

MINUTES OF 61st ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE TRINITY MID-WHITGIFTIAN ASSOCIATION LTD

held at the Registered Offices, Lime Meadow Avenue, Sanderstead, on Thursday 3 June 2010 at 8.00 pm.

Present: Mr J C Sinkins [Vice-President] (in the Chair) and 20 members as recorded on the attendance register.

Apologies for absence had been received from Mrs S Garnett and Messrs A W Anderson, J Bartle, J Benstead, M Bone, S Bowry, G Cobbett, F R Corner, J Haybittle, L C Harris, W B Rymer.

1. Opening of the Meeting. In the unavoidable absence of the President, the Secretary invited Mr Sinkins to take the Chair. The Chairman proposed that the sequence of numbering of AGMs should be maintained, albeit that the name of the Association had been modified. This proposal was accepted.

2. Minutes of 60th AGM. The minutes of the 60th AGM, which had been published in *The Trinity Mid-Whitgiftian* and displayed on the Clubhouse notice board, were approved without comment.

3. Adoption of the Accounts. The Accounts for the year 1 October 2008 to 30 September 2009 were tabled at the meeting, a summary of the main features having been circulated in the June 2010 issue of the *TMW Newsletter*.

The Hon Treasurer Mr T Rowlan referred to the Council Report that summarised the principal features of the Accounts. Investment income from the Legacy Fund had declined and the debenture holders had been repaid. However, despite this there had been a surplus for the year of £3257. This was due, in the main, to increased bar sales and the increase in subscriptions. A number of the standing orders for the latter had still to be corrected. He noted that current assets had been transferred to more productive accounts, namely Barclays and Santander. The Subscription Trust Fund accounts were summarised and the Treasurer explained that the Fund now had sufficient to cover its commitments. The Trust was to be reviewed in the light of recent legislation and any change would reflect the change of the Association's name.

In reply to Mr Gibson, the Treasurer said that £78,000 had been paid from the Legacy Fund leaving £170,000 for future payments. He anticipated that the Accounts would be able to absorb the loss of interest after payments had been made when the development was completed. Mr Wilsher added that the remainder was intended to cover costs of the Phase II.

The Chairman thanked the Treasurer for his considerable efforts and his report and the Accounts were approved unanimously.

4. Report of Council*. There was no discussion on the Report of Council, which had been circulated in the *TMWA Newsletter*, and the Report was approved unanimously.

5. Election of Officers. The Secretary reported that there had been four nominations - Miss J Gibbs and Messrs G Bond, S Bowry and A Thompson - for the three *Additional Members of Council*. A ballot was held and the Tellers - Mr Hollands and Mr Sexton - declared that Miss Gibbs and Messrs Bowry and Thompson had been elected.

For the remaining posts, the Secretary reported that there had been no duplicate nominations. He then read out the list of nominees and the meeting agreed that all nominees should be elected.

NOTE. A list of the positions and those elected is shown at the end of these Minutes.

The Chairman noted that Council would be required to fill two vacant posts, namely *Hon General Secretary* and *Bar Cashier*. He asked the Secretary to continue in a 'Acting' capacity until a successor could be found.

The Chairman thanked three members who were retiring for their contributions to the well-being of the Association. In particular he paid tribute to Graham Bond and John Bartle who had each been members of Council for many years and this was greeted with acclamation. Indeed, John had been a member of Council far longer than indicated in the Report.

6. Appointment of Auditors. Mr Rowlan proposed the re-appointment of Messrs Purvis, Stevens & Co as Auditors and this proposal was approved nem con. In view of the poor input by the auditors, Mr Walters asked if they were necessary. In commenting that they gave assurances to the Treasurer, the Chairman did suggest that an 'Independent Examiner' might be more appropriate. Perhaps Council could consider this.

7. Election of Vice-President. The Secretary proposed that Mrs Maureen Fenner be elected a Vice-President of the Association. He said that Maureen, with Ray, organised teas both winter and summer for over 20 years. As Ray, himself, was usually playing on the Rugby field – and often away – it left Maureen to cope, which she did with unfailing regularity and efficiency. She was also the mastermind behind the delightful teas at each Christmas parties which were so successful in the 1960s and 70s. Those who have found, in the recent past, how difficult it is to get Club teas arranged at the weekend, will appreciate the value of Maureen’s contribution to the running of the Association.

The Chairman endorsed the proposal, commenting on Maureen’s good humour when there were inevitable hiccups. He then put the proposal to the meeting which the members approved with acclamation.

8. Any Other Business

8.1 Mr Street queried whether the Association had been consulted over the “Trinity Reunion & Summer Concert” to be held at the School on 3 July. Mr Wilsher explained that the Foundation wished to encourage better relations between its Schools and their alumni. Mr Bruce Jupp was concerned that the Foundation was using the term ‘Trinity Old Boys’ in its publicity for the occasion and he believed this would further confuse former pupils as to identity of the Association. Perhaps we were premature in changing to our present name. Mr Thompson noted that the Facebook site used a logo that differed from the TMWA one; an additional source of confusion.

The purpose of the event caused some discussion but without any clear resolution.

8.2 Mr Hollands asked why Council did not appoint an architect to oversee the Legacy project. Mr Wilsher replied that they had been advised that that would be too expensive. Mr Hollands and Mr Tidmarsh commented that the attempt to minimise costs had led to the delays in completing the project. When professionals had been engaged for the extensions in 1970s they had been completed on time and within budget.

8.3 Mr Gibson asked about the current status of Trinity AFC. Mr Trend replied that that club was still in existence and had been hiring a pitch for their fixtures. M Gibson commented that the hire fee of £3000 for part use of a pitch compared unfavourably with the costs applied to other users of Lime Meadow pitches. Mr Trend and Mr Wilsher acknowledged that the cost structure had caused problems and Council were at present seeking to achieve an equitable solution.

10. Conclusion. At the conclusion of the meeting, Mr Wilsher proposed a vote of thanks to the Chairman for his able handling of the meeting. This proposal was approved with acclamation.

W G Cobbett
19 June 2010

Election of Officers of the Association for the year 2010/11

Hon General Secretary (Acting) - <i>Bill Cobbett</i>	Founder’s Day Supper - (<i>vacant</i>)
Hon Treasurer - <i>Trevor Rowlan</i>	Membership Secretary – <i>Geoff Wilsher</i>
Ground Committee Chairman - <i>Nick Trend</i>	400 Club Organiser - <i>Trevor Stotten</i>
General Cttee Chairman - <i>Geoff Wilsher</i>	Colours Secretary - <i>Mary Holton</i>
Trading Cttee Chairman – <i>John Haworth</i>	Editor – <i>Alan Merricks</i>
Minutes Secretary - <i>Robert Keenan</i>	Bar Cashier – (<i>vacant</i>)
Additional Council Members - <i>Sanjay Bowry</i> - <i>Julia Gibbs</i> - <i>Andy Thompson</i>	

Note: The Chairmen of Cricket, Hockey and Rugby Clubs and of Mitre Players are *ex-officio* members of Council.

The following text was unfortunately omitted from the Council Report.

“All the ‘Sanderstead sports clubs have been very active in developing young talent. It is so vital to have a vigorous colts set-up and Rugby, Cricket and Hockey clubs are all keen on promoting the next generation of players. Teams over the age-range Under 10 to Under 17 now play regularly in local leagues and cup competitions. Little is known of Trinity AFC’s progress but it is understood that it now fielding only two XIs.”