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MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE OLD MONMOTHIAN CLUB. HELD ON SATURDAY 7th NOVEMBER AT 10.15am IN THE WILLIAM JONES ROOM, MONMOUTH SCHOOL

Present:

President - Dr. Anu Mohindru

Vice President - RAJ Blight

Mrs C Anning EE Alderman RW Arthur RC Atkins REC Booth RJ Booth
JRI Burn Sir Frank Davies SJ Edwards NGR James CJ Jones
RA Jones Abhi Mohindru Mrs T Norgrove JM Pearman AK Peace DFC Peace
HC Toulouse

The President opened the meeting at 10.19am welcoming all present in particular Deputy Head of School REC Booth and the newly appointed Foundation Bursar Mrs T Norgrove. The President apologised for the unusually late date for the AGM but this was due to him suffering a broken leg earlier in the year.

1. Apologies:

PDR Anthony MAR Blake IHM Bowen Dr A Daniel SH Dorman DH Evans
SM George Dr GF Matthews PW Morgan MAJ Mounsdon SH Norris MJ Orton
SJ Raikes AC Roberts AJ Roberts DW Thomas RJ Turner AJ White

2. Minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting 14th September 2014

The minutes of the 2014 AGM were approved as a true record of the proceedings

Proposed: Abhi Mohindru Seconded: CJ Jones

All in favour.

3. President's Report

The President gave his report to the membership - Appendix I.

In particular the President informed the Meeting of the positive effect of increased OM networking helping to encourage OMs back to Monmouth School delivering qualitative benefits for the boys. The President was looking forward to a close relationship with the newly appointed Headmaster Dr Andrew Daniel.



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The Club, through its charity arm (the Monmothian Charitable Trust) was able to continue to support boys during their time at Monmouth School, adding to their experience and enjoyment, in addition to injecting a considerable sum of an additional £20,000 into Bursary Fund 400.

The President wished to explicitly thank the OM Sports Secretaries for all their hard efforts in organising sporting activities throughout the year –in particular to Tom Bevan (02-07) and Chris Lawlor (08-10) who had led the OMs over the season towards their Cricketer Trophy success in August 2015.

The President drew attention to the OM influence with the Rugby World Cup 2015 with Hallam Amos (06-13) player, Eddie Butler (67-75) commentator, Steve James (78-85) (journalist) and Wayne Barnes (96-97) referee.

Finally the President wished to congratulate SH Norris who has managed to entice over 140 OMs to attend the London Dinner at Haberdashers' Hall on November 20th 2015.

The President made special mention of the enormous contributions to the OMC by BJ Margrett (45-51) and IT Hodgson (44-51) who both sadly passed away earlier this year.

4. Treasurer's Report

On behalf of IHM Bowen, RAJ Blight presented the year end 30th April 2015 Report and Accounts copy in Appendix II

RAJ Blight informed the officers present that IHM Bowen and his wife Lesly had moved to Surrey in August 2015, and due to a current illness the Treasurer sent his apologies as he has been advised not to travel by his doctor.

Donations Income received	£16k
Expenditure	£23.8k
Net Asset Value	£87.2k

5. Election of Officers

RAJ Blight explained a late change for 2015/16 Officer List with the addition of a Honorary Deputy Treasurer - DH Evans - who has agreed to the role this year in the first instance. The treasury functions of cash book, transaction management, bank reconciliation will remain with the OMC Office as part of Sharon Finch's responsibilities while investment management will continue to be held by IHM Bowen remotely.

- The President proposed the Officer List, copy in Appendix III.

President – Anu Mohindru (86-93)



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continued with the Vice President and Hon Secretary appointments:

Vice President – RAJ Blight (77-82)
Hon Secretary - RAJ Blight (77-82)

RAJ Blight then assisted with the appointment of Hon Treasurer and Hon Membership Secretary:

Hon Treasurer - IHM Bowen (45-50)
Hon Deputy Treasurer – DH Evans (57-64)
Hon Membership Secretary – RC Atkins (49-57)

6. Election of Executive Committee

RAJ Blight welcomed new Executive Committee member EE Alderman (04-11) and noted that RJ Turner (04-11) was also included for re-election having been co-opted on 20 June 2015.

The Vice President also noted that in 2015 saw the first retirement of a Headmaster since Robert Glover in 1976, and proposed the OM Club invite the surviving former Headmasters (Nick Bomford, Rupert Lane, Tim Haynes and Steven Connors to Honorary Members of the Club).

Those present were in full approval and it was agreed the President would write to the former Headmasters inviting them to become Honorary Members of the OM Club.

RAJ Blight proposed SJ Edwards recently retired member of the Common Room and co-author of 400th Anniversary history of Monmouth School, to join the Club and the Exec Committee.

All in favour.

7. Appointment of Auditors

RAJ Blight, on behalf of IHM Bowen recommended the re-appointment of the auditors, Agincourt Practice Limited of Monmouth as the Club's Auditors

Proposed Anu Mohindru, Seconded RJ Booth

All in favour.

The President closed the meeting at 10.51a.m.



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Appendix I: President's Report

As the School embarked on its next 400 years with its eyes firmly on continued development, we as a Club have tried to do the same. But our goal although not on new buildings and infrastructure, has been very much on the development of the Club. Although it may be said that we as a Club have not developed financially in the past few years, it is important to recognise that through the OM office and the hard work of individuals we have endeavoured to Increase our following by making the Club and our events more diverse and interesting to OM's to allow them to find something that attracts them back. This in turn perhaps will allow us to develop further financially.

The School and Club welcome a new Headmaster—Dr Andrew Daniel.

Dr Daniel very much understands the importance of the OMs to the School, he articulated this in a letter to me before we had had the opportunity to meet.

I have now had the pleasure of meeting him and very much look forward to working closely with him in the future.

It is important that the Club moves forward hand in hand with the School supporting it and the boys whenever it can. This has included giving money towards many trips and equipment.

This year we have donated towards new covers for the cricket square, a kayak trip, music tours, rowing tours, rugby tours. This support of the scores of tours, has added to the boys enjoyment and experience whilst at School, often helping those who would otherwise be unable to benefit.

Many old boys have benefitted from the fees assistance whilst at School. The Club and the Trust are committed to maintain the wide range of high calibre boys from all walks of life attending Monmouth School. With this commitment in mind the Charitable Trust at the request of the Club of course injected another substantial amount of money into the Bursary Appeal. This appeal is a lifeline to opportunity for many boys, who otherwise would simply not benefit from our School.



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Old Monmothians were active in their own sports Clubs this year, , the OM Boat Club achieving success at various regattas, the OM Rugby Club continuing to play and increasing its player base. The OM Cricket Club deserves particular mention this year—winning the cricketer trophy this year against Old Hurst Jonians convincingly in the final. They beat along the way Millfield and Westminster. A great result under any circumstances but this I believe was only our second year of entering. Well done to Tom Bevan who resurrected OM cricket along with a number of loyal and committed leavers have shown what can be achieved.

I of course thank all the organisers of the sporting teams—this is a difficult task at the best of times, getting the required number of players at the right time and place is no mean feat, but also in organising a fixture list and gaining entry to the various competitions. Well done to all.

This may be the right place in my report to mention the achievement of young Hallam Amos who, if I am correct became the first old boy to play in the rugby world cup. Not only did he play, he earned a starting place for the crucial England game in which, if I say so brilliantly before he was unfortunately injured.

Also to feature was Wayne Barnes who has continued to thrive on the elite panel of referees, officiating in one of the semi-finals and running the line in the final. My congratulations goes to both of them.

The social events go from strength to strength.

The Cardiff Dinner reached good numbers after some hard work. Thanks to Abhi Mohindru who has taken over the running of the vent in the last few years—and I think is realising that Rollo really did make it look easy.

This year saw a table of female staff for the first time. The table brought some much needed glamour to the event and having spoken to the ladies during and after the event, they said that they thoroughly enjoyed themselves and were made to feel very welcome indeed.

We hope that they will return this year. Those who attended last year will agree with me that the show was stolen by Stephen Edwards, who I asked to say a few words at the end of the evening with little notice. He had the whole room rolling around in laughter with his stories of his time at Monmouth.

The OM Day in June was a great success as usual,,with the event at capacity.



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We said goodbye to Dr Keith Mosley and wish him well on his retirement. Many OMs including me have a lot to thank him for during his time at Monmouth.

The night before saw the Club say goodbye to Headmaster, Stephen Connors. We as a Club have a lot to thank the previous Headmaster for. He was a good friend to the Club, I thank him for his approachability, wisdom and warmth to this Club at all times.

Thanks to Mike Mounsdon in his continued organising of what is a lovely dinner at a special venue--Leander Club in Henley on Thames.

The London dinner seems to break records every year. Last year saw the event break the record for the most OM's at one event—121.

This year sets to break that record—with 135 confirmed already. The room has a 150 capacity.

This year sees Eddie Butler speak. There is still time if you haven't signed up.

Steve Norris has been outstanding in not only resurrecting the dinner but taking it to the heights that it now enjoys. Well done Steve truly amazing effort.

None of the above events would have been as successful without the industry of Sharon Finch. Sharon has worked very hard on so many events, keeping the website current, improving our communication with our members. Which has directly lead to an increase in interest in our events. We owe her our special thanks. Thank you.

This year sadly saw us lose Brian Margrett—Brian was a long standing member of the Committee. We all remember his enthusiastic and detailed reports about the OM's shooting team, this reflected his passion for the sport and the Club. He was a loyal servant of the Club who will be sadly missed.

We also sadly lost Ivor Hodgson—what can I say about Ivor that hasn't already said or is felt by all of us sat here. A stalwart of the Club, with Sir Frank dragging it out of virtual insolvency in the 1970's, and along with others orchestrating the Club's recovery to its healthy position today.



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It was Ivor that got me involved with the Club and it was Ivor that came to my house and asked me to stand as President. He came to my house to ask me in person. I asked him why many years later—and in the typical Ivor way, looked at me smiled and said it was too an important question to ask over the phone. That told me how he dearly he held the Club and its success. And I am truly grateful that he did ask.

I would just like to say that we as a Club are blessed, through our members with experience and resources within any field that can be mentioned. But what sets an OM apart is his willingness to help in any way they can—without pomp or need of accolade. Some of you may not know that my two sponsors/ referees to become a barrister are both OM's.

Ivor and Brian epitomised this quality, tirelessly giving and helping with no pomp or accolade sort. True OMs.

And its these qualities that need to harvested not only by the Club but the School in any and all endeavours to raise money for projects or in fact in just raising more friends.

May I conclude by thanking the Officers of the Club for their support this year, with special mention going to my Vice-President and our Treasurer who is unfortunately ill today and not on the high seas as rumoured. May I also thank the Executive Committee for all that they do, often behind the scenes.

I also wish to make special mention of Ray Blight, Vice President and Hon Secretary. Simply put, this Club would not function without Ray's hard work, his handling of tricky issues and his experience. Moreover, at OMs social events he always makes everyone feel so welcome. Particularly thank him for receiving and dealing with the hospital pass from me, from my hospital bed with a broken leg for the Monmouth day and the headmasters leaving dinner. Thank you.

It just leaves me to thank you for allowing me to be your president for this last year—it has been an honour and privilege.

Anu Mohindru

Hon. Secretary
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Appendix II –

The Old Monmothian Club Report & Accounts 30th April 2015



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Appendix III Annual General Meeting 7th November 2015 Election of Officers and Committee Members

	Name	Years	Proposed	Seconded
President	Mohindru Anu	86-93	I H M Bowen	R A J Blight
Vice-President	Blight R A J	77-82	I H M Bowen	Anu Mohindru
Hon. Secretary	Blight R A J	77-82	I H M Bowen	Anu Mohindru
Hon Treasurer	Bowen I H M	45-50	R A J Blight	Anu Mohindru
Hon Deputy Treasurer	Evans DH	57-64	R A J Blight	Anu Mohindru
Hon. Membership Secretary	Atkins R C	49-57	R A J Blight	Anu Mohindru

	Name	Years	Proposed	Seconded
1.	Alderman E E	04-11	Anu Mohindru	R A J Blight
2.	Arthur R W	49-57	Anu Mohindru	R A J Blight
3.	Blake M A R	38-46	Anu Mohindru	R A J Blight
4.	Booth R J	80-87	Anu Mohindru	R A J Blight
5.	Burn J R I	74-78	Anu Mohindru	R A J Blight
6.	Davies Sir Frank	43-48	Anu Mohindru	R A J Blight
7.	Evans D H	57-64	Anu Mohindru	R A J Blight
8.	Foister R T	97-04	Anu Mohindru	R A J Blight
9.	George S M	82-89	Anu Mohindru	R A J Blight
10.	Jones C J	55-63	Anu Mohindru	R A J Blight
11.	Jones R A	62-70	Anu Mohindru	R A J Blight
12.	Kinloch C M	01-08	Anu Mohindru	R A J Blight
13.	Marshall J	43-49	Anu Mohindru	R A J Blight
14.	Matthews G F	48-56	Anu Mohindru	R A J Blight
15.	Mohindru Abhi	92-99	Anu Mohindru	R A J Blight
16.	Morgan P W	44-48	Anu Mohindru	R A J Blight
17.	Mounsdon M A J	48-56	Anu Mohindru	R A J Blight
18.	Norris S H	85-92	Anu Mohindru	R A J Blight
19.	Peace A K	90-97	Anu Mohindru	R A J Blight
20.	Peace D F C	68-75	Anu Mohindru	R A J Blight
21.	Pearman J M	50-56	Anu Mohindru	R A J Blight
22.	Raikes S J	75-82	Anu Mohindru	R A J Blight
23.	Roberts AC	49-52	Anu Mohindru	R A J Blight
24.	Roberts AJ	88 -93	Anu Mohindru	R A J Blight

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26.	Toulouse H C	42-47	Anu Mohindru	R A J Blight
27.	Turner RJ	04-11	Anu Mohindru	R A J Blight
28.	White AJ	96-01	Anu Mohindru	R A J Blight

Ex Officio Members

Name	
Daniel Dr A	Headmaster
Dorman S H	Second Master
Norgrove Mrs T	Foundation Bursar
Anning Mrs C	Development Director
Murgatroyd T W H	President, MCR
White SH	Head of School
Booth REC	Deputy Head of School
Rose HM	Deputy Head of School

Honorary Members

Anthony P D R	Staff 68-00
James NGR	Bursar 95-10
Orton M J	Staff 74-10
Edwards SJ	Staff 82-14