

THE QUEEN'S COLLEGE OF GUYANA ASSOCIATION (UK)

(Registered Charity No 801250)

**(UNADOPTED) MINUTES OF THE
TWENTY-SECOND POST-INAUGURAL ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
HELD ON FRIDAY 19TH NOVEMBER 2010
AT THE GUYANA HIGH COMMISSION, LONDON**

1 PRELIMINARIES

1.1 Present

Non-Executive Officers

Vice-President Derek G Hugh, in the chair.

Vice-Presidents Henry O Edwards, Brigadier David A Man, J R Gary Ramprashad and Ivor E Ying.

1.2 Management Committee

Dr Christopher J Chunnillall	– Chairman	Mrs E Claire Carballo
C Ian C Wishart	– Hon. Secretary	S Mark D Dalgety
Praveen D Hanoman	– Hon. Treasurer	Bruce M Nóbrega

Co-opted members: J Mark Adamson, Dr Peter D Fraser and Roderick A Westmaas

Other Attendees

Members Esmond N Fernandes, E L (Ted) Murray and H F (Fred) Weston, and guest Ms Joan Plummer.

1.3 Apologies for Absence

President Dr Neville O Linton (out of the country), Dr John A O Besson, Joseph Le-Roi Smith, R R (Peter) McKenzie, Peter E McLean, Miss Leila D Persaud and Michael J Sharples.

1.4 President's Introductory Remarks/Valete

The President welcomed those present. He then asked the meeting to stand and observe a minute's silence for those old students and members of staff known to have died since the previous AGM. The names were read out by Mark Adamson.

2 ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES OF THE TWENTYFIRST POST-INAUGURAL AGM HELD ON 14.11.09

Noting that the minutes had been previously circulated, the Chairman asked for a motion that they be taken as read. This was proposed by Rod Westmaas, seconded by David Man and carried *nem. con.* Secretary said he had inadvertently omitted the name of Clive H Lloyd, CBE, from the list of Vice-Presidents in item 9 of the minutes. He had corrected this in the official copy. There were no other amendments. The Chairman then asked for a motion proposing the adoption of the minutes. This was proposed by Rod Westmaas, seconded by David Man and carried *nem.con.*

3 MATTERS ARISING

Chairman said that at the previous AGM he had mentioned that a professor at Cambridge University was able to offer scholarships to Guyanese students (item 7.2, 3rd paragraph of the minutes). He (Chairman) had put the professor in touch with the Prime Minister of Guyana. He would check on the status of the offer.

4 MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

4.1 Presentation

MC Chairman Chris Chunnilall presented his report, copies of which were before the meeting. [The Report is also available on the Association's website, www.qcoga.org.uk.] Key points were:

- ◆ Total membership 113 including 88 life members and three honorary members (two of whom are life).
- ◆ Profits from fund-raising events were £2291.
- ◆ New fundraising initiatives were a Sunday Brunch and an Evening of Guyanese Art, Music and Literature (the latter on the first day of the 2010–11 year). The former made a significant profit.
- ◆ Donations to QC were £2420 worth of school ties (monies from the sale of which would accrue to QCOSA) and £9375 (via QCOSA) for the purchase of 100 desk–chair combinations.
- ◆ Identification of a suitable item for purchase by the promised Masonic donation still awaited.
- ◆ Donation of £450 received from the family and friends of the late Bob Batchelor to be used to purchase items for the Art Department. Approach being made to the school to determine how the donation should be spent.
- ◆ An order costing £1287 has been placed for a further 585 ties.
- ◆ Order for French and Spanish language materials, funded by Mrs Susan Matheson in her late husband's memory, shortly to be placed.
- ◆ Liaison through teleconferences maintained with ICQC to identify and respond to QC's needs.
- ◆ We were not represented at this year's Annual Business Meeting (ABM) held in New York. It is proposed to hold the 2011 meeting in London on the weekend of 8th October.

Chairman concluded by thanking the High Commissioner for granting the use of the premises for our meetings, to the staff of the High Commission, especially Carl Browne, for their assistance, and to Committee members for their enthusiastic efforts.

4.2 Discussion

Meeting Chairman (DGH) invited questions and comments on the report. Referring to the promised donation from the Guyana Lodge (UK), he observed that QC old boy Dickie Fields was District Grandmaster of the Masons in Guyana, and suggested he be approached for a donation to supplement that of the UK lodge.

Ivor Ying congratulated Rod Westmaas on organising a successful Brunch, but felt that more support should have been given by Committee members. Mark Adamson concurred.

Regarding the school ties currently on order, Secretary said they were now available and would shortly be shipped.

Secretary asked about the status of the Bob Batchelor donation. MC Chairman (CJC) replied that Leila Persaud (who was handling the matter) was having difficulty in contacting the right person at QC. He would be in Guyana over the Christmas and would follow up.

Ivor Ying and Mark Dalgety suggested that the money could be used to fund an annual art prize for a number of years.

The Meeting Chairman complimented MC Chairman on his report.

5 TRUSTEES' REPORT AND ADOPTION OF THE ACCOUNTS

Treasurer noted that copies of the Independent Examiner's Report, the Trustees' Report and the Accounts and Notes thereon were before the meeting. He then went through the accounts line by line with explanations. Bank balances were £5,606 compared with £14,661 at the end of the previous year. The reduction was due to disbursements made for the benefit of QC.

There being no questions, the Chairman requested a motion for the adoption of the accounts. This was proposed by Gary Ramprashad, seconded by Henry Edwards, and carried *nem. con.*

Chairman complimented Treasurer on his presentation.

6 APPOINTMENT OF INDEPENDENT EXAMINER FOR 10-11

Secretary said he had been unable to contact Carl Warren, but believed he would be willing to continue as the Independent Examiner. Treasurer said Carl was away. Bruce Nóbrega proposed and Claire Carballo seconded that Carl be re-appointed. This was carried *nem. con.* Secretary said he would contact Carl on his return to obtain confirmation of his willingness.

7 ICQC MATTERS

Peter Fraser, the Association's representative (jointly with President Neville Linton) on ICQC, reported that several useful teleconferences had been held during the year. The main initiatives discussed were a sports policy for the school (the Ministry of Education had no such policy) and the library plan. He was unsure of the status of the former.

The library plan, which the Toronto Association was funding, had expanded to become a computer network for the school. We had pointed out that QCOSA had not been formally represented in the management of the project; also the need for books to be included. These suggestions had been taken on board.

In reply to a question from Secretary, Peter said we had not yet received the minutes of the 2010 ABM. Regarding the 2011 ABM, Secretary said the tentative proposal was to hold a cultural event on Saturday 8th October at Kensington Library – Rod Westmaas had already made the booking – and the meeting at the High Commission on the Sunday. He had further suggested that a cocktail reception be held at the High Commission on the Friday. These proposals would need to be ratified by the incoming Committee.

8 ELECTION OF PRESIDENT

Chairman announced the Management Committee's proposal that Neville Linton be re-elected President. He reminded the meeting that nominations could also be made from the floor. There being none, Neville was duly returned unopposed.

9 APPOINTMENT OF VICE-PRESIDENTS

Chairman announced that the Management Committee had proposed that the following existing Vice-Presidents be appointed:

John O V Rafferty, MBE (immediate past president)
Lloyd E Bascom
Brigadier David A Man
Sir Shridath S Ramphal, GCMG, OE OM(Jam), OCC
M Trevor Phillips, OBE
Henry O Edwards
Derek G Hugh
Ivor E Ying
J R Gary Ramprashad.

There were no other nominations, and the above-named were duly elected *nem. con.*

10 ELECTION OF THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Chairman said that Praveen Hanoman was ineligible for re-election under the three year rule. Seven persons were to be elected, and each member had up to seven votes. He then invited nominations. These were [**candidate** (proposer, seconder)]:

Ian Wishart (Mark Dalgety, Mark Adamson)
Chris Chunnillall (Peter Fraser, Claire Carballo)
Peter Fraser (Gary Ramprashad, Henry Edwards)
Rod Westmaas (Bruce Nóbrega, Chris Chunnillall)
Mark Dalgety (Claire Carballo, Peter Fraser).
Bruce Nóbrega (Mark Dalgety, Fred Weston)
Claire Carballo (Chris Chunnillall, Derek Hugh)

There being no further nominations, Chairman declared the above seven returned unopposed.

11 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Chairman asked whether there had been any progress in obtaining a sports master for QC. Peter Fraser said the problem was finance. Perhaps the ICQC sports policy would cover the matter.

Gary Ramprashad said the sports ground was in a disgraceful condition. There was little point in financing a new pavilion (one of the aims of ICQC) if the ground was in a mess. He suggested that Chris Chunnillall assess the fitness of the ground for sport when he visits Guyana over Christmas.

Chairman suggested that the ground be rented out to a club who would maintain it for their own use, but allow the school access to it. He asked that this suggestion be put to the Board of Governors through QCOSA.

12 CLOSURE

Chairman thanked those present for their attendance, the Committee for their work over the year, and the High Commissioner for the use of the premises. The meeting was brought to a close by the singing of the first verse of *Carmen Collegii Reginae*.

Prepared by _____ Hon. Sec. (09–10)
(C I C Wishart)

Adopted _____ President
(N O Linton)

Date