

Hutchesons' Former Pupils' AGM

Minutes of the Twelfth Annual General Meeting of Hutchesons' Former Pupils' held on Wednesday 9th January 2008 at 7.00pm in the Secondary School, Beaton Road, Glasgow.

Sederunt: Allan Ramsay, President Gillian Kyle
 Alastair Fenton Brian MacBride
 Kirsteen Gibson Stuart Keenan
 Joyce Henderson Gavin Summers
 Helen Wright Katherine Park
 Jean Lees Sheilagh White
 Graham Baird Alastair Marr

In attendance: Dr Greig (Rector), Graham MacAllister (Senior Depute Rector),
 Catherine Gillen (Director of Development), Louise Duncan (Development
 Officer), Jim McDougall (Depute Rector), Ian Keter (Bursar)

Opening Remarks

Allan Ramsay, President of the FP Council, welcomed all those attending the twelfth Annual General Meeting of the Hutchesons' Former Pupils' Council.

Apologies

Apologies were received from Ian Gall, Zoe Mackenzie, Vivienne McLaren, Jimmy McPhail, Dorothy McFarlane

Minutes of the previous meeting and matters arising

The minutes from the previous meeting held on Wednesday 10th January 2007 were approved. There were no matters arising from that meeting.

President's Report

There were two London events in 2007 which were an outstanding success, the House of Lords Lunch and FP reunion at the Oxford and Cambridge Club, London. One hundred former pupils attended The House of Lords Lunch in May hosted by Lord McColl. All the speakers: Lord McColl, Adam Fleming and Ken Greig were excellent. Lord McColl was very welcoming and personally hosted a tour. Allan highly recommended FPs to attend this event when held in the future.

The gathering of former pupils at The Oxford and Cambridge Club in November was again a huge success. Fifty former pupils were expected to attend the reunion between 6-8pm, and although ten did not show, there was eventually seventy who attended! Graham MacAllister had to physically remove the last attendees at 9.20pm. It was very successful and the idea for the Burns Supper in January 2008 was born at the meeting.

On the sporting front, the Ladies Golf Outing to Strathaven in September was attended by 16 women. The winner was Sally Harkness (C1956). The Mens FP team lost 2-1 to Merchiston in 1st round of Queen Elizabeth in September.

The Glasgow Hutchesons' Aloysians, achieved promotion to Premier 1 referred to in previous minutes. The competition is significantly tougher but is currently on a good run. Still a good representation of former pupils in the team.

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2007 was yet another busy year for events, building on the success of 2006.

The Founders' Day address at Glasgow Cathedral was provided by Adam Fleming (c1998). He received a good reaction from pupils. Those attending were entertained by the school pipe band who were excellent. Gillian Kyle once again organised the annual golf match between the school and the FPs which this year took place at Pollok Golf Club. The FPs managed to regain the McMillan Quaich from the school.

The Annual Reunion Dinner was held at the school in March and was extremely well attended, with 146 FPs, staff and Kindred Clubs in attendance. This is excellent compared with other schools whose numbers are decreasing rather than increasing. This year's speaker was Colin Paterson (C1992) who is a BBC presenter with Radio 5. His speech was extremely well received.

For the G + T Awards ceremony nominations were read out by the Head Boy, Douglas Campbell and Head Girl, Victoria Maciver. The winners were Graham Clarkson and Jean Lees.

The Ladies Lunch was held in May at Kingarth Street, and was once again organised by Jean Lees and Sheilagh White. As always it was very well attended.

The highlights of this year's reunions were the 62nd annual reunion of the Class of 1946 and the series of reunions across Canada from Vancouver to Toronto, attended by Graham MacAllister and Catherine Gillen which are featured in the December 2007 Hutchie Herald.

To conclude my final report as President, I have enjoyed my time in office and have three particular highlights. Firstly, I have been a Governor of the school during an exciting period which includes the appointment of the new Rector. Secondly, it has been a pleasure to represent our club at dinners of kindred clubs and finally it has been a pleasure to attend FP functions in Glasgow, Edinburgh and London.

Treasurer's Report

Katherine Park read the Accounts to the Council. The Ladies lunch made a small profit of £26.78 which was the overall surplus for the year. The accounts were approved.

Election of Office Bearers and Council Members

Allan Ramsay announced that Gillian Kyle would like to stand down from the Council. Helen Wright was elected new President of the Former Pupil Council, Alastair Marr, Vice President, Katherine Park, Treasurer, and Brian MacBride, Secretary. Alastair Fenton was elected as a new Council Member.

Any other business

There was no other business to report.

Date of next meeting

It was agreed that the date of the next Annual General meeting would be **Wednesday 14th January 2009** at **7.00pm** in the Senior School, Beaton Road. Unless otherwise notified, the meeting would be held in the Founders' Room.
