



**Minutes of the One Hundred and Eighteenth Annual General Meeting
of the Old Tauntonian Association
held at the School on Saturday 17th June 2006**

- Present:** John Carrington (President) in the Chair, John Edwards (Hon.Assn.Secretary), John Newton (Headmaster), John Irvine (President Elect), Michael Button (VP), David Jenkins (VP), Michael Willacy (VP), John Pangbourne, Roger Cutcliffe, Dennis Webb, Paul Wickham, David Bridges, Phillip Griffiths, Michael Beckerleg, Mary Grant, Fiona Guest, Simon Smart, together with six other Past Presidents and fourteen other members.
- Apologies:** Henry Owens (Hon.Assn.Treasurer), Christopher Levan , Michael Colley, Bruce Jeffares, Keith Ingram, Brian Mead, Nigel Fox Bassett and Brian Stent.

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840 Minutes of the 117th Annual General Meeting – 18th June 2005

The minutes, having been circulated, were taken as read and approved.

841 Matters Arising

None

842 Treasurer's Report and Accounts for the Year Ending 31st December 2005

Simon Smart was introduced to the meeting by John Carrington. Simon Smart reported that it had been a good year and that there was a surplus in the general fund for the first time in quite a few years due to the revaluation of our Investment portfolio . He stated that he would be looking at an investment policy over the next six months.

The accounts were proposed by Michael Button and Seconded by David Bridges

Scholarship

Michael Button stated that the fund this year stood at over £76,000. The annual income was in the order of £2300 which is distributed in accordance with advice received from the Headmaster to meritorious pupils and to those in need of financial support. It was for this latter reason that names were no longer published. The scholarship accounts were proposed by John Edwards and seconded by Paul Wickham.

843 Election of President 2006/2007

John Carrington proposed John Irvine as the President. This was seconded by Dennis Webb

John Carrington stated that John Irvine's courage and determination in the face of his adverse state of health was applauded by all.

This was carried with acclamation.

844 Election of President-Elect for 2006/2007

Henry Keeling was proposed as President elect by Jimmy Bake and seconded by Phil Penny

Paul Wickham reminded those present that Henry Keeling was married to an Old Weirfieldian.
The proposition was carried with acclamation.

845 Election of Honorary Association Secretary

Roger Cutliffe proposed John Edwards as the Association Secretary. This was seconded by Michael Button. John was thanked for his services over the past year.

846 Election of Honorary Association Treasurer

David Bridges proposed Simon Smart as Treasurer. This was seconded by Judith Dawson. The President referred to the excellent stewardship of Henry Owens as Treasurer over the last 12 years during which the financial strength of the Association had grown appreciably.

847 Election of Registrar

David Brighton proposed David Bridges as Registrar. This was seconded by David Mason with thanks for his services which are much appreciated by all.

848 Young OT Representative

John Edwards proposed Fiona Guest as the Young OT Representative. This was seconded by Paul Wickham.

849 Election of the Publications Secretary

Jimmy Bake proposed Paul Wickham as the Publications Secretary. This was seconded by Michael Button.

Paul Wickham stated that David Bridges does most of the work.

850 Appointment of Hon.Examiner

Roger Ward was proposed as Examiner for the Association accounts, with thanks for work already done, by Michael Button and this was seconded by John Pangbourne.

851 Report and Recommendation from the Committee

- a) Michael Button stated how the Vice Presidents would support John Irvine during his year as President. He asked that all events have wheelchair access. All contact should be made through him.
- b) The Annual Dinner will be held on Friday 23rd March in the House of Commons. The ticket price would be about £40.

852 Any other business

- a) Michael Button thanked all who had supported the organ fund which had met its target of £75,000 plus a further £6800 towards an organ scholarship. The OTA had raised the money to buy the instrument and the School would pay to fit it. John Pangbourne asked who would administer the organ scholarship. It was reported that no decision had been taken on this yet.
- b) Paul Wickham stated that it would be helpful if the School could let the OTA know about Chapel Centenary events from 10th to 16th. It was reported that the information is pending. February as soon as practical
- c) David Bridges passed on Neil Longstreet's thanks for money that had been pledged.
- d) It was reported that Alec Knight had been awarded the OBE.
- e) John Pangbourne reported on the OTA Trust. He hoped that in future the presentation of the Report and Accounts of the OT Trust would be an agenda item. In presenting the accounts to 31st December 2005 he highlighted the transfer of £18631 to the organ fund, being donations made direct to the Trust to which interest and tax reclaims had been added.

President.....

Date.....

