

**MINUTES OF THE 35TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE EMMANUEL
SOCIETY IN THE HARRODS ROOM, EMMANUEL COLLEGE AT 6PM ON
FRIDAY 17TH NOVEMBER 2023**

1] Chairman's Welcome

On the occasion of his final AGM as Chair, Nick Allen welcomed members warmly.

2] Apologies for absence

Apologies had been received from Professor Susan Rankin, Dr Robert Henderson, Mr David Lowen, Miss Jessica Cherry, Mrs Rosanna Moseley Gore, Miss Shelly-Ann Meade, Mr Luke Montague, Mr Jug Parmar, Mr Rakesh Patel, Miss Jessica Reilly and Mr Kavish Shah. From the MCR: Mr Tung Nguyen, and from the ECSU: Mr Fabian Apostoaie and Mr Ashwin Gohil.

3] The Minutes of the 34th AGM were confirmed by the Meeting and signed by the Chair as an accurate record.

4] Matters arising are covered in the agenda.

All pertinent documents are available online for the perusal of members; what follows is a summary of these documents.

5] Chairman's Review of the Year

Referring to his published Review, Nick spoke of the Society's attempts to offer a wide range of events designed to appeal to all tastes, some 'live' and some 'remote', and of his particular satisfaction in the continuing success of its contribution to Careers.

6] Events for 2023/4

The Secretary, Ken Sheringham, listed the events planned for the year ahead (details are available on the College website and in the Newsletter).

7] Finance Report and Approval of Accounts

The Treasurer, Rodney Jagelman, informed the Meeting that the main expenditure had been the Society's contribution to the hire of Temple Church for the Carol Service (£450). It had spent £80 on Careers and there had been an overspend of £15.60.

PayPal fees too had to be set against an interest payment of some £200, leaving a total deficit of about £400.

There had been a glitch in the process of presenting this account, for which Rodney asked the indulgence of the Meeting, but Ms Jane Richardson, our Scrutineer, had made a written note to say 'there was nothing which she wished to bring to the attention of the Meeting'.

He informed the Meeting of a memorial service held in College in memory of Chris Waites, who for many years had scrutinised our accounts.

8] College Reports

A] The Master

Referring to his written report, The Master, Doug Chalmers, spoke of the present intake of undergraduates who, unlike their immediate predecessors, had enjoyed a rich sixth form experience, and are therefore now better able to access and enrich the extracurricular life of the College.

Emma Experience, led by Daniel McKay, and Emma Enterprise presented opportunities for the future, as did Catherine Webb's financial review, at a time of rising costs and the demands of rent and food subsidies.

New spaces in College were being used in innovative ways - something confirmed in a short address by the MCR representatives, who also referred to a revival of events involving Exeter, our sister College in Oxford.

Dr Robert Henderson was due to step down at the end of the current academic year, after some 14 years as Senior Tutor.

B] The Development Director

Dr Sarah Bendall referred to the sum raised by members to help finance the new buildings, £38m, as having come from a wide range of donors (rather than very large donations by very few donors), a testament to the kind of loyalty that the College inspires in so many of us.

All undergraduates could now be housed in College for three years.

Post-docs, the first tranche now arrived, would constitute the first new College community since 1584.

C] JCR and MCR reports are published in full online.

9] Committee

Ms Shelly-Ann Meade had agreed to serve a further term and Mrs Rosanna Moseley-Gore, having previously been co-opted, was now welcomed onto the Committee, as ratified by the Meeting.

The Master spoke, as Returning Officer assisted by Sarah, about the election of a new Chair, confirming the appointment of Mr Harry Hickmore.

Harry thanked members, Committee and Officers of the Society, noted the word 'love' in its constitution, and promised to do his best to fill the rather large shoes left by its previous Chair.

11] AOB

The Master proposed, in recognition of Nick's years of service on the Committee, as its Secretary and for the last ten as its Chair, that he become an Honorary Vice-President of the Society, which the Meeting confirmed, and Nick accepted.

He spoke of Nick's academic history at College and of his relatively new-found but exemplary athletic enthusiasm.

In a transformative ten years, Nick's chairmanship had been most notable for its warmth and genuine care for the College and the members of its Society.

(Applause)

Nick replied with thanks to all and made a small presentation to the Development Office as a token of appreciation.

He declared the meeting closed at 7pm.

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