

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF E.C.O.C.A.
HELD ON EASTER MONDAY, 17th APRIL 2017 IN THE PEARSON ROOM.

The Chairman, Rev'd Charles Roberts, welcomed members to the meeting and thanked Tim Noon (Director of Music), and James Featherstone (Headmaster) for attending. Members attending included: G. Pike, J. Titchin, D. Asater M. Beacham, E. Dare, J. Lomax, A. Millington, J. Edwards, S. Swan, J. Thomas, C. Peers, N. Pedlar, P. Hickman, G. Mitchell, C. Smith, H. Parham-Connolly, H. Deasy, R. Mitchell, M. Smith, S. Fitzpatrick, E. Jones, T. Parsons, Rev'd J. Pedlar, T. Hampshire, C. D'Apice

1. Apologies for absence were received from C. Rendell, P. Newton, F. Geere, N. Helliker, N. Hatswell, S. Smith, J. Skuse, A. Nethsingha, L. Nethsingha, E. Berry, D. Rutter, S. Beattie, G. Hayter, O. Hankin, M. Lister, B. Ferguson, R. Cleverton, A. Hydon, L. Jane, E. Wilkinson, C. Williams, J. Hudson, J. Ridge, A. Gaze, R. Brown, B. Sharp, N. Read, C. Michelmore
2. The meeting stood for a minute silence to remember those members who had died since the last reunion including Naomi Sourbut, Harry Rann and Marjorie Cotton.
3. Minutes of the AGM held on 17th April 2017 had been circulated, it was noted that P. Hickman and D. Asater needed to be added to the list of attendees.
4. Matters arising - None.
5. Director of Music's Report - Tim Noon
 - Honour and privilege to have been part of the reunion. Thrilled there was such a wonderful tradition at Exeter on Easter Monday.
 - Tim particularly enjoyed the sound made by members during Stainer's 'I saw the lord'.
 - Tim introduced the New Assistant Director of Music of ECS and Choral Scholar (S. Fitzpatrick)
 - New Cathedral Choir Robes were blessed at Christmas having been donated by a generous member of the congregation
 - Busy Christmas with 3 concerts and a successful Grandisson service.
 - Choir performed Bach's St John Passion on the Monday of Holy Week for the first time. Future performances of similar are planned for the future
 - Summer Concert including the Panufnik 'Westminster Mass' and Bernstein 'Chichester Psalms' on 1st July.
 - No foreign tour but Senior Choristers to take part on a tour of the UK
 - Sunday 10th December 2017 - Cathedral Choir to perform Handel's 'Messiah'
 - Thanked ECOCA for being so energetic and thriving, especially for the financial support of choristers.
6. Headmaster's Report - James Featherstone
 - Welcomed the ECOCA back and thanked them for a wonderful day, and for the continued support of ECS and its Choristers.
 - Thanked the Association for the chorister sports, Decani won both the Football with Can winning the Bowling and the Netball
 - School is performing well with 263 at the beginning of the academic year rising to 281 at the start of the trinity term.
 - School has become an accredited part of the BSA (Boarding Schools Association)
 - School performed well during the educational inspection.
 - Good School Guide came to ECS and reflected well on the school.
7. Chairman's Report - Charles Roberts
 - Full Report attached*
 - Jonny Titchin has been confirmed as the New Secretary with Crispin D'Apice joining the committee.
 - The Chairman thanked both James Featherstone and Michele Kitto for their support from the school.
 - The Committee were thanked for their continued hard work, particularly Dominic Asater for his work on the bursary fund and Matthew Ryan for creating the fantastic newsletter.
 - The Director of Music, Choir and Musicians were thanked.

8. Treasurer's Report - Gordon Pike

- Audited Accounts were presented for 2013, 2014 and 2015
- Audited 2016 accounts were presented and accepted. Proposed by E. Dare and Seconded by M. Beecham
- G. Pike proposed Carole Dobson to continue as the auditor - Seconded by J. Titchin
- Main Account has a balance of £821.62 (31.12.16)
- Frank Cotton Memorial Fund has a balance of £1,145.23 (31.12.16)

9. Review of Annual fee for 2016

- J. Titchin invited discussion on whether to raise the annual fee to £20 or invite members to give more.
- A proposal was made with 10 voting to raise the fee and 14 voting to hold the fee at £15.
- The annual fee would remain at £15 for another year.

10. Bursary Fund Treasurer's Report - Dominic Asater

- Wesley Fund has now been incorporated into the Bursary fund.
- D. Asater proposed that John Clifford would audit the accounts. G. Pike seconded.
- As income was over £20,000 the report will go to the Charity Commission.
- Total Expenditure on Bursaries in 2016 £16,300 supporting 10 choristers.
- At 15th April 2017 Bursary Fund commits to 10 choristers and is expected to pay £27,000 in 2017. (this is slightly higher than projected annual income however it should be remembered that the fund has underspent investment income over the past few years.) From September 2017 the ongoing annual commitment will be £17,000.
- DA proposed a fundraising drive mail-shot in the future to further strengthen the bursary fund.

11. Appointment of Examiners Association – Carol Dobson, (GP,JT) Bursary - John Clifford (DA,GP)

12. Election of Officers and Committee

Chairman - Charles Roberts (proposed M. Beecham, seconded E. Dare),
Treasurer - Gordon Pike (proposed N. Pedlar, seconded P. Hickman),
Secretary - Jonny Titchin (proposed D. Asater, seconded C.Peers),
Bursary Fund Treasurer - Dominic Asater (proposed E. Dare, seconded G. Mitchell).

Further existing committee members of Geoffrey Mitchell, Cressida Peers, Tim Hampshire, Matthew Ryan, Simon Swan, Charles Rendell, Crispin D'Apice, John Thomas and the School Headmaster were re-elected en bloc (proposed N. Pedlar, seconded P. Hickman and agreed by the meeting).

13. AOB