

# **THE OLD MONMOTHIAN CLUB**

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## **MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE OLD MONMOTHIAN CLUB**

**HELD ON**

**SATURDAY 1<sup>st</sup> October 2011 AT 10.00 am**

**IN THE WILLIAM JONES ROOM, MONMOUTH SCHOOL**

**Present:**

**President RJ Booth**

**Vice President Sir Frank Davies**

<b>PDR Anthony</b>	<b>RW Arthur</b>	<b>RC Atkins</b>	<b>MAR Blake</b>	<b>RAJ Blight</b>	
<b>IHM Bowen</b>	<b>DA Chowns</b>	<b>DH Evans</b>	<b>IT Hodgson</b>	<b>NGR James</b>	<b>CJ Jones</b>
<b>A Mohindru</b>	<b>AG Nicholas</b>	<b>MJ Orton</b>	<b>DFC Peace</b>	<b>JM Pearman</b>	<b>MJ Pearson (observer)</b>
<b>DW Thomas</b>	<b>HC Toulouse</b>				

The President opened the meeting at 10.00am paying tribute to John Pearman for his enthusiastic role in leading the Old Monmothian Club over the past two years with his discernible love for Monmouth School.

**1. Apologies:**

<b>Dr SG Connors</b>	<b>JRI Burn</b>	<b>SH Dorman</b>	<b>RA Jones</b>	<b>JC Knight</b>	<b>CM Kinloch</b>
<b>BJ Margrett</b>	<b>J Marshall</b>	<b>Dr GF Matthews</b>	<b>PW Morgan</b>	<b>MAJ Mounsdon</b>	
<b>SH Norris</b>	<b>AK Peace</b>	<b>AC Roberts</b>			

**2. Previous Executive Committee Minutes 11.06.11**

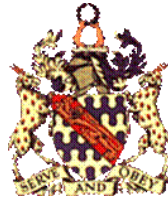
The previous minutes were proposed by Sir Frank Davies and seconded by MAR Blake

All in favour

**3. Matters Arising**

Item 4 OMC School Shop Items: It was noted that Matthew Barnett (OM70-75) was intending to provide some sample merchandise for the next Executive Committee meeting on 4th February 2012

Item 6 Request for Donations: The Committee were informed that assistance is currently being provided to the Joint Symphonic Winds to help track down OM members and promote a 25 year anniversary reunion on 16th September 2012



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The Committee were informed of the current Joint Art Exhibition at the Shire Hall – where the framing was partly funded by the OMC

Paragraph 10.2 The Committee noted that contact had been made with Richard Parks (OM88-95) to invite him to attend an OMC event

#### 4. Review Sub Committee Action Group

The President informed the Committee that

- there has been greatly enhanced use of IT to improve communications with OMs
- the OMC will offer access to its database to the proposed School Development Office
- the OMC Website will be reviewed to ensure it is kept up to date

RAJ Blight and RJ Booth would discuss how to implement 'decade representatives' to champion the OMC. The Committee was informed of the informal reunion held in July 2011, organised by Mark Gladwin (OM79-86) for the 1986 leavers from both HMSG & MS, where the OMC contributed £200.

A group of 1991 OMs are also attending the London Dinner on 14<sup>th</sup> October 2011

RC Atkins enquired as to whether the Club's Constitution has been updated pursuant to the decisions at last year's AGM. RAJ Blight agreed to check on this.

#### 5. Monmothian Charitable Trust (MCT) Update FJD

Sir Frank Davies highlighted the financial figures for the period 1<sup>st</sup> May – 20<sup>th</sup> September 2011:

<b>Total Incoming resources</b>		<i>Note</i>
	<b>£</b>	
Subs	8,363	
Cash Donations	250	
Gift Aid	11,105	1
Interest	13	
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>19,730</b>	
<b>Total Resources Expended</b>	<b>£</b>	
Mon School Travel Scholarship	450	
Mon School Webalumnus	2,400	
MS Madagascar	2,000	
MS Art	600	
Sundry	112	
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>5,562</b>	
Net Income	14,168	
Loss on Investment	(586)	



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Total funds b/f 13,582

**Note 1** *Includes Y/e 2010 (£4k), Y/e Debtor 2011 (£4.6k) an accrual for Y/e 2012 (£1.9k) & £.5k Transitional relief*

Sir Frank Davies highlighted that current Charitable Trust Balance Sheet assets are £44.8k, and that the advent of Charity has benefitted the overall position of the Club

The President thanked Sir Frank and the Trustees for their stewardship of the MCT.

## 6. Request for Donations **RAJB**

RAJ Blight informed the Committee of the following requests:

- c/o Fred Hartley Rugby Tour to Western Canada during July 2012 involving 40 players including 1st XV squad with an estimated cost per head of £2000. There will be pre tour fund raising from within the School. Colin Jones noted that some boys may not be able to go due to financial reasons. Anu Mohindru suggested the School could raise the first amount and perhaps OMC could help fill any shortfall. The Committee agreed RAJ Blight and the Bursar would find out more details and this would be reviewed at the next meeting on February 4<sup>th</sup> 2012.
- c/o David Lawson Music tour in July 2012 for 40 pupils to Prague & Bohemia, requesting £750 to effectively fund one place. They are additionally engaged in independent fund raising. Proposed £1000 Sir FJ Davies, Seconded A Mohindru  
All in favour, and agreed to pass on to MCT for consideration.
- c/o Ken Lindon Morocco trip in October 2011 13 boys/ 2 staff cost £1100pp - request to consider financial assistance of £650  
Proposed £750 RC Atkins, Seconded CJ Jones
- c/o Lyndsey Hope Head of IT request to both Old Monmothian Club and Friends of Monmouth School to assist with a Charitable Project to help raise funds 'A' level computing students to build a super computer machine costing £2000 in total. This super-computer would feature as part of a project co-ordinated by Stanford University to research Alzheimer's and Parkinson's disease.  
Proposed £1000 RJ Booth Seconded MAR Blake

Sir Frank Davies suggested that a general gift may be better perceived from the OMC and the allocation of funds left to Headmaster & Bursar.

DW Thomas suggested advance notification of total value of requests if possible, highlighting person, purpose & sum requested.

The President summarised the total funds of £2750 agreed by the Committee to be put forward to the Monmothian Charitable Trust to consider:

Music Tour	£1000
Morocco Trip	£750
Super Computer	£1000



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Roger Atkins informed the Committee that the MCT now has a special reserve of £10,000 per annum for Student Support

## 7. Reports

### 7.1 Treasurer IHMB

IHM Bowen highlighted the following from the financial statement distributed to the Committee for the financial period June 2011 – Sept 2011

Cash Flow Movements and Balances 1st June 2011 - 20th Sept 2011

#### Balances as at 20th Sept 2011

Natwest	£4,866.30
Barclays	£3,856.37
HBOS	£5,565.83
Unit Trust	£50,640.33
Barclays Bond	£10,766.52
Morgan Stanley	£6,121.94
Lloyd Shares 734@ 50p	£264.24

**£82,081.53**

#### Income

OM Lunch	£910.00
Reunion Lunch	£360.00
Cricket	£495.00
Henley Dinner	£1,147.50
Subscriptions	£7,037.50
Mon School Summer Term	£2,400.00
School Shop	£881.03
Skandia Investment	£800.00

**£14,031.03**

#### Expenditure

Stourbridge Glass - Rugby Tankards	£467.64
National Shooting Centre - Bisley	£147.00
Cricket	£1,140.07
School Shop - Beeline Co	£636.42
Mark Gladwin 25yr Reunion	£200.00
Mon School OM Lunch	£1,185.00
Cronk Cunis Rugby Festival	£125.00
AROPS	£18.00
PSOBGA	£420.00
Agincourt Practice	£648.00
Leander Club Henley Dinner	£1,482.80
M Mounsdon Henley Expenses	£17.77
Brain & Co Stationery	£103.86



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£6,591.56

## 7.2 Membership Secretary HCT

HC Toulouse noted there are currently 3263 members.

The President thanked HC Toulouse for his continued support and management of members.

## 7.3 Secretary RAJB

RAJ Blight reported that specific correspondence was covered in previous Agenda items

## 8. Events

### 8.1 OM Day

The President noted apologies from JRI Burn. OM Day details for 2012 will be confirmed at the next meeting

### 8.2 Henley Dinner

RAJ Blight informed the Committee that the date for the Henley Dinner 2012 at the Leander Club in Henley is planned for Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2012

### 8.3 London Dinner

The President noted apologies from SH Norris, the London Dinner will be on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> October 2011 at Haberdashers Hall.

### 8.4 Cardiff Dinner

RW Arthur confirmed that the Cardiff Dinner is on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> Feb 2012, and would welcome the opportunity to invite Richard Parks – the President noted this request

## 9. Sports

### 9.1 Rugby

The President summarised the report from James Baldwin (OM 02-08) on the Cronk Cunis Festival for U21s. The Committee agreed an OM rugby recruitment notice should be on the School notice board.

### 9.2 Golf

#### 9.2.1 Grafton Morrish/ Edward Harris RCA

RC Atkins noted that as far as he was aware the OMs are playing in the finals for Grafton Morrish and the Edward Harris event is organised by Nigel Williams – due to take place on 7<sup>th</sup> October 2011

#### 9.2.2 Raglan Close Meeting IHMB



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IHM Bowen informed the Committee that on May 28th 2011 the annual Golf Day was held at Raglan Park Golf Club in good weather conditions. 13 Old Monmothians took part and although the standard of golf was not of the highest the Roger Atkins Trophy was hotly contested. Langley Davies won with 34 points

## 9.3 Cricket

IHM Bowen informed the Committee that a young group of OM cricketers, organised by Tom Bevan (OM 00-07), have been supported very heavily this season, but this is a strong social group, to be encouraged.

## 9.4 Shooting DFCP

The President summarised the Shooting report from Colin Waldron (OM 65-72) and noted an extended invitation to any new OM members

## 9.5 Rowing

The President summarised the rowing report and informed the Committee that James Knight (OM 82-89) will be attending this year's London Dinner, for the first time!

The Committee noted a request for OMBC insurance of £210 from James Knight  
Proposed by MAR Blake, Seconded MJ Orton

## 10. Any Other Business

**10.1** The President informed the Committee that with the 400th Anniversary of the founding of Monmouth School fast approaching in 2014, Stephen Edwards has been asked to be the author of a book celebrating its history. Stephen Edwards would be very grateful to hear any OM memories from School. Any photographs would also be extremely welcome. Stephen would be very grateful if you could send any thoughts or material you may have to [oldmonmothians@monmouthschool.org](mailto:oldmonmothians@monmouthschool.org) by August 31st 2012

The President also reminded the Committee of the 25th anniversary of the founding of the Concert Band/ Joint Symphonic Winds by Sean O'Neill - a reunion of past OM & HMSG players will be held in The Blake Theatre, Monmouth School on Sunday 16th September 2012

## 11. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> Feb 2012 10.30am, in the William Jones Room

The President closed the meeting at 10.40hrs