

Annual General Meeting

Minutes of Annual General Meeting held on Wednesday 15 October 2008
Room 664 Mechanical Engineering Department, Imperial College.

Present: Roderick Rhys Jones (Chair), Manu Duggal (Treasurer), John Sanderson, Rita Leek and 14 members.

1. Apologies

1.1. Apologies received from John and Caroline Nuttall, Richard Tang and Jill Cook.

2. Minutes of the last meeting

2.1. The minutes of the last meeting were not distributed but the Chairman recapped the changes to the Constitution and the subscriptions and the election of two members to the Committee. The Chairman said that minutes are to be displayed on the Friends' website.

3. Matters arising not dealt with under other items

3.1. There were no matters arising.

4. Chairman's Report

4.1. The Chairman presented his report which was accepted. The report is available on the Friends' website.

5. Treasurer's Report

5.1. The Treasurer's report was accepted. It showed an income of £12,456.00 and an expenditure of £9,708.64. A donation of £1500 to the College was proposed and agreed and the surplus of £3973.35 was carried forward from the previous year giving a surplus of £5,230.71 at the end of the financial year 17 August.

5.2. The Treasurer expressed his gratitude for the donation from Winton but warned that this may not be a permanent arrangement. This was accepted.

5.3. The Treasurer proposed that only those members paying their annual subscription by standing order should benefit from a reduction from £25 to £20. This was agreed.

5.4. A questioner from the floor asked whether we were charged for the venue of the Summer Party. In reply the Chairman stated the charge for the venue was contained in the catering fee. He also said that Winton enjoyed the event and were happy with the outcome.

5.5. The Treasurer asked the meeting whether a similar event should be held this year (i.e. Summer 2009). The Chairman expressed his opinion that the opportunity to promote the Friends particularly to academic staff was of great value and the meeting agreed unanimously that a Summer Party should be included in the events calendar for this year.

5.6. A question was raised as to whether we could invite members of local embassies and the Chairman confirmed that this would be pursued .

6. Election of Committee Members

Four new Committee Members were proposed and they were introduced by the Chairman

- James Lovely, an alumnus and local resident who had studied Botany from 1974 to 1977;
- Bill Blackburn an alumnus who studied Mechanical Engineering, now a management consultant.
- Riitta Soininen who also studied for two degrees at Imperial College: Aeronautical Engineering and Biology
- John Nuttall, also an alumnus who is currently with the Copyright Licensing Agency.

6.1. All four members were elected to the Committee.

6.2. A question was raised as to the maximum size of the Committee and it was agreed that the Constitution should be amended as and when necessary to accommodate new members.

7. Any other business

7.1. A vote of thanks was proposed for the work of the Committee over the last year.

7.2. In the absence of any further business the meeting was closed by the Chairman at 6.55 p.m.