

Grey College Association AGM Minutes
12 April 2008
10:00 am

Minute 787 – Approvals of the minutes

The minutes were approved on a general Aye

Minute 788 – Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence had been received from Alex Rae, Steve Gregory and John Woods

Minute 789 – President's Report

The President reported that the links between the Association, the JCR and the College Officers are stronger and better than ever. The Association is now sponsoring two formals per year where it pays for the food and introduces the Association to the students. The Business Angels scheme is continuing to strengthen and is augmented by the career/CV workshop, organised by Thomas Cliff and Steve Gregory. We note that there are more people signed up to the Grey Business Angels scheme than similar schemes administered by the University.

The reunion in September 2007, organised by the University, was very successful. It was highly praised and well attended. We have now reverted to our April time slot and have retained the ability to organise our own reunion rather than through the newly formed University Catering and Tourist Office. The London reunion continues to be a successful event and this year it will be held on the 19 September 2008 at Topo Gigio in London's Soho.

Grey Matters Magazine has been issued once again. It is now at the highest level of quality we can achieve for a non-professional publication. The magazine was also sent to the SCR, MCR and a number of copies to the JCR.

No questions were asked of the President.

Minute 790 – Association Subscriptions

In discussion with the JCR Executive Committee and the Bursar, there has been a proposal to increase the life membership subscription from £21 to around £50 due to our increased activities and relevance to current students. It was proposed that the subscription be increased to £51 paid in three annual instalments of £17 via the college battels bill. The motion was passed on a general Aye.

Minute 791 - Fundraising

The President proposed to have a voluntary collection for the Association during the evening's dinner. This is to assist with funding the costs of the proposed enlarged Grey Matters magazine for next year's 50th anniversary which would include biographies of certain prominent individuals in the College's history. Kieran Hosty suggested that the Association

should do more to clarify its aims and goals as it presently delivers the majority of its work by stealth, which we should publicise more.

Minute 792 – Treasurer’s Report and Accounts

The Treasurer presented the Annual Accounts for the year to 31 January 2008 and a budget for the four year period to 31 January 2012. The accounts showed an excess of expenditure over income for the year of £5,421. The budget showed that the annual deficits would continue for two further years, until the increased annual subscriptions had taken full effect.

Thomas Cliff asked that the Association awards be put back into the 2012 budget to demonstrate our intent to continue this work. The President clarified that in the short term the awards would be made from the Friends of Grey and that we would return to the usual method of paying from the Association in the future.

A question was asked concerning our ability to look at charging our members additional fees in the future, via donations. The President clarified that as we are not a charity the Association has not pursued donations in the past, but agreed that a donation mechanism should be investigated. Steve Baker proposed that this should be done in next year’s bumper magazine. It was asked if the Association would look at charitable status. It was expressed that we had tried to do this before but had not succeeded. The Officers agreed to look into this again. Kieran Hosty said that there was a light regulatory scheme for charities with income below £100k per annum. Kieran asked to work with Tom Cliff and Henry Dyson to design a paper for consideration at a future meeting.

Minute 793 - Election of Officers

Secretary – Thomas Cliff was re-elected on a general Aye

Treasurer – Alan Richards was re-elected on a general Aye

Vice Presidents – Benjamin N Whitley was elected and Janet Gyllenspetz re-elected on a general Aye

President – Henry Dyson was re-elected on a general Aye

Minute 794 - Reunions 2009

The Jubilee Reunion will be held at Grey College on 17, 18 and 19 April 2009. The London Reunion will be held on 19 September 2008 at Topo Gigio in Brewer St, Soho.

Minute 795 - AOB

The President and former president Mark Creighton offered their thanks to Steve Baker as he steps down as Vice President.

Ben Whitley said that he had started a Facebook Group for the Association that now has approximately 400 recent leavers signed up to site. The Facebook site will provide the Association with a new channel to promote events to its members.

The President drew the meeting to a close at 10:35am.