

**MINUTES OF LISKEARD GRAMMAR SCHOOL**  
**ASSOCIATION ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD**  
**AT LISKEARD PUBLIC HALL 27<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2008**  
**2PM.**

Present were 31 LGSA members.

**Chairman's opening remarks**

- Chairman thanked the committee for their support through out the year but particularly in planning, preparing and producing **a very successful Reunion**. Also acknowledging the many other assistors, in particular, Mary Williams for her photographs and the funds they raised and the year representatives for their support. . It is gratifying to note the increase in 'Year Events' and the trend indicated that major functions should, in future, be planned around significant dates/milestones in the school's history.
- **The Journal** is maintaining its positive feedback. The Editorial panel urges Members to continue submitting material for inclusion in future editions. There was a suggestion that future editions of the 'Journal' should maximise the use of electronic mail distribution and considerable discussion ensued. The final consensus was that the large majority of Members wanted to continue to receive the publication in hard copy.
- The weather was much improved this year for the **Liskeard Show** and it was a great day with lots of the public showing interest, particularly in the Association's archive material. A significant number of younger people were interested in tracking down parents and grandparents. The Raffle money assisting to offset the cost of the pitch. The committee and much appreciated helpers are thanked for a their time and hard work.
- **The Looe and Liskeard School Annual Prizes** have been discontinued because of the Association's declining membership base. It was noted that neither School has had the courtesy to acknowledge receipt of the prize for the past several years.
- A suggestion has been received that some form of 'Associate Membership' should be introduced. Committee had decided that the sole criterion should remain as attendance at the school, and the AGM supported this view.

**Apologies for Absence**

Jenny Croucher, Peter Jay, Phillipa Grundy, Sally Webb, Do Bagley, Elizabeth MacNab, Michael Pengelly, Rosie Culverhouse, Lorna Warden, Di Smeeth and Evelyn Farrant.

**Adoption of 2007 AGM Minutes**

Proposed by Derick Solt as a true account, and seconded by Jack Penrose.

**Treasurer's Report and Balance sheet available**

In her absence, the Treasurer had written to the secretary who read out the content of her letter.

- Apologies for her absence
- The Reunion went well and had a profit overall mainly due to

Photographs, thanks to Mary, the raffle also helped and thanks to those who helped out.

- Liskeard Show was much more successful this year again the raffle helped.
- We have less subscriptions this year but this is variable as to how many members pay for 5 years or 1 year. The reminder slip, for those members whose fees are due, will go out with the January Journal.
- There has been a suggestion that subscriptions should increase and /or free membership for the over 75s should cease. The Treasurer accepts that we are a diminishing membership but as we have a surplus overall in this financial year and we have over £4,000 in the bank, there is no need to increase subscriptions at the present.

All her comments were reflected in the Auditor's (Denis Congdon) report with the exception of the Treasurer's rejection of the proposal to increase annual Membership fees. The chairman observed that the Treasurer had not made her view on the subject known to the committee on 4<sup>th</sup> September.

### Auditor's Report

We thanked Denis Congdon for auditing the accounts this year. They are attached.

### Proposal to Increase the Annual Subscriptions

Committee's proposal that annual subscriptions should be increased from £3 to £5 generated much debate.

Attention was drawn to the fall in membership from 450 to 425 and that 54 had not paid their subscriptions for 2 years, and various ways of reminding them were considered. They are already informed via a reminder slip in their January copy of the 'Journal'. It was suggested that perhaps 'Year Representatives' may contact them by post or 'phone but this would be further expense.

(Reference to the constitution which states that subscriptions due 1<sup>st</sup> January, if not paid after 3 months of Newsletter (Journal) membership will lapse.)

Denis Congdon confirmed the financial position along with the Treasurer that the healthy figures show that there is no need to increase the subscription.

Those present had a thorough discussion and it was unanimously agreed to

1. Not increase subscription now
2. Review annually at the AGM

### Proposal to Terminate Free Membership for Those over 75 Years

The Committee proposed that as the membership will gradually include more reaching the age of 75 and less new members, the free Membership should be terminated.

Whilst recognising the healthy state of the LGSA funds, nevertheless the Chairman reminded the meeting that within the next 3 years more than 50 members would no longer pay subs. under the present rules.

Members present who were 75 and those soon to be aged 75, felt prepared to pay subscription but all felt that those already enjoying free membership should continue if they wish. After discussion, it was proposed by Derick Solt and seconded by Gordon Mitchell that the '**Constitution**' should be amended

**to delete the 'Free Membership for Over 75's Rule' however, the amendment would NOT be retroactive. Those currently enjoying this privilege should be invited to voluntarily re-introduce their subscriptions. This was adopted at the meeting.**

**Any other Business**

**The LGSA Constitution states that AOB at AGM has to be notified to the secretary at least six weeks in advance. There is no other business to discuss.**

**Date and Place of Next AGM Meeting**

**To be held in Looe Guildhall last Saturday in September 26<sup>th</sup> 2009**

**Meeting closed at 15.05hrs**