

SALOPIAN CLUB AGM 2024

Held at The Cavalry & Guards Club, Piccadilly, Mayfair, London
on Wednesday 20th November 2024 at 6:30 pm

Present

Miles Preston (Chairman DB 1968), Hugh Ramsbotham (Vice Chairman) Tony Barker (Treasurer DB 1973), Holly Fitzgerald (Director), Richard Boys-Stones (SH 1973), Richard Hudson (M 1972), George McLellan (S 1970), Chris Wain (Head of Futures), Chris Williams (R 1983), Martin Sandford (SH 1968), Tim Lamb (SH 1971), Peter Birch (DB 1971), Oliver Jackson-Hutt (Director of Development), Paul Nichols (S 1971), Richard Eteson (G 1993), Peter Ames (Ch 1993), Marcus Moir (I 1983), Matt Randall (SH 1994), Johnny Arthur (O 1975), Mark Allsup (M 1973), Jonathan Mitchell (PH 1984), Phil Wood (M 1987), Charlotte Finlay (MSH 2010), Oliver O'Callahan-Brown (R 1986), Adam Morris (Rb 2012), Martin Sandford (SH 1968), Simon Baynes (I 1978), Ben Duncan (President, SH 1970), Christine Stephens (Minutes), Henry Southern (G 2008)

1. Welcome. The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. Apologies. Apologies were received from:

John Moore (Staff 1989-2020 and Co-Chair Arts Committee)
Elle Gurden (MSH 2010)
Dan Nicholas (O 1980 and Vice Chair Elect)

3. Minutes.

The Minutes from the previous meeting were approved, proposed by Oliver O'Callahan-Brown and seconded by Peter Birch.

4. Chairman's Report.

It was acknowledged that things were fully back to normal since the Covid pandemic with all groups and clubs thriving – various sports, arts etc and a newly formed property group. It is hoped that there will also be other groups which could be supported by the Club and useful to the Futures Department. Thanks were extended to the Executive Committee who continue to meet monthly via Zoom and to the other committees who meet twice a year. With Hugh Ramsbotham standing down as Vice-Chairman of the Club, the Chairman thanked him for his enormous contribution both to the Club and the School for so many years. Those present heartily applauded Hugh to demonstrate their thanks to him.

5. Accounts.

The Treasurer presented the accounts for 2023-2024 and drew attention to the main income and expenditure items. These included some financial support for a gap year student at the Shewsy and for various capital projects – new flagpoles, restoration of the war memorial, a loan to the Saracens, the golf simulator project and the work required on the Moss Gates. A question was asked about work deemed necessary on the fives courts and if pressure could be applied on the School to take this forward.

Due to illness, the Independent Examiner, Geoffrey Davies (DB 1968) was unable to assist with confirmation of the Club's accounts. Phil Wood was thanked and his help with examining the accounts for this year acknowledged. The accounts were approved - proposed by Peter Birch, seconded by George McLellan.

In conclusion, the Treasurer pointed out that the Club is sound financially and there is a small surplus for the forthcoming financial year.

6. Ratification of Appointments.

Hugh Ramsbotham is standing down as Vice-Chairman and Dan Nicholas who has now joined the committee, will be Vice Chair from January 2025. Peter Birch and Tony Barker have been ratified to serve for another year. Neil Daly has now finished his tenure and John Moore, Henry Southern and Oliver O'Callahan-Brown are to continue for a further three years. It was proposed by Ben Duncan that these changes take place and seconded by Paul Nichols. It is hoped that Geoffrey Davies will continue as the Independent Examiner.

7. President

The Salopian Club President elect, Tim Lamb will be taking over from Ben Duncan in January 2025. He was introduced and welcomed and thanks were extended to Ben for his work during the last year and for his attendance at the majority of OS events.

8. AOB.

Chris Williams (OS Masonic Lodge Secretary) confirmed that the Public School Lodges' Festival will be hosted at the School on Saturday 31st May, 2025. Oliver Jackson-Hutt is coordinating this on behalf of the School.

9. Date of next meeting.

The date and venue of the next AGM is to be confirmed but will hopefully take place on the second Wednesday of November 2025.