

# OLD HARLOVIANS CLUB

## MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

### Held on 20<sup>th</sup> May 2023

26 Members attended the Meeting.

1. **Chairman's Opening Remarks.** The Chairman welcomed everyone to the Meeting, especially one new member who had never been before: Anthony Knight (55-62). He also read out the names of the eight members who have died since our last meeting in 2022.
2. **Minutes of the 2022 Meeting.** The Minutes were taken as read. Adoption of the Minutes was proposed by Mike Dyke (53-58) and seconded by David Morgan (47-55). Carried unanimously.
3. **Matters arising.** Barry Pyle (57-63) raised a point that although the minutes as presented were correct, we had failed to thank the outgoing Committee for all the years of dedication and work they had put into the Club up to their resignations. He proposed that they were thanked at this time as they were in attendance.  
This proposal was unanimously supported by all the members present.
4. **Treasurer's Report.** The Treasurer was unfortunately absent from the meeting and so the Secretary made a short summary of Accounts and reported that there had been no significant financial activity in the last year. The costs for the dinner were also presented to the Meeting. Adoption was proposed by Barry Pyle on condition that the Treasurer should present the Accounts to be distributed with the Minutes and these would be voted on at the next Reunion AGM. This proposal was carried unanimously.
5. **Matters arising.** There were no matters arising.
6. **Future of the Club and Website.**
  - 6.1. *Future of the Club:* There was further discussion about the dwindling numbers of members fit and able to attend the AGM and the request from a number of members, who are not able to come, to hold a lunchtime meeting. After discussion of whether to change the format of the present meeting, the Chairman asked the members to declare who would come to an evening dinner next year and who would be happy to attend a lunchtime meal instead. The results were 22 for holding an evening dinner and only 9 for a lunch. It was therefore agreed that next year's meeting would again be held in the same format as before.
  - 6.2. *Website:* The Web master again confirmed to the Meeting that the domain name, "oldharlovians.co.uk", would only be accessible in future if the Club continued to pay the annual £16 access fee. It was agreed that the fee would continue to be paid for the current year only. After this present year access will only be via the "oldharlovians.weebly.com" site. This should now be adopted by members since, once the annual payment is stopped, the "oldharlovians.co.uk" domain will no longer be findable.  
Henceforth, we should all use the "oldharlovians.weebly.com" site, for which there is no charge. To remind members, the Secretary agreed to include the "weebly" address as a footnote in all future correspondence.  
The website would continue as long as the Web master, Graham Keeler (54-58), was able to administer it, so that it could act as a focus for all members once the Club ceased having meetings.

7. **Election of Chairman.** The re-election of Roger Pyle (53-58) as Chairman was proposed by Peter Roubottom (53-63) and carried unanimously.
8. **Election of Secretary.** The re-election of Peter Smith was proposed by Barry Reid (53-58) and carried unanimously.
9. **Election of Treasurer.** The re-election of Victor Bellingham was proposed by Peter Smith (56-62) and carried unanimously.
10. **Any Other Business.**
  - (a) The Meeting asked the Secretary to convey their thanks for an excellent meal to the caterers and provide a suitable gratuity.
  - (b) The Chairman stated that the Club has two war memorial boards housed with the Harlow Museum and many items of clothing and a bike collection which, since being taken over by an independent company, were no longer displayed at the museum. Michael Dyke suggested the records, documents, and maybe photos, could eventually be deposited with the Essex Records Office. The Chairman agreed to research whether the Essex Records Office would be a suitable site for registering and depositing all our memorabilia as well as the contents of the Website and other unidentified documents, to ensure that all would be available to future researchers.
  - (c) After a question about ensuring the names on the war memorial boards were available to the Imperial War Museum, the Chairman agreed to investigate recovering the names on the boards and supplying them to the IWM.  
For this, the sum of up to £50 is available for donation, as agreed at last year's meeting.
  - (d) Michael Collins proposed that the Meeting thank the Committee for their work this year and their efforts in ensuring the success of the dinner.
  - (e) Peter Smith asked if any of Members present normally contacted by letter would provide an email address by which they could be contacted instead.

The next AGM will be held at St Johns ARC Old Harlow at 19:00 for 19:30 on 18<sup>th</sup> May 2024.

The Meeting closed at approximately 10.30pm.