

# Christ's College Old Boys' Association General Committee



CHRIST'S COLLEGE  
OLD BOYS' ASSOCIATION

## MINUTES

**DATE:** 14 February 2025

**VENUE:** Christ's College Library

**PRESENT:** Andrew Henderson (President), Tim Daley (Vice-president), Jared Chin (Treasurer), Lizzie Dyer (Secretary), Richard Polson, Nigel Taylor, Mark Cox, Andrew Brown, Tim Kerr (Board Fellow), Angus Mossman.

**APOLOGIES:** Angus Dysart-Paul, Mark Warren, Hamish Kyle, Joe Eccleton and Simon Knight.

### 1.0 MEETING OPENING

The President opened the meeting at 4:31pm. The meeting achieved a quorum. The apologies were accepted.

### 2.0 MOMENT OF SILENCE

Those present stood silently in memory of Old Boys who had died since the last meeting.

### 3.0 EXECUTIVE PRINCIPAL'S REPORT (delivered by Jeremy Johnson)

The Chair of the Board reported to the CCOBA. The Chair noted the following:

- The College is in good health. We have a roll of 738. We are seeing good NCEA results and the Diploma is going well.
- The Board is delighted with Joe's appointment. Joe was at College from 2016 - 2019 before moving back to Cashmere High School. Joe is a clear thinker and has an open communication style. Jeremy is confident over the next few years that he will be one of our better ones.
- Sporting and cultural aspects of the College remain strong – this is shown through surveys of students and teachers.
- Some challenges the College face is softening in roll although this is happening across New Zealand and is likely due to the climate of the economy
- Recently the Board has been focused on:
  - o The need to shift the College's financial performance, however, this does not mean the College will become a commercial enterprise;
  - o The Science block and Music School – we are getting to a point where students may not be able to partake in all sciences courses as we knew them to be.

### 4.0 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS AGM

**MOTION:** That the minutes of the meeting held on 16 February 2024 be accepted as a true and accurate record. Andrew Henderson / Richard Polson. **CARRIED**

### 5.0 PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The President reported to the CCOBA. The President noted the following:

- Past year has been busy with events both local and overseas.
- We said farewell to Garth Wynne but now welcome Joe Eccleton
- The CCOBA made a considerable contribution to the museum, the opening of which was enjoyable.
- We have two significant events this weekend. The cocktail party and the black and white dinner. Each event has 800 guests. The 175<sup>th</sup> milestone is significant – just 10 years after signing the treaty.
- The goal of the CCOBA remains to support the school through funding scholarships and other activities that promotes the school's legacy.

Key points:

- Our minimum contribution to scholarships is 40k each year, however, we contributed around 50k.
- We hosted 17 events
- Held 21 Old Boys Events
- We have a very active communication – 11 newsletters published.
- We inducted 5 life members
  1. RC Batchelor
  2. MA Bruce
  3. TK de Castro
  4. The Hon. PGS Penlington
  5. RAS Donaldson
- All of which would not be possible without our alumni manager Lizzie.
- Finances are in a good position.
- The current Committee contains:
  - o Andrew Henderson (President), Tim Daley (Vice-president), Jared Chin (Treasurer), Lizzie Dyer (Secretary), Richard Polson, Nigel Taylor (Board Fellow), Mark Cox, Andrew Brown, Tim Kerr (Board Fellow), Rupert Whyte and Angus Mossman.
- We bid farewell to Jared Chin, Rupert Whyte and Richard Polson.
- The President extended his thanks to all who made this a successful year.

**MOTION:** That the President's report be accepted. Unanimous. **CARRIED**

## 6.0 TREASURER'S REPORT

- 2024 was our first somewhat normal year since covid.
- In terms of our finances, we engage Oxford Edge and we are audited by Ashton Wheelans. although an audit is not required, it gives good protection.
- Portfolio sits at 2.9m – growth of 15%
- The portfolio was split into two:
  - o General – medium risk 40/60 equity split
  - o Scholarship – more aggressive with an 80/20 equity split.
- Revenue is down across the board which is in part due to a higher number of students leaving mid-way through the year. In 2023 more than normal left.
- Grants of donations made up of 53k scholarships and a 2<sup>nd</sup> tranche to the College museum
- **Surplus 250k per year.**

- Operating loss of 90k.
- Jared is going overseas this year, however, Hamish Matteson will take over as treasurer this year. We are in good hands, Hamish is very qualified.

Question from a member directed to the Treasurer: Why are the financial statements of the CCOBA reviewed and not audited when the constitution required an audit pursuant to clause 20? Jared responded that the CCOBA moved from an audit to a review as a review was sufficient.

A discussion began as to whether the constitution of the CCOBA actually requires a financial audit.

**MOTION** (Jeremy Johnson): The committee bring forward a resolution to amend the constitution to allow for a review instead of audit within the next 12 months. Withdrawn.

**MOTION:** That the Treasurer's report be accepted. Unanimous. **CARRIED**

**MOTION:** That the budget for the 2025/2026 FY be accepted. Andrew Henderson / Tim Daley.  
**CARRIED**

#### **7.0 ELECTION OF HONORARY LIFE MEMBERS**

- In recognition of an incredible legacy, the Committee seek to nominate Garth Wynne as an Honorary Life Member of the CCOBA.
- In recognition for his 25 years in serving the College through various roles including Chair of the Board and leading the College in its response to the royal enquiry for abuse in care, the Committee seek to nominate Hugh Lindo as an Honorary Life Member of the CCOBA.

**MOTION:** That Garth Wynne be made an Honorary Life Member of the CCOBA. Unanimous.  
**CARRIED**

**MOTION:** That Hugh Lindo be made an Honorary Life Member of the CCOBA. Unanimous. **CARRIED**

#### **8.0 ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

President – Andrew Henderson

Vice President – Tim Daley

Treasurer – Hamish Matheson

Board Representatives – Mark Cox and Tim Kerr

Committee Members – Andrew Brown, Nigel Taylor, Angus Mossman, Jeremy Evans, Jack Lindo

**MOTION:** That the nominations of the 2025 Officers and Committee Members be accepted.  
Unanimous. **CARRIED**

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**The President closed the meeting at 5:24**

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**Minutes signed as a true and correct record:**

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**President:**

**Date:**

**Next meeting:**