



THE MARLBURIAN CLUB

Minutes of the 124th Annual General Meeting of the Marlburian Club held on Monday 12th October 2020 via Zoom

1. The President's Welcome

Richard Pembroke (B1 1985-90) opened the meeting by extending a warm welcome to the 124th Annual General Meeting and noted that it was the first virtual AGM in the Club's history.

2. To approve the minutes of the 123rd AGM held on 28th September 2019

The President proposed that the Minutes be approved as an accurate record of proceedings. This was seconded by Catherine Stewart (LI 1974-76). The minutes were duly signed. The Members unanimously agreed.

3. To adopt the Marlburian Club Accounts to 31 March 2020

The accounts had been previously circulated.

The President noted that the Treasurer Ian MacKichan (PR 1974-79) was unable to attend the meeting and opened the floor to questions relating to the accounts, of which there were none.

The President proposed the adoption of the accounts and Richard Fleck (B3 1962-67) seconded.

The Members unanimously agreed.

4. To re-elect the Hon. Treasurer, Ian MacKichan (PR 1974-79)

Stephen Bishop (PR 1969-73) proposed that Ian MacKichan be re-elected as Treasurer. The proposal was seconded by Karen Hill (B2/MM 1988-90). The Members unanimously agreed.

5. To adopt the MCCF Accounts to 31st March 2020

Imran Tayabali (LI 1989-94) reported on the Marlburian Club Charitable Fund accounts.

There had been revenue of about £185,000 which was slightly more than the previous year. The fund had made commitments of approximately £500,000 to various causes including £250,000 to the College's Science and Innovation Centre. The rest was largely given to bursary support. The value of the fund as at March 2019 was £7.2 million. It had dropped to £6.2 million in March 2020 at the start of the effects of the pandemic in the UK and by September the funds were back at £6.8 million.

Richard Hallows (CO 1961-65) asked why the donation by the Club Account to the Science and Innovation building was so "minimalist". Imran explained that the Foundation had considered the donation to be generous and felt that Club Foundation funds were intended mainly for the benefit of Club members and, while the Science and Innovation Centre was worthy of the donation made, it was a College project and therefore not the primary focus of the Foundation.

The President proposed that the accounts be adopted. Tim Martin-Jenkins (B3 1961-65) seconded the proposal. The Members unanimously agreed.

6. To appoint the auditors – HaysMcIntyre

The President asked for a proposer to re-appoint the auditors, Hays McIntyre. Tim Martin Jenkins proposed the re-appointment. William Wells (C2 1984-89) seconded the proposal. The Members unanimously agreed.

7. The Chairman's report

The President introduced the Chairman, Chris Carpmael (C1 1980-48) who was standing down after six years as Chair. He said that CC had been a driving force in the creation of the Professional Groups and professional networking in the Club and thanked him for his contribution.

CC apologised that the level of his commitment to the role had been less in the second half of his tenure than the first due to various business commitments.

CC had taken on the role of Chair with the aim of strengthening the alumni network for the benefit of both OMs and College pupils in their development and career progression. He also wanted to try and make sure of MCM's inclusion in the network, as best they could be, given the geographical difference. He saw the investment in the alumni network, MC Global Connect, as key to all activity going forwards. This year, many events had to be postponed, but we discovered just how much can be done online and he foresaw a much better mix of online and physical events, allowing more to attend. Before the event programme moved to digital, many successful events had taken place, including the Sustainability forum, the Women's Network event, the Digital networking event, the class of 2014 5-year reunion, the class of 1999 20-year reunion, South West Drinks in Bristol, dinners in Rye and Edinburgh and OMs returned to the College for the Hundred's Careers Speed Dating event. There had also be some sporting events; a cycle ride in the Cotswolds, the OM Sailing Association winning the Charterhouse Bowl Sailing Cup as well as Marlborough Blues retaining the CMJ trophy.

The Chair thanked The President, the President Elect, all the Committee, the Heads of the Professional groups and all those in the Development Office for a huge amount of work put in this year.

He welcomed Karen Hill as the new Chair. William Wells thanked CC for his huge contribution and said that he was a driving force for the OM Club.

8. To elect the President– Catherine Stewart (LI 1974-76)

The President introduced Catherine to the AGM explaining that she has a long and distinguished OM family connection going back 100 years. She is both institutional in the nature of the work she does and entrepreneurial in that she runs her own business with a public policy consultancy based in Brussels.

The President proposed Catherine Stewart for the role of President 2020-21.

James Davenport (PR 1966-70) seconded. The Members unanimously agreed.

Catherine thanked everyone and said that her OM father – Alastair Stewart (PR 1939-43) - would be very pleased to see the connection with the Club continue. Catherine thanked the President for all he had done in a really tough year. She is keen for the Club to be a wide-reaching community, involving OMs the College, parents and Common Room. Having Richard Pembroke on the ground this year had really helped to forge those connections informally, so that the Club, the College, common room and council were all working together albeit with separate objectives. She explained that the Committee will be looking at the Club's objectives in the coming year to ensure that we are providing OMs with the support and the social opportunities that they want from the Club.

9. To elect the Chairman – Karen Hill (B2/MM 1988-90)

The President asked for a proposer for Karen Hill for the role of Chairman. William Wells proposed the notion. Jo Iddon (SU 1987-89) seconded. The Members unanimously agreed.

Karen thanked the members for the honour and privilege of holding the post. She was looking forward to working with the Committee and the new President, in particular, over the coming years as well as meeting as many people as possible, making business and personal connections and creating and implementing sustainable goals for the Club.

10. To nominate the President for 2021-22, Nick Cooke-Priest, (LI 1983-85)

The President introduced Nick Cooke-Priest (LI 1983-85) the nominee for President 2020-21. He informed the member that Nick had a stellar career in the Royal Navy culminating in taking command of HMS Elizabeth in 2018 followed by a move into the industry of maritime data analytics and AI.

Jeremy Cohen (BH 1986-90) nominated Nick Cook-Priest and Tim Martin-Jenkins seconded the proposal. The Members unanimously agreed.

Nick Cooke-Priest thanked the members.

11. Any other business

There was no other business.

The President declared the meeting closed at 21.23pm.