

Annual General Meeting Liskeard Public Hall 2 pm on 24th September 2016

Present: Anne Congdon, Denis Congdon, Eleanor Hirst, Geoff Westlake, Jack Penrose, Mary Williams, Joe Billing, Do Bagley, Janet Evans, Debby Sharp, Liz Macness, P M Eddy, Graham Barber, Philip Bates, Paul Tamblyn, Terry Bottrell, Roger Legg, Angela Tamblin, Thelma Bryce, Phyllis Cook, Janet Payne, David Hingston, Lynne Taylor, Eric Westlake, Alan Richards.

Apologies: Sally Webb, Keith Cozens, Janet Collett, Derek Gillbard, Tony Berry, Evelyn Farrant, David Tamblin and Maggie Whelan.

Chairman's Welcome and Report

Following Chairman's opening remarks and welcome it can be reported that:-

Rachel Bennet could stand in for Tony Wood to lead walk.

The golf fraternity had enjoyed successful meets at Launceston and Looe courses.

Years 1945, 46, 47 & 48 enjoyed their annual lunch time meeting again at Looe Golf Club.

The committee once again displayed the school photos at Liskeard Show on 9th July taking advantage of the dry weather to greet many visitors to our stand.

As you know the committee has asked on several occasions for any expertise within the membership to help with the LGSA website which is currently frozen.

Attempts have been made to rectify with enquiries made to a range of experts, most of these preferring to start again from scratch their prices ranging between £hundreds and £thousands. A camera club associate of Mary Williams, Mr. Tim Gilbert has advised that we could unscramble our existing HTML site and learn to manage it ourselves at far less cost. Two committee members have been invited to learn this skill from Tim. A fee of £9.99 has been paid to keep the site active until 2018.

L.G.S.A.2017 Reunion will be held at Eliot House on 29th April 2017.

Treasurer and Membership Secretary: David Hingston

David thanked Dennis Congdon for auditing the accounts for us once again.

This year we have reined our annual deficit back considerably to £72 compared to £560 last year, leaving us with a bank balance of £2,618.37,

although it should be noted that half of this is due to advance payments, i.e. payments we will not receive in future years.

The deficit reduction is mainly due to timing and circumstances although we have made worthwhile savings due to the number of members electing to receive their newsletters by email (printable pdf), that number now being 89 compared to about 30 this time last year.

Membership subscriptions received this year amounted to £1,004 of which almost exactly half was due to payments for years in advance. Other income of £40 took this up to a total income of £1044.

On the expenditure side, we had no costs falling into this financial year for website maintenance or meeting venue hire charges and our newsletter costs of £724 represented a saving of £86 from last year. This reduction will be considerably greater next year as the consequence of recent email “converts” takes effect, saving about £3 per member per year.

Apart from the newsletter costs, our other major expenditures continue to be the public liability insurance and the Liskeard Show which together accounted for £359 of our total expenditure of £1116.14.

On membership – we have gained a couple of new members this year but lost 16. We currently have 324 members of which 256 are paying members. However, only 100 of these are due to pay subs next April, so our guaranteed income next year from subs is only £500 although no doubt advance payments will bump this up a bit.

Archivist's report:-Alan Richards

The stand at the Liskeard show was well attended with interest from many people who we would not meet at other functions. One new member signed up and Miss Reeves, a German and French teacher in 1970 -72 visited. There were requests for five laminated long pictures and three were available from stock at £5 each.

There are over 200 laminated pictures in circulation and there are no plans to produce and laminate more copies. However where laminated pictures are not available scanned copies are offered. A picture of Willie Cox wearing a School cap and sitting with his mother was sent in. The picture was undated but Alan speculated that Willie would have been aged 11 as boys wore their caps for only a few days after joining LGS; this would date the picture to 1935. Willie passed away recently in his 94th year.

Alan pointed out the display copy of the 1931 long picture the source of which is unknown and there is no original copy in our archive. A free laminated picture of their choice was offered to anyone who can trace an original 1931 long picture.

Angela Tamblin mentioned a possible source so ‘fingers crossed’.

Do Bagley commented that the Archivist had been in position for a long time (16 years). Alan replied that his interest in the School archive remained but would hand over to anyone with interest in the role.

Journal report:-Lynne Taylor

On behalf of the journal committee thanks were expressed to all contributors.

It was reported that the number of journals now e mailed had increased with only 223 now needing to be printed in hard copy and posted to members making a considerable saving for the association.

The committee welcomed any comments and reported that the process was getting easier.

Adoption of minutes of LGSA AGM 2015

Proposed by Denis Congdon, seconded by Joe Billing and of treasurer's report; proposed by Geoff Westlake, seconded by Angela Tamblin.

Current committee members:-

Chairman Janet Payne

Treasurer and membership records David Hingston

Secretary Sally Webb

Archivist Alan Richards

Mary Williams

Keith Cozens

Journal Compilers Lynne Taylor, Sally Webb and Eric Westlake.

All to remain in office, no new committee members put their names forward.

2017 LGSA Reunion: this will be 29th April 2017@ Eliot House, Liskeard.

Date of 2017 LGSA AGM: 30th September at Liskeard.

Meeting closed: 2.35pm