**Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held in the Grant’s Dining Room 13th January at 6:30pm**

1. **President’s Opening Remarks**

The President, Tim Woods welcomed the committee, consisting of Clifford Woodroffe, Alex Massey, Artin Basirov, Caroline Lewis, Hugo Moss and George Bitar. Nick Fair and Safira Lewis (2013-2018) were also present.

1. **Apologies for absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Peter Cole.

1. **Death of members**

A silence was observed for those Old Grantites who had passed away since the last AGM:

Alastair Allan 1945-1948

Anthony Cooke 1958-1963

Ian Fulton 1947-1953

Michael Holmsten 1962-1966

Peter Swan 1946-1949

Michael Rugman 1955-1960

1. **Minutes of previous Annual General Meeting**

The minutes of the Annual General meeting held on 26th April 2018 were presented and approved.

1. **Housemaster’s Report**

Nick Fair reported that Grants is in good heart and up to that point there had been a total of 9 Oxbridge offers (including 3 to last year’s remove), with a total of 18 university offers already, and more to come. Girls boarding has been successful – there are now 9 female boarders, and the boarding house was adapted in the summer of 2019 to become fully co-educational.

In sport, Grants had won the house cricket and the 5th Form won the Towpath Cup, and the girls team were taking part in the house football semi-final the day of the meeting. The Grants team had also won the house pub quiz that was arranged by monitors. Nick also said the House Concert had been a great success. He mentioned that there were some elements of the house infrastructure that needed updating

Tim Woods brought up a query with Nick Fair about organising a tour of the boarding house itself for Old Grantites, Nick said it may be tricky to organise due to safeguarding concerns. Tim also asked about the possibility of extending invites for House plays and concerts to Old Grantites, Nick was open to this suggestion but felt that space limitations in their normal venues (the MFH and the Manoukian respectively) might make it difficult. It was also proposed that there could be a tour of the new Adrian Boult Centre for Old Grantites in the future.

1. **Matters arising**

Matters arising from the last AGM - it was agreed they have become irrelevant or to have already been dealt with since the last meeting.

1. **Chairman’s Report**

The Chairman welcomed George Bitar to the committee and thanked him for volunteering.

The last two events organised by the committee, the House of Commons drinks hosted by Dominic Grieve, and the dinner in College Hall preceded by the tour of the Jubilee Galleries led by Tom Edlin were both very well received. For the tour and dinner members were encouraged to bring partners and other guests, which was appreciated by attendees. This, combined with cheaper tickets for the more recent leavers, inviting previous housemasters, and Caroline Rugman were considered to be significant factors in its success. We also announced the Rugman travel fund for Grants Remove at the dinner and Caroline Rugman is happy to be involved in the selection of recipients.

The other main event organised by the Old Grantite Club, the Leaver’s Tea, was not as successful in 2019 as it had been in previous years due to the event being scheduled just before study leave.

It is noted that the centenary of the club is in 2021 and we discussed capitalising on this fact and organising a special event in 2021.

1. **Adoption of Accounts**

Alex Massey went through the accounts. At the time of the AGM there had not yet been a bill from either the Abbey or from College Hall for the tour and dinner in September. Artin Basirov said that a payment from the Elizabethan Committee would be made soon towards the cost of the dinner. At the time of the AGM the balance was £9,636.08.

1. **Appointment of Officers and Committee Members**

George Bitar was officially welcomed to the committee and all other committee members present were willing to remain in post. At the end of the meeting it was proposed by Tim Woods that Safira Lewis be appointed as secretary to the Committee, after Clifford Woodroffe resigned from the position after many years of hard work for which the Club is most grateful.

1. **Appointment of Hon. Auditor**

It was agreed that Artin Basirov was to be elected as Hon. Auditor for the ensuing year. The Club expressed its thanks to Artin for continuing to volunteer for this role.

1. **Any other business**

Any other business was discussed as part of the committee meeting following the AGM.

1. **Next Meeting**

To be arranged for the autumn.