



Old Silhillians Association

**OLD SILHILLIANS ASSOCIATION LIMITED**  
**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AT 8:00 pm**  
**Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2022**  
**At the Clubhouse**

**MINUTES**

**1. Attendance and apologies.**

Peter Davies (Chairman), Simon Westwood (Secretary), Peter Earl (President), Max Levenger (Facilities Manager), Rupert Young, Graham Loader, Peter Thomas, Mike Bettridge, Malcolm Lawrie, Andrew Webb, Barry Allen, Stephen Tabb, Iain McNidder, Steve Marks, Steve Urry (Treasurer and President Elect).

Apologies were received from David Lloyd (Headmaster), John Harrison, Joe Bates and Peter Bragg.

The Chairman announced that the meeting was quorate and could proceed to business.

**2. Approval of Minutes on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2021, at the Clubhouse.**

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

**3. OSA Trust – Chairman’s Report.**

Peter Thomas explained the changes to the Trust that had taken place during the last year. These changes had been flagged at the last AGM, albeit the final position differed in detail. In exchange for transferring the bulk of the Trust’s funds, the School had offered an annual bursary in perpetuity, in the name of the OSA Trust. The Trust would retain some funds for additional purposes in line with the Trust’s objectives. A new OSA Trust Committee has been set up and its first meeting was held on 14<sup>th</sup> September 2022. Peter further reported that he had met with this year’s scholars and observed that they were very special candidates indeed.

#### 4. **President's Report.**

2022 has finally seen the OSA able to return to normal annual events after the interruption of Covid years. It has been a year full of opportunities for me to represent the OSA, at the Hockey and Rugby Sports Clubs annual dinners, the over 60's lunches where they celebrated the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary at the October lunch with well over 100 attendees, and our OSA annual dinner. All events were held in celebratory style with true OSA socialising involved.

My invitations back to the School for the production of Fame, musical concerts, the emotive Remembrance service and the Nine Lessons and Carols service have given me a wonderful insight and confirmed that the School is in a very strong position. I also attended an evening with holocaust survivor Eva Schloss – a powerful and thought-provoking evening for all who were present.

On Saturday, 10<sup>th</sup> December, on behalf of the OSA, I had the pleasure of presenting a pictorial gift to David Lloyd on the occasion of his final OSA event as Headmaster, the golf December Vase and lunch, at Olton Golf Club. Our thanks go to David for his very successful leadership of Solihull over 12 + years and he is leaving the School in a place of which we can all be proud.

We offer David and Debbie our very best wishes for their future as they return to their home on the Isle of Wight and look forward to their future visits to OSA events.

I acknowledge the hard work carried out by the OSA committee over the last 12 months. Peter Davies for his leadership as Chairman, Max and the team who work at the clubhouse for producing a strong successful year, Steve as treasurer, Simon as secretary, Rupert as Sporting Dinner organiser, John as Annual Dinner organiser, Graham and last but not least Barry.

Barry has decided it is time to stand down tonight, so I thank you sincerely Barry, on behalf of the association, for all the time you have committed to the OSA committee over the numerous years, many as Chairman but also as President.

My thanks to Lucy, Lynn and staff of the Development and Alumni office for their assistance to the OSA over the year and the production of The Silhillian.

I indicated 12 months ago what an honour and privilege I felt, being given the opportunity to be your President for 2022. Having come to the end of my year it has far exceeded my expectations and has been an experience I will always treasure.

I thank every Old Silhillian I have met this year for their support and congratulate the Association for the incredible position we find ourselves in today from the humble beginnings of the Old Boys Club founded in 1921.

Finally, I wish Steve Urry a wonderful year as President to coincide with a new era at school with the arrival of the new Headmaster Charles Fillingham. I am sure you will have an enjoyable year.

**5. Presentation of accounts and Report of the Auditors**

Steve Urry presented the accounts for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> July 2022 (available to view on the web-site). He reported that we had enjoyed a good year to 31<sup>st</sup> July. The current year was not looking so good, principally due to the dramatic rise in utility costs but Steve did express his view that there was no cause for alarm. The meeting accepted the accounts with thanks to Steve Urry and Max Levenger.

As concerns the Trust accounts, some £20,000 had been retained following the transfer of the bulk of the funds to the School Silhillian Fund.

**6. Election of Auditors.**

Steve Urry proposed the re-election of BSM as auditors for the forthcoming year. He also proposed that the Trust accounts should be audited by Jerrom's. This was seconded by Rupert Young and approved by the members present.

**7. Headmaster's Report.**

This was deferred due to the unavoidable absence of the Headmaster.

**8. Election of Officers and Committee for 2023**

As mentioned in the President's report, the Chairman stated that Barry Allen wished to stand down as a member of the committee and thanked him for his many years of exemplary service both as President and Chairman. The Chairman then handed over to the Secretary who read out the nominations received for the forthcoming year as follows;

President:	Steve Urry
President Elect	To be confirmed
Immediate Past President	Peter Earl
Chairman	Peter Davies
Treasurer	In the absence of a suitable candidate, Steve Urry will continue as the 'caretaker' Treasurer for the time being. Efforts to recruit a new Treasurer will continue.
Secretary	Simon Westwood

Facilities Director	Max Levenger
Communications Director	Vacant
General members	Rupert Young John Harrison Graham Loader

The secretary suggested that the election of the officers should be taken collectively. This was agreed by the meeting and the above list unanimously approved.

9. **Assumption of Office by the new President**

The retiring President, Peter Earl, presented the incoming President, Steve Urry, with the President's Collarette and Jewel and wished him well for the forthcoming year. The President thanked Peter and the members present for the honour bestowed on him and stated that he would be in the chair at the bar following the AGM proceedings.

10. **Closure and date of the next AGM.**

The Chairman closed the meeting having thanked those present. The date of the next AGM is Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2023.

**Election of OSA Trust Trustees.**

The Chairman announced the election of three Trustees for the Old Silhillians Trust. Two vacancies arise as current Trustees, Peter Thomas and Richard Jerrom are required to stand down. Both offer themselves for re-election. The third vacancy arises as a result of the sad passing of Peter Callaghan. Graham Loader had offered himself as a candidate. All three were proposed by Peter Davies and Seconded by Rupert Young. Passed unanimously.