

**QUEEN ELIZABETH (KENSINGTON) BRANCH, K.C.L.A.
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING**

Date: 16th June 2004
Time: 18.30
Location: Room 6.13, James Clark Maxwell Building, Kings College

MINUTES

Present:	Ann Wood (AW)	Chair
	Henry Embling (HE)	Membership Secretary
	Audrey Stubbs (AS)	Treasurer
	Helen Huckvale (HH)	Minutes Secretary
	Michael Farrow (MF)	
	John Brockhouse (JB)	
	Michael Barker (MB)	
	Lyn Embling (LE)	

Queen Elizabeth (Kensington Branch) KCLA referred to as the Association

Please note: These minutes will not be considered until the next Committee Meeting on the 8th December, 2004. The 2004 AGM will consider the Minutes of the 2003AGM.

- 1. Apologies for absence:** Jean Atkins, Pat Cox, Gary Thomas (Gary)
- 2. Matters arising from minutes of Committee meeting on 3rd March 2004:**
The minutes were accepted without change.
- 3. Correspondence**
Brian Salter, Academic Registry has written to request nominations for Fellow of Kings College. Information on the eligibility of nominees was enclosed and is available from the Chair or Kings College Academic Registry.
- 4. Treasurer's Report**
The Association is running at a loss of approximately £320 per annum. This is due to the cost of Envoy and the fact that the AGM in October 2003 ran at a small loss. The Committee discussed this problem at some length and although some reductions in the cost of Envoy might be possible it would not reverse the trend. It was noted that Envoy is the biggest expense but that its role in informing members of current news and in maintaining contact with members was very important and the *raison d'être* of the Association. HE informed the Committee that the active membership is a little over 400. He thought it might be possible to identify Life Members and then request annual subscriptions from remaining active members. JB pointed out that it is 20 years since there have been any new life members. JB also felt that the AGM would provide a good opportunity to put the case of the shrinking funds to those present and to request donations. Donations would be just that and not a new life membership. MB commented that if 400 members were to give £5 each £2000 would be raised. AS stated that around £5000 was left in the funds. MF put forward the idea of a raffle. MF felt that most members would be happy to add a donation of £5 to the ticket price for the AGM. The possibility of producing Christmas cards or note cards with an appropriate picture or photo of College was discussed as was the (expensive) possibility of commissioning another painting of College to raise funds. (HH told the committee of a painter Francis Farmar (has a website) who has done some modern London paintings and might take a commission for a study of Kensington or West London.) *Some reminiscing here by Committee.* It is believed that Duane still has about 8

prints of the painting of College but JB has had no joy in contacting him and does not have an email address for Duane. It was agreed to put the financial situation to the membership at the AGM and to allow a discussion to ensue, possibly resulting in a vote to sanction a way to request or raise donations.

5. Envoy

A contribution for the next issue have been received: namely a tribute to Pat Dunn, a dietician working in Australia (Pat Cox). MF has some additional photos of 1977-9 reunion. An email from Gary stated that the website is now the first hit for QEC and that there was a consistent level of interest with many visitors downloading Envoy. LE and HE will be working on Envoy over the next 6 weeks. LE thought that pictures of the flats and development at Campden Hill would go well in Envoy. MF suggested an entry from Duncan Steel on the transit of Venus. (Duncan's broadcasts can be listened to again via the BBC website) LE expressed some concern about duplication on website and in Envoy but on the whole the Committee felt that this was not a problem.

6. Website news

Gary is getting in touch with any new people who sign up to Friends Reunited. As stated in minutes from March meeting, AW is happy for her email address to be passed to new Friends Reunited contacts. There is also a section on the site for the 1954 members celebrating 50 years on at this year's AGM. A notice for the 50 year reunion has also been placed on Friends Reunited by Gary as well a notification of the AGM for all.

7. AGM – 2004

Some tables will be set aside for the 1954 graduates and some (50) advance notices have been sent out to 1954 graduates and at present it is estimated that around 30 may attend. Professor Barry Keverne (1964) will give this year's talk, titled *Primate Behaviour*. (The speaker for 2005, Professor Martin Hughes has also been chosen, Nancy Rothwell has said she is willing to speak but as yet has not been pinned down) HH will organise a celebration cake for the 1954 graduates and this will probably be presented to them at an appropriate point in the proceedings. AW will order food and drink. It was felt that something very similar to last year would be excellent. The cost will be £20 per person. AW will send out the Calling Notice for the AGM and Gary will add it to the website. Cheques are to go to HE.

8. KCLA report

There is no new report to discuss. The 175th Anniversary Celebrations for Kings , 11th – 13th June were successful and enjoyed by all.

9. AOB

LE asked JB for a short report on the activities of the year for Envoy. AW updated the Committee on the state of play of the different departments at Kings. Chemistry has closed and this year degree programmes in Biological Sciences and Microbiology will also close. Nutrition and Dietetics is safe for the present. Science at Kings will be discussed at the next KCLA meeting. AW has Annual Reports from mid-sixties to mid-seventies. JB reported that the Association is to have a storage facility in the Alumni offices.

10. Date and time of next meeting

8th December 2004.
18.30
JCMB room 6.13