

Annual General Meeting held on 1st March 2018 • Minutes of Meeting

Minutes of meeting held at Regents Park, Oxford at 7:30pm on Thursday 1st March 2018

Present

Molly Chell (President), Lauren Forwood (Secretary), Kalina Naidoo (Treasurer), Elliot Elliott (IT Officer), Emma Beddall (PR Officer), Bethan Hughes (Quibbler Editor), Freddie W, Adam M, Louise E, Raymond N, Alex H, Joe D, Natalie, Charlotte, Anon

Also in attendance

Cathy

Minutes and matters arising

1. Minutes of previous meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting were unanimously approved and therefore adopted by the society.

General business

2. Amendments to the constitution

Lauren proposes the new constitution as distributed in the agenda. Kalina seconds.

Alex proposes an amendment that we all wear pink. Bethan seconds. Alex withdraws his proposal. Bethan proposes the same change. Emma suggests that it should be more Harry Potter related. Elliot suggests wearing house colours on Wednesdays, Alex suggests Thursdays would make more sense. Bethan withdraws and promises to return next year after more consideration.

The original proposed constitution is voted on and unanimously approved and therefore adopted by the society, taking effect immediately.

3. President's report on the activities of the last year

A copy of Molly's report is included in appendix A. The report was unanimously approved.

4. Treasurer's statement of accounts

Kalina noted that we have money and we're not bankrupt. The society has £180.72 petty cash and £885.52 in the society bank account. The report was unanimously approved.

5. Election of the new committee

All positions are elected with effect from Sunday of 9th week Hilary Term 2018 (11th March 2018).

a) President

Molly ceded the chair to Lauren, as she was running for this position.

There is one nominee for President, Molly Chell. Molly read her manifesto, and then left the room. Voting was by show of hands. Molly is unanimously elected as the next President and returns to the room.

Lauren returned the chair to Molly.

b) Treasurer

There is one nominee for Treasurer, Freddie Wiles. He read his manifesto, noting that he is well qualified as he does maths and knows at least seven numbers, and who can be bothered to vote twice if the society votes to re-open nominations. Freddie left the room. 14 people voted for, and one person voted for re-open nominations. Freddie is elected as the next Treasurer and returns to the room.

c) Secretary

There are two nominees for Secretary, Louise Earnshaw and Chinwati Bhardwaj. Louise read her manifesto, and Molly read the manifesto submitted by Chinwati as she is not present.

Alex pointed out that the old version of the logo has been used on the ballot box. Lauren pointed out that no one else cares about the kerning. Other members of the society are recommended not to ask about the kerning.

Voting is by paper ballot. A Butterbeer and Banter topic is debated while the votes are counted: 'This house believes that Percy Weasley was justified in abandoning his family at the end of Goblet of Fire'.

The results of the vote were as follows: eight people placed Chinvati as first preference, five people placed Louise as first preference, and there was one spoiled ballot.

The results of the vote on the B&B motion were 0 for, 9 against, and 7 abstentions. This society does not believe that Percy Weasley was justified in abandoning his family at the end of Goblet of Fire.

Chinvati was elected as the next Secretary.

d) Social Secretary

Raymond nominated himself for Social Secretary, and read his manifesto. There were no nominations from the floor. Raymond left the room. He is unanimously elected as the social secretary and returns to the room.

e) Quibbler Editor

Bethan nominated herself for Quibbler Editor and read her manifesto after closing the door. Key points included that she has closed many doors and can also open the door. She has closed doors at Merton, Jesus, Somerville, and others.

There were no nominations from the floor. Bethan left the room, opening the door with superior skill. Bethan is unanimously elected and returns to the room.

f) PR Officer

Kalina nominated herself for PR Officer, as due to certain new members of the exec she doesn't think the society has ever needed good publicity more. That's it. There were no nominations from the floor. Kalina left the room. The results of the vote were 15 for Kalina and 1 for re-open nominations. Kalina is elected as the next PR Officer.

g) IT Officer

Alex nominated himself as IT Officer. There were no nominations from the floor. Alex left the room. The results of the vote were 15 for Alex and 1 for re-open nominations. Alex is elected as the next PR Officer.

6. Senior Member

The committee have nominated Lucinda Ferguson for the position of Senior Member. There were no nominations from the floor. Lucinda is unanimously elected as the next Senior Member.

7. Any other business

Molly thanked the outgoing committee members (Elliot, Lauren and Emma) for their hard work, and presented them with gifts. Elliot asked what the heck a green triangle is.

There being no further business, the meeting was closed and my final minutes are done.

All was well

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