

Minutes of the AGM of the Old Blundellian Club held in the Colin Beale Centre on Saturday 22nd June 2024

Attendees

Katharine Sendell Chair, (KS), Jonny Ison, Treasurer (JI), Janet Wooff, Secretary (JW), Paul Waterworth, President (PWB), Richard Swarbrick (RJS), Christian Brook (CB), David d’Arcy Hughes (DDH), Jenny Scott (JS), Charles Abram (CA), Tom Cowle, Director of Development (TC)

Non-committee attendees: John Rees, Nicholas Swarbrick and Martin Whitaker

Apologies

Alexandra Steel, Nick Soul, Jessica Mannix, Olivia Pinkney and Bart Wielenga, Head.

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The Minutes were approved and signed by the Chair.

Matters arising from the minutes not covered in the agenda

There were none.

Chair’s Report.

The Chair welcomed everyone to her first AGM.

The Chair wished to record her gratitude to the outgoing Chair, Richard Swarbrick, who served so passionately for the past 7 years.

She highlighted the flourishing working relationships the OBC have, particularly with the DO, alongside the Marketing and Community teams, as well as the Club’s close connection with the Governors.

The Chair reflected on the past year, including events, sponsorships, funding and all other activities taking place under the umbrella of the OBC. She wished in particular to thank Janet, the OB Secretary, for her commitment to these activities and her level of engagement with the wider community, building and sustaining relationships. She also thanked the OB Day President Olivia Pinkney for agreeing to stand again this year, after the event of 2023, necessitating in the cancellation of OB Day.

These are just a few highlights from the Chair’s Report, with the full report available on the [Meeting Page](#) of the OB Club website.

Treasurer’s Report

The Treasurer spoke to his Report, with the full report available on the [Meeting page](#) of the OB

Club website.

Income remains steady at £24,000, with expenditures at £18,000, leaving a surplus of £6,000, which has been the case for several years. The Treasurer noted that expenditure does not reflect the tremendous amount and level of activities which take place, and the number of people or individuals involved. Affirming the good service the OBC have from Janet and the activities she conducts.

He reminded all, of the arrangements of the Beale Centre made by the School and the OBC, from which most activities take place. The arrangements principally being that the OBC bear the build and improvement costs, whilst the school pay all running costs. The school collects subscriptions from existing pupils and currently owes a substantial amount of money to the Club, which will be used for the imminent refurbishments, exhausting a lot of the reserves, which totalled £75,000 in March. He believes there will be no need to touch the general reserves.

He reassured the audience that due governance takes place by the BC Management Committee, made up of the current School Head, School Bursar and School Governor (none currently), OBC Treasurer, OBC Secretary, alongside OBC Committee Members currently Tom Cowle and Christian Brook.

The BC sits on ground owned by the school, with no formal rental agreement, other than the signed Memorandum of Understanding. It was felt that a more legal footing should be investigated, and this will be taken forward by the committee and any implications thereof. The report was approved by RJS and seconded by CA.

Re-election of Committee Members

The re-election of David d'Arcy Hughes was proposed by CA and seconded by RJS. The formal co-option of Ben Boswell was proposed by DDA and seconded by TC.

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The Treasurer drew attention to the Peter Blundell Society and Ted Crowe Will Trust reports he had provided. Noting that the new score board costing £8,000 was funded by the Ted Crowe Will Trust. Again, these reports are available in full on the [Meeting Page](#) of the OBC Website.