

Minutes of AGM, Saturday 2nd October 2010

Apologies were received from 32 members. The Chair has a list on application.

Matters arising from minutes of 2009 AGM

John Brockhouse handed out copies of the minutes. No one brought anything to the attention of the Committee and so the minutes were accepted.

Correspondence

A representative of King's Alumni office informed the meeting that Kings was mentioned in the Sunday Times list of 25 top ranking universities in the world. It portrayed Kings in a very positive light.

The Principal is to launch a new fundraising campaign in November 2010.

Chairman's report

Copies of Envoy are available with the Chairman's report therein.

Treasurer's report

Pat Cox showed the meeting a signed copy of the Association accounts. Income has exceeded expenditure this year. £1000 has been transferred to a JP Morgan account in the hope of receiving a better return. Pat commented that the reunion tends to overspend each year.

The vote to accept the accounts was proposed by Gary Thomas and seconded by ??? and the vote was passed unanimously in favour of accepting the accounts.

Some monetary donations had been made to the Association and the 2 people concerned had been thanked.

Website

Gary reported that the website was still ticking over with a steady trickle of about one new member every couple of months. He appealed for photos to enhance the website. 216 members are still interested in receiving information via the website.

Committee issues

Election of Officers

John Brockhouse will be stepping down as of the end of today's meeting. No volunteer to take over has come forward but anyone interested was invited to speak to John over lunch. Although the constitution requires a chairman, in practice the committee can function as a team in the absence of a chairman though this is not ideal. The role of the Chair is a coordinating one.

Other committee members are:- Helen Huckvale, Minutes Secretary, Pat Cox, Treasurer, Henry and Lyn Embling, Membership Secretary and Envoy, Gary Thomas, Website. John made a request for new members to assist the current Committee.

KCLA report

John has written a report in Envoy. John currently sits on KCLA council as the representative of QEC and it would be shame if he were not to be replaced thereby leaving no one to promote QEC interests. John will attend the KCLA meeting and dinner on 5th November. A new KCLA president is about to be appointed on the retirement on Lord Ian McCaul. There is also to be a new fund-raising initiative by KCLA, which aims to raise £500M over the next 4 years to support the Medical School. They will be approaching alumni for contributions.

AOB

John thanked Mike Black for his talk and passed on to him good wishes from some members who could not be present.

The deaths of Frances Reed and Julie Bowditch earlier this year were noted with sadness by the meeting.

Members were informed that it might be possible for particular groups to celebrate their own mini-reunions alongside the annual reunion if they so wished.

Gary and Henry are to put together a list of current members on the website. Contact details will not be included.

Lyn was congratulated on the production of Envoy.

Lyn thanked contributors to Envoy and made particular reference to John Brockhouse and Duncan Steele

The Committee thanked John for his dedication and hard work as Chair of the Association this year.

Date of next meeting

The next AGM will be Saturday 1st October 2011, Lecture Theatre 2, Franklin Wilkins Building, Kings College at about 12 noon.