

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Whitgiftian Association held at Croham Road and on Zoom at 7pm on Thursday 16th December 2021

The President, Richard Blundell took the chair.

In Attendance

John Etheridge (Chairman), James Goatcher (Secretary), Andrew Gayler (Treasurer), Jonathan Higgins, Mark Endersby, Chris Sullivan, John Dennis, Rupert Bradshaw, Nick Somers, Tim Flood, Fergus Endersby, Tom Andrews

On Zoom

Peter Warren, Chris Jenkins, Pip Burley, Ian Munro, Thomas Munns, Nigel Bowthorpe, Daniel Lewis, Jonathan Hills, Andreas Dracoulis, Stuart Woodrow, John Bentley, Michael Tarlton, Yik Tsang, Fergus McCombie

1) Apologies

Martin Ashby, Alan Blok, Dick Felix, Richard Bateman, John Straw, David Straw, Henry Parritt, Chris Wrigglesworth, Piers Johnson, Andy Glyn, Dom Edwards, Abdul Mir, Nick Flood

2) To confirm the Minutes of 14th December 2020

It was asked if in future minutes could be posted on the Web site on a timely and it was agreed that the Committee would try to do so within two months. The minutes were approved

3) Matters arising

Nigel Bowthorpe brought up queries on the Chairman's Report to which John Etheridge (JE) replied. These related to so called "joint venture" between WA and John Whitgift Foundation in relation to the Clubhouse and grounds at Croham Road. JE assured the membership that no attempt would be made to finalise any such joint venture arrangements without the endorsement of the membership in general meeting. JE further explained that nothing could be put to the membership unless and until WSC (and its constituent sports clubs) had signalled its (and their) consent to those arrangements. No attempt would be made to agree a deal over the head of WSC.

4) To receive and adopt the Chairman's Report

The report was taken as read and approved

5) There were no resolutions

6) To receive and adopt the Accounts for the year to 31st August 2021

Andrew Gayler presented the accounts and answered the following queries, from Nigel Bowthorpe.

- A) What was the timing of the accounts-- “Andrew met with the accountants on 8th September to agree the timetable”
- B) Why was the accountants fee higher this year--”Partly unbilled costs from last Year”
- C) The wording of the Accountants Report-- “It is a Standard Report”
- D) Can the WSC Accounts be added as an addendum--”There was not time this year but if possible it will be done next year
- E) Chris Sullivan asked about the War Memorial Fund and plans for its future--”There are ongoing discussions with the School” .
- F) Rupert Bradshaw asked when the restrictive covenant on the grounds finishes-- “21 years after Prince Charles dies”.

7) To elect the President for the forthcoming year

In addition to the Committee nomination of Richard Blundell there was a valid nomination of Mark Endersby. There was a vote and Mark Endersby was appointed by 13 votes to 9.

John Etheridge thanked Richard for his years as President through the exceptional period of Covid.

8) Election of Vice Presidents

All current Vice Presidents were re-elected

9) Appointment of Officers

Chairman John Etheridge, Vice Chairman Richard Bateman, Treasurer Andrew Gayler and Secretary James Goatcher were duly elected.

10) Appointment of elected members

Alan Blok,Jonathan Higgins, Stuart Woodrow and Henry Parritt were duly elected. David Straw(Chairman),Nick Flood,Tim Flood, Richard Blundell and James Stremes were elected to serve as directors of OW Trustees Limited. John Etheridge was elected to sit on the Committee of Whitgiftian Benevolent Society.

11) Appointment of an Independent Examiner.

Messrs. Thornton Springer were re-elected

The meeting finished at 20.34