49 The expenditure is £1310.99 making a profit of £102.50 which would increase once the KCLA grant has been received. The number of Shields and Scarves sold

are 18 and 20 respectively. Barbara mentioned that there were still two shields and some scarves if anyone was interested in purchasing them.

The income from JPMorgan pays for the printing of Envoy

This year there are 51 attendees compared to 47 last year.

KCLA

John Brockhouse had already provided a report on KCLA activities in Envoy 2015

John is still trying to find out about the KCLA grant from last year. Though a grant has been allocated for QEKA there is an issue since the KCLA Treasurer left and a permanent replacement has not been found.

Paul pointed out that though we have some profits now, it is important the KCLA does give the grant due to QEKA as its finances can be different at other times

ENVOY

Lyn Embling, the Envoy editor was not present but sent the following

Envoy 2015:

Many thanks to all those who suggested articles and/or contributed to this year's Envoy which was the biggest yet since I have been doing it.

Thanks to the lady who requested an article on College songs, we were able to dig out an informative article by Miss Dillon on the social history of KCHSS as represented in song - this was so long we will be continuing it in the 2016 Envoy.

It was interesting to see the contrast between the refinement of the early days of KCHSS and the final years of the college as described in Paul Ogden's article!

It was also good to have news from quite a few new members and to see the interesting things people have done with their lives since leaving QEC.

My thanks to everyone who contributed, especially as they pulled out the stops this year in order to get all the material to me by early July.

This meant that we could get it to the printer's and on to the new membership secretaries by the first week in August.

My thanks to them for doing the mail-out this year (I presume they did all go out OK !!! :-)

Envoy 2016:

As always any suggestions / contributions would be welcome - whether whole articles or just two-liner snippets - on reminiscences of College, news of what people have done since, interests scientific or otherwise, hobbies , etc etc.

WEBSITE

The web site information given by the webmaster, Gary Thomas:

- Second most visited page is the ENVOY
- All copies of the Envoy are on the web
- Website has 138 pages
- There are about 4000 visits per year to the website, 11/day
- New members trickle in from the website
- Most visit the Website via Wikipedia
- The Rag Mag that Paul has will be put on the website at some point.

Gary once again notified everyone that the Website was there and if there was any material, special visual such as pictures, documents etc then send them to him (and Lyn) so that he can put them on the Website.

ELECTIONS OF OFFICERS/COMMITTEE

Paul pointed out that after a few members left, there is a stable committee at present. However anyone interested to join are welcome.

MERCHANDISE

Paul mentioned that the scarves and shields have been very well received and only have a few left for anyone still interested in buying one.

Wine glasses or mugs could be the next item of merchandise available in the near future.

AOB/SUGGESTIONS FOR THE ASSOCIATION

None

DATE FOR 2016 REUNION

Paul said that though there were discussions to change the date of the Reunion, it still appears to keep on the first Saturday of October. The date for the next Reunion is 1st October 2016