

MINUTES OF THE 82nd A.G.M. OF THE CHILTON OLD GIRLS' ASSOCIATION INC.

HELD IN THE LIBRARY, GREENWOOD BUILDING, ON SUNDAY 7 AUGUST 2011 AT 2.00PM

WELCOME

The meeting opened with the school prayer and a welcome from the President to the 82nd Annual General Meeting.

APOLOGIES

Kirsten Fergusson, Sam Carew, Angela Corrigan, Andrea Woodbury, Elizabeth Jollands, Briar Foster, Pamela Newsome, Jane Kirkcaldie, Carol Peterson.

PRESENT

Sue Calvert, Jenny Mawson, Liz Friend, Michelle Luping, Judith Norman, Sue Blundell, Krystyna Wishnowsky, Dorothy Ewart, Margaret Maynard, Diane Dykes, Sarah Harvey, Abby Burns, Beth Williams, Karen Feast, Jude Fawcett (Principal) and Fiona Pattison (Director Marketing and Communications).

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Margaret Maynard noted that there were a couple of typographical errors. Angela Petersen had been spelt incorrectly. Also it was Helen Watt (nee Wilkinson) without an 's'.

Also under the Historical Trust report the thank you list needed to be completed.

Margaret Maynard also asked Jude Fawcett for clarification under her report on what was meant by the generation photographs of old girls. It was explained that these would be photographs of current pupils at the school with links to old girls, either by mother, grandmother or great-grandmother, which would then be published in Spotlight or other relevant school publications.

Jenny Mawson thanked Sue Calvert for mailing the older life members a paper copy of the previous Minutes and Agenda.

Once the corrections were made, it was agreed that the Minutes of the 81st AGM be deemed to be an accurate record of the meeting.

Nominated: Sue Calvert

Seconded: Jenny Mawson

Carried

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Sue Calvert advised the meeting that it had been somewhat of a challenging year. The Association had continued to support the school by assisting with the funding of numerous projects. These included:

- Funding towards the wireless network
- Photo albums for year 13 girls
- Contributing towards bibles for leavers
- 3 girls for 2011 had received the COGA scholarship
- COGA had provided books for the library
- Badges for junior school speech competitions and also to the girls who received Scholarship

As a Committee COGA had reviewed and re-reviewed the Associations rules and these would be tabled later at the meeting today for ratification.

As a group of working women, mothers and university students the Committee had struggled to meet during the past year. Even email correspondence had been a struggle at times. There were a number of projects that needed to be completed and there were directions that the Association needed to take to strengthen its foundation. Reviewing the rules was one way to do this. The Association also needed to develop its social networks and its fundraising activities. COGA had approached the school to assist with the day to day activities. There is a need to review and update the membership database and in 2011-2012 it is planned to complete this project. This will take time and will cost the Association to ensure that this is completed correctly and will take the Association into the future.

The Association's website hosted via the School had been vastly improved and it was Sue's understanding that there was potential to extend its functionality in the future. COGA have used email to correspond with all Old Girls this year as well as news and profiles of Old Girls included within Spotlight.

In Wellington the 'Chilton Chat', breakfast coffee for old girls had commenced in attempt to improve social networks.

While the Association had changed the way of operating and had substantially reduced costs in that area, the projects that COGA was involved in were costly. The income now came from subscriptions paid by parents for their daughters to be members of the Association when they leave school. The membership was now over 700 and this consisted mainly of life members and recent pupils. Sue said she had been assured by the Chair of Board of Trustees that the deductions as they were current operating practice would continue.

COGA had received two requests for donations. One from Sue Blundell, archivists and the other from the Principal for an Automatic Electronic Defibrillator. These were two worthy projects and both deserved COGA support. However COGA could not continue to rely on subscription income and must therefore look at new ways of generating donation income.

3. A Chilton Old Girls Association membership fee, if paid while a pupil is still attending Chilton Saint James, will give rise to the automatic Life Membership of that pupil upon leaving the school.
4. All current financial members of the Chilton Old Girls Association at the date of the 2011 AGM will be transferred to the new Life Member status immediately subsequent to the 2011 AGM.
5. Any past member of the Chilton Old Girls Association will be eligible for transfer to Life Membership status upon request and upon receipt of the nominated fee. Each application to be handled on a case-by-case basis.

The meeting agreed that simplification of the membership process was needed. It was agreed that the balance owing on a subscription payment would be handled on a case-by-case basis.

Proposed: Sue Calvert Seconded: Jenny Mawson Carried.

ELECTION OF COMMITTEE 2011-2012

There were now vacancies on the Committee considering that Michelle Luping, Liz Friend and Karen Feast were stepping down. Sue Calvert asked those present to indicate their willingness to continue on the Committee or be prepared to stand on the Committee.

After a show of hands the 2011-2012 Committee now comprises the following:

Sue Calvert (President)

Abby Burns (Network/Liaison Officer)

Sarah Harvey (School Link)

Kirsten Fergusson

Judith Norman

Diane Dykes

Grace Liang

Samantha Carew

The Secretarial/Treasurer role still needed to be finalised with the School.

REPORT FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Jude Fawcett told the meeting that it was a pleasure to now be attending and reporting as Principal rather than last year and in the past as Associate Principal. She advised the meeting that Jill de Araugo resigned in December last year, and her last day at the school had been 11 April 2011. At the same time as Jill had resigned, the Chair of the Board had retired. Michelle Luping had now taken over this role.

Jude thanked COGA for all that it does for the school. She noted particularly how much the staff, the girls and herself enjoy the colours assemblies and all the old girl speakers had been wonderful.

Jude talked about wanting to etch the glassworks outside the library with names of old girls who had made huge contributions to society.

Academically the school was performing well, and last year had been one of the best years in this regard in quite a few years. 30 girls from the Seraphim choir had spent the holidays singing over in Vienna and this had been a wonderful experience for them all.

Jude mentioned that she would like to run a service trip overseas next year at some stage. Destination was still yet to be decided.

Unfortunately the roll had reduced. Some of this was attributed to the fact that St.Orans had been able to secure an extra class which had impacted on Chilton's roll numbers.

There has been a large ICT focus at the school. The wireless system is up and running well and was a huge benefit.

Jude also talked about the importance of linking the old girls and the school, though the process of doing this was not yet finalised. It would also be a focus on the Strategic Plan, especially with the centenary celebrations happening in 2018.

SCHOOL ARCHIVISTS REPORT

Sue Blundell spoke about how wonderful it was to have the schools archives and memrobillia back on site. The facilities were fantastic and she had received great support and contact from past old girls, with uniforms, and past material still coming in. It was hoped that another book would be able to be compiled from the new material for the 2018 centenary. There was certainly a great collection of old photographs.

A diary from a student who boarded at the school in 1929/30 was of great interest.

Sue mentioned that the current students still enjoy her talks to them about the history of the school, and the board mounts outside the archives room had proven very popular. Sue mentioned it would be most useful if COGA could help fund some more of these. They try to update the displays regularly. Margaret Maynard has supported her with this.

Thanks again to Angela Corrigan (Petersen) on the arrival of one more doll for the Angela Petersen collection.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Archives Board Mounts

It was agreed that the payment of \$1,500 would be provided by COGA to fund the purchase of the Board Mounts requested by Sue Blundell for the school archives displays.

Proposed: Abby Burns

Seconded: Michelle Luping

Carried

Automatic Electronic Defibrillator

It was agreed that the payment of \$3,000 would be provided to the School to fund the purchase of a defibrillator to be held at the school in the event of an emergency. First aid training would be provided along with this purchase.

Proposed: Abby Burns

Seconded: Michelle Luping

Carried

It was agreed that these Minutes of the 82nd AGM would be placed on the school website as soon as they were prepared.

The meeting concluded with the school dedication hymn and closed at 3.30pm.