



## MINUTES OF THE OP SOCIETY COMMITTEE MEETING

**Saturday 8 October, 17:00  
Old Library  
Pangbourne College**

**Present:** R Shuttleworth (President), I Williams (Vice-President), L Stephens (Hon. Vice-President), R Knight (Hon. Vice-President), M Rayner (Chairman), T Garnier (Headmaster), P Smitham (Treasurer), A Sterling, C Parry, M Nicholson, F van Niekerk, S Rogers, R Wilkinson, J Fisher, R Binstead, C Reed, M Matthews, D Nicholson, J Hodgson, P Tambling, C Wood, R Batt, A Wells, L Howard, A Garnier, W Anslow-Wilson, O Stephens-Ofner, D Lewis, I Busby, K Townson, J Ash, A McLeod, J Whaley, S Strachan, R Paine, R Paterson, C Edenborough, J Shuttleworth, D Metcalfe, K Hartshorn (Director of Development)

**Apologies:** M Dumas (Vice-President), R Meacher (Secretary), W Donaldson, P Lawrence, J Greaves

### **Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

The minutes of the meeting of 17 May 2016 were deemed to be a true and correct record and were approved.

### **Chairman's Report**

In addition to his written report (included), the Chairman thanked the Headmaster and those at the College for their time and efforts in organising the OP Weekend. It was noted that the College was providing lunch to the OPs and the wine to accompany Sunday lunch was provided by the OP Society.

### **Hon Secretary's Report**

None to report.

### **Headmaster's Report**

The Headmaster's report is submitted with these minutes.

### **Hon. Treasurer's Report**

The Treasurer's report was included, read and approved during the AGM.

## **Social Committee Report**

The report of the social committee was covered by the Centenary Report below.

## **Matters arising from the previous minutes**

These were submitted with the agenda. To note:

The OP Society and Development Office will work to table a new draft Memorandum of Understanding at the February 2017 OP Society Committee meeting. It was *agreed* to circulate copies of the existing MoU to the committee, and a draft MoU will be written, in the first instance, by the Chairman, Director of Development, Headmaster and President of the OP Society. This will be discussed by the wider committee in February 2017.

## **Centenary Report**

A list of key dates was included with the agenda. Robin Paine reported that 85 of 100 places have been booked for the Auckland Weekend in February 2017.

It was noted that the date of the Centenary Service is still provisional and entirely dependent on the availability of the invited Guest of Honour.

## **Sport Committee Report**

The OP Society was thanked for their provision of kit for OP Rugby and OP Cricket in 2015-16.

David Metcalfe organised an OP team for the Cronk Cunis Rugby Tournament, in which the OP side finished 3<sup>rd</sup> overall.

The Arrow Trophy weekend (1-2 October) went very well, with a full team of OPs finishing 12<sup>th</sup> overall. It was noted that two full crews of OPs could have participated, such was the interest, and there was a full support crew for the whole weekend.

Charlie Parry continues to organise OP Golf, and there are two outings per year. The most recent event was the annual OP versus College golf day, which this year was won by the College!

## **Communication**

Larry Howard, the newest member of the committee, is running the official OP Facebook Page. The LinkedIn group now number nearly 500 members, and there is an OP Twitter feed. The importance of social media was noted, and work will continue to improve and update the following.

In addition Emilia Pruszkowski, the college Database Officer, continues to work to add email addresses and contact details to the database.

Thanks to Fergus van Niekerk for creating and maintaining the OP Website.

**AOB**

Robin Knight listed the obituaries since the May 2016 meeting – these are all available on the OP website.

Peter Tambling travelled up for the OP weekend and to present the original Falklands battle ensign from HM Canberra to the College. This had been handed to the College Chaplain at the wreath-laying ceremony earlier in the afternoon.

Robin Knight reported that the OP magazine is in production. All will go to press on 9 December so any contributions must reach him by the end of November. It is already shaping up to be a packed magazine.

### **Date of Next Meeting**

The date of the February 2017 meeting is to be changed to March 2017, as a number of the Committee and College will be in Auckland. The first meeting of 2017 will take place on Tuesday 14 March, 18.00, Naval Club, London, to be followed by dinner.

### *Other confirmed dates*

Committee Meeting: Tuesday 16 May 2017, 18.00 at the Naval Club.

AGM and Committee Meeting: Tuesday 17 October 2017, 18.00 at the Naval Club, to be followed by a drinks reception.