

**Queen Elizabeth (Kensington) Branch, KCLA**  
**Minutes of Annual General Meeting**  
**Held on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> October 2013 at King's College, Strand, London.**

The Chair, Paul Ogden welcomed all to the Queen Elizabeth Kensington Branch of KCLA AGM. He informed that it is a new team since last year and apologised in advance should there be minor mistakes made in the procedure. As the Chair his goal was to move the meeting along as quickly and accurately as possible.

Firstly Paul thanked Henry and Lyn Embling for helping sort out the fantastic entertainment given.

#### **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

A list of 30 people sent apologies of absence. Paul said it was really nice that people still feel connected to this event even though they could not attend and thanked them for this.

#### **MINUTES 2012 AGM**

The minutes for the AGM 2012, which have been checked by the Committee, will be available for review as there were no physical copies.

#### **MATTER ARISING FROM 2012 AGM**

There were no matters arising from the 2012 AGM and were taken them to be approved.

#### **CORRESPONDENCE**

There was no significant correspondence to report apart from Dr Ann Wood, who has decided to step down from the committee after having served it for 10 years. Ann has decided to re-assess how she spends her time now but will still remain involved with QE(K)A when possible. Paul thanked Ann for the work she had put over the years as a former chair and member of the committee. With Ann leaving the committee and in general an open invitation was put forward to invite anybody who is interested to join.

#### **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

Paul said he found himself in a remarkable position of joining QE(K)A as chair at a time when membership and attendance is growing. This is a result of both the KCLA's larger reach in term of contacts and the effect of social media which is so embedded in everybody's life enabling the association to contact a much larger number of people. Paul also mentioned that with the growth of the association and stability of the finance, it is exciting to be part of QE(K)A at this time.

#### **TREASURE'S REPORT**

The Treasurer, Pat Cox, presented the accounts for the year, providing a detailed print out of these.

In summary, the total income (from Building Society Interest, Dividends, KCLA Grant and donations) amounted to £492.33. Expenditure (due to expenses on the Website, Envoy and Gifts) amounted to £268.45

This resulted in a balance of £223.88 for 2013. This year actually secured a profit as on previous years there have been deficit on the Reunion lunches.

The Alumni office organised the calling notice for the Reunion Lunch from its own data base of our members and subsequently collected the monies. There was a profit of £42.60 as a result of this higher 'turnout' of our membership which helped to spread cost of extra staff. Our branch still awaits this refund.

The main assets are the JPMorgan fund and there is a reasonable return for the investment. Some money from Nationwide was used to buy more shares as there was such a poor return from Nationwide.

There is still some uncertainty on whether QE(K)A will get a grant from KCLA.

Pat Cox expressed her gratitude to Audrey Green who was the auditor for QE(K)A accounts.

The Treasurer's report was adopted.

## **KCLA**

John Brockhouse had already provided a report on KCLA activities in Envoy 2013 and gave some further details on those activities. They are:-

### **KCLA Annual Dinner & AGM**

**Date: Friday 1 November 2013**

**Time: 19.00 drinks, 19.45 dinner**

**Price: £75**

**Venue: House of Lords**

**RSVP: Book online**

This year's dinner guest speaker will be Mr Richard Coles presenting the topic Servant of Two Masters - Ministry and Media. Richard Coles is an alumnus, musician, journalist and Church of England priest. He graduated in 1994 with a First in Theology and Religious Studies but is probably better known for having been the multi-instrumentalist in the 1980s band The Communards and, more recently, the regular co-host of BBC Radio 4's Saturday Live programme.

A guided tour of the Palace of Westminster, starting at 17:00 and lasting an hour, will be available at the additional cost of £5 per ticket.

There will also be an AGM held at 18.00 which is free to attend.

### **KCLA Address**

**Date: Thursday 6 March 2014**

**Time: TBC**

**Venue: Southwark Cathedral**

**RSVP: Register your interest by emailing [alumoff@kcl.ac.uk](mailto:alumoff@kcl.ac.uk) or call +44 (0)20 7848 3053**

Alumni are invited to the fourth annual KCLA address where The Rt Rev. the Lord Harries of Pentregarth, former Dean of King's College and retired Bishop of Oxford, will speak on 'Has Britain lost its moral compass?'

Further details will be available later in the year.

## **Advent Carols**

**Date: Friday 6 December 2013**

**Time: 17.30 – please be seated by this time**

**Venue: Chapel, Strand campus**

**Price: Free**

**RSVP: Email the Alumni Office or call 020 7848 3053**

**The candlelit Advent Carol service includes readings and a classical music performance by the Chapel Choir. The service is followed by a reception with mince pies and mulled wine.**

Tickets will be allocated on a first-come first-served basis with a maximum of two tickets per person.

## **ENVOY**

The editor of Envoy, Lyn Embling firstly apologised to the delay in getting the Envoy out and thanked all those who had contributed to make Envoy 2013 such a success.

Again Lyn encouraged members to submit any articles of interest for next year's Envoy. She mentioned how sometimes a few minutes call can be much longer as someone has some very interesting and fascinating stories to tell. It would be much appreciated if such stories can be shared through Envoy.

Paul added that many appreciative letters have been received for the quality of Envoy and thanked Lyn for her continuous hard work and efforts.

## **WEBSITE**

The webmaster, Gary Thomas, reported that there over a 100 pages on the web now and encouraged to view it. KCLA took hold of all the QEC archives and have made them available online. There is a link on the history section of QEC website to these archives.

Gary Thomas has recently set up a Twitter account for QE(K)A which will make it quicker to put out some information rather than uploading them from emails to the website.

Gary Thomas recognised the good turnout for the Reunion and said that in the last year 16 new people have joined QEKA through the website.

Paul added that anyone keeping in touch with friends etc electronically should inform them of the website, Facebook and Twitter accounts as it seems an extremely effective way of getting in touch with broad group.

## **DATE FOR 2014 REUNION**

The next reunion/AGM was planned for on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> October 2014

## **AOB/SUGGESTIONS FOR THE ASSOCIATION**

Paul raised a few items.

Firstly the attendance was 60 people, a 20% increase on last year and perhaps a difficult trend to continue. Paul also pointed out that guests are welcomed and anyone attending are welcome to bring their spouse/partner/friend.

This year is also 60th Anniversary of two simultaneous events. First is the changing of name from King's College Household and Social Sciences to Queen Elizabeth College and the second is that it was the first time a women's university in Britain admitted men. David Boullin was one the two first male students at QEC studying Nutrition. David said it was a terrible shock to walk into a room with about 500 females eyes looking at the two male students! He also thanked Henry Embling for contacting him and few others which has helped the increase in attendance this year.

Paul also mentioned a few names of people who have passed away in the last one year. He also emphasised that though we do lose some people each year, there are more people joining QE(K)A too.

On behalf of Henry Embling, Paul mentioned that there are still opportunities to put in an order to make up the QEC scarves subject to getting sufficient order. So far 10-12 people have shown interest but target is about 30 and anyone wanting a QEC scarf should get in touch with Henry Embling.

Paul also found online that it can be possible to have a few small wooden plaques of the QEC Crest made up and if anyone is interested they can contact Paul Ogden or Henry Embling.

## **DATE & TIME OF NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING**

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