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BEING THE OLD BOYS' ASSOCIATION OF ST. MARYLEBONE GRAMMAR SCHOOL
FORMERLY CALLED THE PHILOLOGICAL SCHOOL

From the Secretary: Peter Walter, 62 Linden Avenue, Wembley, Middx HA9 8BD Tel: 020-8903 4952

March 2011

Overleaf is the agenda for the 2011 Annual General Meeting which Abercorn School is kindly allowing us to hold at 248 Marylebone Road on Wednesday 13th. April at 7.15 p.m. We meet for refreshments from 6.30. The AGM will be followed by a short committee meeting and we should aim to leave by 9 p.m.

We are most grateful to Leslie Payne for taking on the duties of Treasurer for the last two years but, with pressure from other commitments, he is no longer able to bear this burden. We therefore need to elect a new treasurer before the meeting is over. There will also be some committee vacancies.

Please return the slip below as soon as possible if you are coming: it does help us to plan the arrangements for the evening.

This mailing will also include the minutes of the 2010 AGM.

Three dates for your diary:-

Sunday 5th. June. Forest Green.

Tuesday 12th. July. Luncheon at the Savile Club.

Wednesday 26th. October. Annual Dinner at the RAF Club.

Please support all these events. Full details will come in later mailings.

Please return to Peter Walter, 62 Linden Avenue, Wembley, Middlesex
HA9 8 BD by April 9th.

I shall attend the AGM on Wednesday 13th. April 2011

Name (please PRINT clearly).......................................

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

at 248 Marylebone Road

on Wednesday 13th. April 2011 at 7.15 p.m.

1. Opening by the President.

2. Apologies for absence.

3. Minutes of the AGM held on 14th. April 2010.

4. Reports by

   a. The Chairman of the Committee

   b. The Treasurer

   c. The Secretary.

5. Election of officers :-

   a. President

   b. Treasurer

   c. Secretary.

6. Elections to the committee.

7. Appointment of Auditors.

8. Closure by the President.

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Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held at 248 Marylebone Road
on Wednesday 14th. April 2010

Present:- David Belinfante, Dick Durran, Brian Gedalla, George Hobart, Stuart Lawrence, Leslie McKinnes, Gerald Margolis, John Miller, Leslie Payne, Peter Sayers, Leo Solari, Robert Tims, Paul Treadaway, Brian Vickers, Douglas Walters and Peter Walter.

1. The PRESIDENT, Sir Brian Vickers, opened the meeting at 7.21 p.m.

2. APOLOGIES for absence had been received from Bernard Ashfold, Mike Bakall, Michael Beetham, Jeffrey Boss, Peter Ellis, Ian Gillespie, Keith Graham, Jeff Grey, Mike Hall, Roger Hargreaves, Omar Harmon, Desmond Harvey, Peter Hewlett, Felicity Hutton, Roy Kemp, Malcolm King, Ken Lewis, Colin Merricks, Bernard Porter, James Rath, Reg Shaw, Mike Springate, Bob Taylor, Brian Tietjen and Jack Watson.

3. The MINUTES of the AGM of 08 APR 09 were approved and signed by the President.

Reports from the Chairman of the Committee, the Treasurer and the Secretary were presented in a booklet.

4. a. The CHAIRMAN of the COMMITTEE, Peter Sayers, referred to the board from 248 Marylebone Road now at King Solomon Academy. The proposed return of this to its original home may now have been complicated by the listed building status now conferred on the hall at King Solomon. Peter Sayers would seek advice on this. A little more research may be needed into names of headmasters and school captains to be put on the proposed Patrick Hutton memorial board for 248 Marylebone Road. John Miller proposed the adoption of the Chairman's report; Brian Gedalla seconded and the report was approved nem. con.

b. The TREASURER pointed out that the cost of postage continues to rise. This is to some extent alleviated by those who receive communications by e-mail. The attendance at Forest Green was disappointing and we incurred a loss on that event. There remained a healthy balance in the Basil Waters nightcap fund - enough to keep this going at the Dinner for another three or four years. The treasurer had master copies of Ted McNeal's books, enabling reprints to be made - but prices would need to increase to reflect the rise in postage. A donation was made to the Mill Appeal. Mention of this presented an opportunity to point out how much work Omar Harmon, Jack Watson and Peter Woodman have put in at Forest Green. Interest on investments was very low at present and to those who express concern about this the reply is simply that it is hard to find accounts which yield any more. Gerald Margolis proposed the adoption of the Treasurer's report. This was seconded by Rob Tims and the meeting was unanimous in its gratitude to Leslie Payne for taking on the burdens of the treasury.

c. The SECRETARY'S report referred to our sadness at the loss of Ted McNeal. It was agreed that the committee would discuss a memorial to Ted at its May meeting. The adoption of the Secretary's report was proposed by Peter Sayers and seconded by Leslie McKinnes. The meeting approved nem. con.

5. a. The senior member present, Leo Solari, took the chair for the election of a PRESIDENT. Sir Brian Vickers was willing to stand again and was proposed from the chair. The meeting concurred unanimously and Sir Brian resumed the chair.

b. Leslie Payne was willing to continue to serve as TREASURER. He was proposed by Brian Gedalla, seconded by Robert Tims and re-elected nem. con.

c. Peter Walter was willing to stand again as SECRETARY. He was proposed by Stuart Lawrence, seconded by Peter Sayers and re-elected nem. con.

6. Gerald Margolis, Reg Shaw and Mike Springate were due to retire from the COMMITTEE at this meeting. Reg Shaw had said that he is now less mobile and would stand down. The Secretary would write to him to express the Association's appreciation of his many years of service. Gerald Margolis was willing to stand again and, on the assumption that Mike Springate was also willing, their re-election to serve until 2014 was proposed from the chair and approved nem.con. We were content for the moment to leave the remaining committee vacancies unfilled.

7. The treasurer expressed his appreciation of the work and help of the AUDITORS, Leo Solari and George Hobart. Both were willing to serve again for the coming year and their re-appointment was proposed from the chair and agreed nem. con.

8. HONORARY MEMBERS
The Secretary proposed, and the President seconded, the election of Mrs. Eileen McNeal.
Dick Durran proposed, and the Secretary seconded, the election of Ron Welford.
The meeting unanimously confirmed the election of these two Honorary Members.

9. The President closed the meeting at 8.31 p.m.