

**Minutes of the AGM of the Old Blundellian Club held in the Colin Beale Centre on
Saturday 18th July 2022 at 10am**

Apologies

Nick Soul, Katharine Sendell, Joe Du'Gay, Maddy Cotton and David d'Arcy Hughes

Minutes of the AGM of 16th October 2021

This was offered as a hybrid meeting.

Minutes were approved by Paul Waterworth and accepted by Jonny Ison and signed by the Chair.

Matters arising from the minutes not covered in the agenda

There was none.

Chairman's Report

Please find the link to the full report or view on the [Meeting page](#) of the OB Club website.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer noted that it was 3 years since the committee last met in this room in this manner. In income and expenditure, subscriptions remain largely the same, but expenditure has dropped considerably, due to events not taking place, hence a surplus for each year. The possession of the surplus remains with the school and there is a conversation to be had regarding the retention of these subscriptions and how expenditure should be structured in the future.

Of note was the OBC's sponsorship of recent school leavers, to further their specialist education or career and started with Dom Bess; which was very successful as he was shortly elevated to the England team. £600 was dispersed last year and this process will be extended into future years, to those whose application is approved (application policy and process applies) (see later note).

Reserves are nearly £63,000 with annual transfer of £1000 to the Beale Centre reserve funds.

The Beale Centre was the initiative of the OB Club after the death of Colin Beale and it remains the cornerstone of the OB club and its activity and The Committee are closely involved with the monitoring of its use and upkeep.

The Beale Centre is successfully and regularly used by a range of stakeholders. The bar also now has contactless payment facilities initiated by Tom Cowle and with its regular use has contributed to the overall surplus.

As the OBC settle into the new normal they will assess how the funds are to be used.

The Treasurer also presented reports on the TCWT and PBS, found also on the Meeting page of the OBC website.

The TCWT has been used for Beale Centre improvements, and funds from the PBS in excess of £200,000, have been spent on school bursaries.

Both the TCWT and PBS rely on alumni support.

The Chair noted that the OBC strategic review, to be carried out later in the year by Tom Cowle, will look at fund usage structure and roles and functions of the OBC, as well as interactions with the School and other key areas.

The question of due diligence regarding OB sponsorship was raised. The Chair responded that David d'Arcy Hughes and Katherine Sendell had created paperwork for formal applications by OBs and that relevant Heads of Department are asked for appropriateness and input.

The reports were proposed for approval by Martyn Grose and seconded by Paul Waterworth.

Re-election of Committee Members

Christian Brook, Jessica Mannix and Nick Soul.

All were accepted with proposals from Nick Swarbrick and seconded by Paul Waterworth.

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The question of donor fatigue was raised, in particular reference to the recent Giving Day. The Chair responded that there was mechanism in place to bring fund raising initiatives together, coordinated by means of communication and that the OBC do not generate requests for fund raising, perse, but work in coordination with those seeking funds (e.g. The Development Office).

Meeting formally closed at 10.30 and the Chair thanked all those who attended.

Links to: Minutes of last meeting, Chairman's Report, Treasurer's Report including the PBS and TCWT reports.

List of Attenders

Richard Swarbrick
Jonny Ison
Paul Waterworth
Charles Abram
Tom Cowle
Christian Brook
Janet Wooff
Simon Lewis
John Taylor

Ben Boswell
Nick Swarbrick
Paul Dawson Bowling
Peter Pugsley
John Brigden
Dee Brigden

Minutes taken by Janet Wooff