



THE GORDONSTOUN ASSOCIATION

Patron: HRH The Duke of Edinburgh KG, KT

Minutes of the Gordonstoun Association (GA) Annual General Meeting
Held on Saturday 7th May 2011, South Room Gordonstoun House

Committee Members Present:

Peter Ramsay (PR)	Chairman/Treasurer
James Craig (JC)	Secretary
Martin Scriven (MS)	
Georgie Middleton (GM)	
John Mulligan (JM)	
Marina Edge (ME)	
Lucy Wickens (LW)	Minutes

There were a total of 21 members present, including the committee.

Apologies

1. Apologies were received from Nigel Rimmer, Karen Campbell, Neil MacKintosh, Charlie Idowu, Ian Laming, Malcolm Flemington, Christopher Garnons-Williams and Simon Montgomery.

Approval of the minutes

2. The minutes of the GA AGM held on Saturday 24th April 2010 were issued to the meeting. The Minutes were approved by all participants.

Matters Arising

10. PR has been unable to check which Meissner paintings belong to the GA, but will check this, and their insurance status by the next AGM.
Action: PR
11. PR has spoken to Hugh Brown, the School's Finance Director, who has confirmed that the GA Accounts need to be fully audited.
17. Currently there have been no applications from Summer School students to become associate members of the GA.

Chairman's Report

3. PR welcomed all GA members to the meeting.
4. PR is pleased to report that the Old Gordonstounian Golfing Society (OGGS) is going from strength to strength with over 60 members signed up.
5. The GA has held many events this year, many of which have been extremely well attended such as the London Carol Service and Calcutta Cup Weekend which both attracted over 200 OGs.
6. PR expressed his concerns over the growing cost of producing the GA Magazine, which now costs the GA over £7000 to produce and despatch. The majority of GA members present at the meeting expressed their willingness to see the magazine go electronic. PR reassured those who were not keen on the magazine going electronic that a hard copy would remain available to them.
7. The Student Support Fund supported its first pupil last summer on their trip to Romania, and this year it will support two more students, one on a trip to Sinai and another to Thailand.

Treasurer's Report

8. The biggest expense this year was the cost of producing and despatching the GA Magazine at just over £7000.
9. The cost of social functions has increased slightly, as more events have been held. It is felt that this cost is an investment in order to strengthen the GA community.
10. The cost of Committee Member expenses have also increased due to increased attendance at committee meetings and social functions. PR assured the meeting that costs are scrutinised and kept to a minimum. Where possible LW makes centralised reservations to keep costs low. The committee have also used teleconference facilities to keep costs at a minimum.
11. The accounts were approved by the meeting, proposed by Michael Stary and seconded by Derrick Webster.

Appoint the auditors for the year 2011/2012

12. PR recommended that the account auditors, Sayers Butterworth LLP, should be retained. All agreed.

Elections

13. James Craig and Martin Scriven which to step down from the committee after seven years in post. PR thanked them for all their support to the GA over the years.

14. Nicola Montgomery nee Hill (Hopeman 1980) has been proposed by Georgie Middleton nee Houseman (Hopeman 1979) and seconded by John Mulligan (Altyre 1981) to join the GA Committee. All present agreed to Nicola joining the committee.

Approval of the revised GA Constitution

15. There was unanimous agreement that 'The Keeper of the Gordonstoun Family' should be appointed and for the constitution to be amended, as below, to reflect this.
- 3.10 A former member of staff or pupil will be appointed by the GA Chairman and the Governor responsible for the Gordonstoun Association (this is always a former pupil) as Keeper of the Gordonstoun Family, a mainly pastoral role. A specific role description will be in place which can be reviewed periodically, for a maximum period of 5 years with an expectation of serving a minimum of 2 years.
16. There was unanimous agreement that former Exchange Students to Gordonstoun and former Aberlour Students, who did not attend Gordonstoun, should become associate members of the Gordonstoun Association. It was also agreed that the constitution would be amended, as below, to reflect this.
- 3.11 Students who have attended Aberlour House but not Gordonstoun School and those who have attended Gordonstoun School as Exchange Students will be invited to join as Associate Members with non voting rights once they reach the age of 18, with a life time subscription of £50 being payable subject to periodic review.

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17. The 200 Club £1000 draw took place and the winning number was:

153 – No winner

PR reminded everyone to join the GA 200 as any surplus money goes towards the GA Student Support Fund, which gives financial help to students who would otherwise struggle to finance their overseas project.