

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
of  
The Society of Old Framlinghamians  
6.15pm on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> March, 2021  
Via 'Zoom', as an on line Video/Voice Conference Call  
Due to the COVID-19 Coronavirus Pandemic**

**Present:** Simon Dougherty – President – in the Chair; Rene Bahar; James Dougherty; Claire Dougherty; John Ellerby; Ruth Elwood (Hon Gen Sec); Chris Essex; Peter Golding; Cameron Greenhall; John Horton; Alex Henney; Peter Howard-Dobson; Kate Jackson; Andrew Lillie; Peter Macfarlane; Tim Mitchell; Norman Porter; Luke Quartermaine; Brian Rosen; James Ruddock-Broyd; Brian Smith; Clive Smith; Amelia Slater; Michael Smy; Chris Sneath; Colin Wigg and Archie Winter.

<b>1.0</b>	<b>Apologies</b>	
1.1	The President welcomed everyone to the 2021 AGM and offered his formal thanks to Alex Henney for making the technical arrangements and for hosting the secure Video Conference.	
1.2	Hon Gen Sec read out the list of Apologies as: David Carr; Clare Collins; Mike Craddock; Joe Lipman; Tony Martin; Robert Mayhew; Ken Mayhew; Richard Rowe; David Turnbull; John Waugh; and Andrew Wright.	
1.3	The President asked if anyone had conflicts of interest. None declared.	
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of 29<sup>th</sup> April 2020</b>	
2.1	These Minutes had been emailed to Council by the President ahead of the meeting and had been made available on the website ( <a href="http://www.oldframlinghamian.com">www.oldframlinghamian.com</a> ). Proposed by Chris Sneath and seconded by PHD.	
2.2	Minor typos corrected.	
2.3	The President invited comments by dissent. None received. The minutes were proposed for adoption by Chris Sneath and seconded by the Peter Howard-Dobson. These are to be signed as a true record of proceedings on 29 <sup>th</sup> April 2020.	
<b>3.0</b>	<b>Matters arising</b>	
3.1	Hon Gen Sec confirmed actions completed from the 2020 minutes Pts. 7.13.1 and 17.1.4. to contact Hon OFs.	
3.1.1	PHD asked if the Rule 3.3b 10-year service Hon OFs had	KJ

	accepted their invitations. Hon Gen Sec advised that only Julie Calver had accepted and Terrie Calvert had declined. All others had failed to respond to invitations, despite several reminders to include an email prompt from KJ a week ago. KJ to call them individually and ask and advise PHD.	
3.2	Other comments on matters arising were invited by the President. None received.	
<b>4.0</b>	<b>Report on Financial Statements for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> December 2020.</b>	
4.1.1	The President invited Chris Essex, Chair of the Trustees to present the accounts.	
4.1.2	Chris Essex thanked Michael Smy for preparing details and presented the key elements relating to the 2020 SOF accounts, which had been formally approved by the Trustees and Ensors, the SOF auditors. These accounts have been uploaded to the SOF website and been made available to all Council members via email. Reporting was kept brief due to the virtual nature of the Zoom presentation.	
4.1.3	The two sets of accounts were detailed; one for the Society and one for the Charitable Trust and overall the accounts have not varied much from the previous year, with only any significant activity occurring towards the end of the financial year, to be discussed later.	
4.2	<i>Overview</i>	
4.2.1	Overall 2020 was a very quiet year for the Society, given the impact of the pandemic. This also delayed Principal Louise North being able to finalise the College's future strategy. However, by the end of 2020 the Trustees were consulted about how they could support the Strategy. This was covered in more detail below.	
4.2.2	The Trustees' commitment to revamp the Society's website had continued throughout the past year, to make it much more user friendly and relevant to the needs of our members, with an intended launch in the next month or so.	
4.2.3	Throughout 2020 the Society's Investment manager, Investec, had managed SOF funds on a discretionary management basis. Subject to SOF investment policy and benchmarks, which are reviewed at least annually, Investec are fully responsible for the choice of the investments in the Society's portfolio. The SOF investment policy has remained largely unchanged throughout the year, with the Trustees seeking a balanced return over a 10 year+ period between income and growth, based on Investec's Medium Risk approach.	
4.3	<b>Society's General Account, Page 7: The grant from the</b>	

	College was down by two thirds reflecting the much lower overall expenditure due to the pandemic. The only expenditure of note was on the new website, which was funded by the Trustees rather than the College. The total cost was expected to be around £15,000 when complete.	
4.4	<b>The Trustees Income Accounts</b> , Page 8: This shows that investment income declined by just over 20% this year partly reflecting significant dividend reductions as companies suspended, or reduced payments in response to global conditions caused by the pandemic. In addition, the low interest rate environment impacted the fixed income portion of the portfolio. Donations to SOF Charitable Fund were lower due to a combination of less charitable activities and lower realised capital gains. Despite a large deficit of £7,300, a balance of just over £35,500 was retained.	
4.5	<b>Balance Sheet</b> , Page 9: The Balance Sheet at year end remained in a healthy state, with its value increasing slightly to £1,584,736, due to the rise in the value of the portfolio to be elaborated on below. It should be noted that the total includes £309,740 of loans provided to the SOF Charitable Fund, in order to maximise the tax efficiency of the £500,000 Fowler donation, (see note 4 on page 14). Over the last year the portfolio, net of fees, grew 4.1% compared with a gross of fees benchmark of 1.2%. The value of investments at 31 <sup>st</sup> December 2020 was £1,248,689 in the non charitable funds.	
4.6	<b>SOF Charitable Accounts – Statement of Financial Activities, (SOFA)</b> , Page 8: this year is typical of previous years whereby income is matched by expenditure. The Charity ended the year with a small deficit of £637, but after taking gains of £3,430 into account, transferred £2,793 to reserves. This year the Charity received £15,353 in donations, of which £11,143 was received from the Society to meet the usual awards and grants.	
4.6.1	The Trustees thanked all those members who have completed gift aid declarations with donations as this enabled the Charity to claim additional funds from HMRC.	
4.6.2	The restructuring of investments putting greater emphasis on growth has been in place for over a year now and resulted in a small reduction in the investment income to £2,299. However, in view of the cash balances the Charity holds, the Trustees do not envisage having to realise capital within the charity in order to fund existing commitments.	
4.6.3	No loan repayments were made this year, despite having full flexibility to do so.	
4.6.4	<b>Balance Sheet</b> , Page 9: Despite the pandemic the Stock Market increased over the last year and saw the portfolio end	

	the year at £155,195. The total return achieved by Investec was 3.0% over the last year, net of fees. This compares with a gross of fees benchmark of 1.2%.	
4.6.5	Whilst the Balance Sheet remains skewed by the loan, the Trustees were pleased that it continued to strengthen. Reserves are considered adequate for the level of activity currently undertaken.	
4.6.6	<b>Grants and Awards</b> , Page 16: These came to a total of £12,037 during 2020. As in recent years the bulk of the individual awards were prizes given out on Speech Day and these consisted of 15 prizes, paying £50 each to Year 11 pupils; 15 prizes paying £100 each to Year 13 pupils; and 2 Albert Awards, paying £150 to Year 13 pupils.	
4.6.7	These awards were in addition to those given for 2 Moreau Leaving Scholarships each year to the value of £1,000 per annum, for 3 years, making a total outlay of £6,000 per annum.	
4.6.8	The Charity also gave financial grants to a couple of pupils and financial assistance to an OF for care assistance. This continued to the end of January 2021.	
4.6.9	The review was concluded.	
4.6.10	CE finally updated Members of significant changes since the year end, which were mentioned on page 16 of the SOF General Accounts and page 26 of the Charitable Accounts. The SOF was asked to support the College's delivery of their Vision 2025. SOF Council at their meeting held on 14 <sup>th</sup> January 2021, approved a trustee proposal to donate £300,000 to the College. For maximum potential future tax efficiency, this was achieved by increasing the loan facility between SOF and Charity to the maximum of £500,000 with the balance via a donation from SOF to Charity. To raise the money, the Trustees have sold all investments held by the Endowment Fund and a small part of the Life Membership Fund. Total investments in both funds, as of yesterday, were down to £1.1m.	
4.6.11	Lastly, the Trustees would like to advise members that Simon Tucker, who was elected a Trustee of the Society at the last AGM, has sadly decided to resign. The impact of the pandemic on Simon's many business interests has meant that he has been unable to attend any trustee meetings since his appointment and that this situation is likely to remain unchanged during 2021. Both Chris Essex and Peter H-D were due to retire within the next month and had since been reappointed for one and 4 years each respectively.	
4.6.12	Questions were invited, with responses by Michael Smy, in relation to the accounting treatment of the loan arrangement between SOF and SOFCT.	
4.6.13	John Ellerby noted in the Society General Accounts the reference to the indemnity provided by the Council back in	

	2016. He asked if this was still required, or was this the final year that the accounts would reference it? CE and MS responded that this was correct and it would be the last reference in the accounts, based on advice given by Nick Jacob and Ensors' opinion, when consulted at the time.	
4.6.14	The President invited any comments or dissent on the accounts as presented. None received. They were proposed for adoption by the President and seconded by John Ellerby and agreed unanimously by Council for approval and signing. The President offered his thanks to Chris and all the Trustees for all their hard work in preparing the accounts.	
<b>5.0</b>	<b>President's Review of the Year 2020 to 2021</b>	
5.1	The President, Simon Dougherty, provided a brief overview of the last 12 months as follows:	
5.2	<i>Events</i>	
5.2.1	No meetings, suppers or dinners have taken place during the year due to the COVID-19 Pandemic restrictions.	
5.2.2	There had been some OFGS and OFRC activity, when allowed.	
5.2.3	On a positive note, there was the <u>possibility</u> of an SOF buffet lunch for the Society and their guests, at FC on Sunday 4 <sup>th</sup> July 2021, in the Fowler Pavilion, with limited numbers subject to the lifting of COVID-19 restrictions. SD will keep everyone posted, but there may only be a 3 week notice period via email in the run up to the event, if it was confirmed nearer the time.	SD
5.3	<i>Governance of the Society</i>	
5.3.1	This was the second consecutive AGM to be held virtually.	
5.3.2	All Society Rules had been fulfilled, with the July and October 2020 and January 2021 Council Meetings and associated Finance Committee and Trustee Meetings all held virtually. An additional council meeting was also held on 14 <sup>th</sup> January to consider the proposals to make a donation to FC.	
5.4	<i>The College</i>	
5.4.1	FC had received a return of 60% of SOF Operational Budget in May 2020, when it became apparent that it would not be spent due to COVID-19 restrictions and was returned; which was very well received by FC.	
5.4.2	Later in June, The President had held discussions with Bill Rimmer, Chairman of Governors, which had led to further discussions later in the year with Chris Essex as Chairman of Trustees, resulting in the proposal for the gift of £300K from the Society to FC, to ensure that the College's Vision 2025 continued to be achievable and on schedule – This donation had been very well received by FC.	

5.4.3	There had been continued engagement with FC to finalise the data sharing agreement, to ensure GDPR compliant management of members' personal data by the College, used during any future marketing or FC appeals.	
5.4.4	Agreement in principal had been reached between the Society and FC, for strong SOF support with the forthcoming joint bursary campaign, which is to be launched by the end of the school year, summer 2021.	
5.4.5	Agreement had been reached with FC for the digital publication of <i>The Framlinghamian</i> last December 2020, despite being some months later than advised at the 2020 AGM. One or two constructive comments had been received and these had been passed over to the FC publication team. Continued engagement with FC was ongoing with reference to the future publications of <i>The Framlinghamian</i> ; which was most likely to be in hard copy and a digital form. It was disappointing to note that despite commencing discussions over future proposals for <i>The Framlinghamian</i> in August 2020, with regular promises of a meeting, followed up by a reminder from the President a few days ago; yet still no meeting had been arranged, or taken place with FC.	
5.4.6	Discussions over all 3 of the above initiatives had taken place at a variable pace, and none are yet finalised. This outstanding business is to be passed on to PHD, the new President, who had been involved over recent months to ensure continuity of knowledge and direction from the SOF. SD was personally optimistic of a positive outcome, but frustrated by the length of time taken to progress matters.	
5.5	<i>People</i>	
5.5.1	The President was indebted to many people who had supported him during his second term, but picked out the following to personally thank:	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ruth Elwood – for her role as Hon Gen Sec.</li> <li>• Chris Essex – for acting as Chairman of the Trustees alongside his fellow Trustees.</li> <li>• David Carr – as Hon. Treasurer.</li> <li>• Nick Whitehead – the outgoing Chairman of the Young OFs and his successor Luke Quartermaine, for stepping forward, subject to elections;</li> <li>• Kate Jackson – for her huge support, despite long periods of furlough and for picking up the reins after furlough;</li> <li>• Past Presidents and senior colleagues for their wise council and advice, which was freely given and well received;</li> <li>• The President noted all the hard work provided by the SOF Admin team and the website team, led by PDH as they continued to redevelop the SOF website.</li> <li>• <i>The Framlinghamian</i> correspondents;</li> </ul>	



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Moreau Scholarship Selection Committee, led by David Mallett with Jenny Binder, Nick Whitehead and Norman Porter, who had now been replaced by Cam Greenhall, after NP's dedicated commitment over the past 16 years.</li> <li>• The many SOF Members for emails and notes of encouragement throughout the year.</li> <li>• Finally, thanks were offered to PHD for stepping forward to take on the challenge of being the next SOF President and for making the hand over easy.</li> <li>• Apologies were offered in case anyone had been missed, but this had not been intentional.</li> </ul>	
5.6	<i>Membership</i>	
5.6.1	The President clarified that all leavers, unless non-eligible leavers, become members of the SOF. This is to clarify that College Alumni and OFs are one and the same members of the Society, which changed as a result of the SOF-FC agreement in 2013.	
5.6.2	The election of Hon OFs based on both merit and as FC staff recognised for at least 10 years' service are to be covered later in the meeting.	
5.6.3	Over the past year, the SOF has celebrated a number of centenarians and senior birthdays. The Society is indebted to Chris Keeble for providing bespoke cards, one of which was being delivered by hand today, 27 <sup>th</sup> March 2021, to a Distinguished OF, Peter Bailey, (K34-38), who had just turned 99 during the meeting, as per local Australian time.	
5.7	<i>Deaths</i>	
5.7.1	Many deaths had been notified to the Society and mentioned in Council Meeting Minutes, with all details listed on the SOF website. For completeness, all names are listed below, but those underlined were highlighted by the President as being significant to FC and the SOF, or to him personally.	
5.7.2	<p>The President acknowledged the following, who had passed since the last AGM, on 29<sup>th</sup> April 2020, as being:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Graham John "Jack" Charles Brand (R56-64)</b> died on 6<sup>th</sup> March 2021.</li> <li>• <b><u>Michael Cooke</u>, Hon OF:</b> died on 12<sup>th</sup> February 2021. The Memorial service had been live streamed from FC and his eulogy by Mark Robinson was noted as outstanding and worth watching on the SOF website.</li> <li>• <b>Andrew Charles Franz Wilhelm Quinsee, (S73-80):</b> died on 13<sup>th</sup> February 2021.</li> <li>• <b><u>Rev. Peter Graham Vellacott</u>, Hon OF and former vicar of Brandeston Hall:</b> died in January 2021.</li> <li>• <b><u>George 'Paddy' Newbery</u>, Hon OF and Former</b></li> </ul>	

	<p><b>Headmaster at Brandeston Hall, (1980-1985):</b> died on 26<sup>th</sup> December 2020, aged 80.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>David Bryan Mead, (K49-54)</b> died on 19<sup>th</sup> February 2021.</li> <li>• <b>John Alan Ware, (S42-47):</b> died on 15<sup>th</sup> December 2020.</li> <li>• <b>Paul Wright, (K42-50):</b> died on 12<sup>th</sup> December 2020.</li> <li>• <b>Robin Adrian Foster-Clarke, (R54-57):</b> Died on 11<sup>th</sup> November 2020.</li> <li>• <b>Ros Wilson, Hon OF:</b> Died on 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2020.</li> <li>• <b>Keith Bridges, Hon OF:</b> Keith died in October 2020.</li> <li>• <b>Chris Subba Row, (R74-78):</b> Died on 27<sup>th</sup> September 2020, at the age of 59.</li> <li>• <b><u>John Whipp, Hon OF:</u></b> Died on 24<sup>th</sup> September 2020. John had been a Deputy Head at FC; an Honorary OF since 1977; a Vice President of the Society.</li> <li>• <b><u>Maurice Frederick Wonnacott, (K64-69);</u></b> Died on 25<sup>th</sup> August 2020.</li> <li>• <b>Charles (Peter) Smallpeice, (K49-57):</b> died on 9<sup>th</sup> August 2020 aged 80.</li> <li>• <b>Martin Andrew Sleeuw, (G80-84):</b> died on 16<sup>th</sup> June 2020.</li> <li>• <b>Christopher Hamilton Beal, (S53-57):</b> died on 6<sup>th</sup> May 2020.</li> <li>• <b><u>Stephen Llewellyn, (R57-64):</u></b> who died on the 8<sup>th</sup> May 2020.</li> <li>• <b>Richard Sutton, (G48-51):</b> Died in Bristol at Southmead Hospital on 1<sup>st</sup> May 2020.</li> <li>• <b>Richard Arnold Oldershaw, (G48-52):</b> died on 1<sup>st</sup> May 2020.</li> <li>• <b>Michael Anthony Gordon Spencer, (R51-58):</b> who died suddenly and unexpectedly on 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2020.</li> <li>• <b>David Bellamy, (G51-60);</b> who died on 9<sup>th</sup> April 2020.</li> <li>• <b>John Simpson, (K32-36);</b> who died peacefully on 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2020, at the great age of 101, having been a past President of the Society.</li> <li>• <b>Duncan Richard Miller, (R47-54):</b> died on 19<sup>th</sup> March 2020, at the age of 83.</li> <li>• <b>Michael Rosen, (S40-46):</b> who died on the 18<sup>th</sup> March 2020.</li> <li>• <b>Andrew Hancock, (S52-57):</b> who died on the 9<sup>th</sup> February 2020.</li> <li>• <b>John Anthony Coles, (G71-75):</b> died on 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2020.</li> <li>• <b>Donovan Frazer, (K74-78):</b> who died on 16<sup>th</sup> January 2020.</li> <li>• <b>Walter Juby, (K46-54);</b> who died in October 2019.</li> <li>• <b>Dr Paul Yate, (S59-69):</b> who died in May 2015, however, the SOF only heard recently about his death from his wife.</li> <li>• <b>Roger Cocksedge, (G56-61):</b> Roger's brother Martin</li> </ul>	
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	(G62-67) had advised that Roger, a former RAF pilot, had died of Motor Neurone Disease (MND) 8 years ago, in 2012.	
5.7.3	Despite COVID, the number of deaths were similar to previous years, however, all are remembered. If anyone knows of names that have not been listed, please notify the Hon Gen Sec.	
5.8	<i>Other Matters</i>	
5.8.1	Many will be aware that SD has completed 3 other roles alongside being President and would be stepping down in due course, as follows:	
5.8.2	<b>Services Editor:</b> SD had undertaken this role since 2009 and was delighted to announce that Commodore Rob Bellfield RN, (K81-83), had agreed to take over, now that he had moved back to Suffolk, with effect from today.	
5.8.3	<b>Annual Dinner Organiser:</b> SD had organised the Society's Annual Dinner since 2013. It was agreed with PHD that he would arrange the dinner for the 2022 AGM; but would be stepping down thereafter and the President would therefore be looking for a successor.	
5.8.4	<b>Moreau Scholarship Committee:</b> SD had undertaken this role for 10 years and before that, was a mentor, which he recalled as being an 'absolutely great experience'. He advised that he would be stepping down from the Committee after this year's selections had been completed.	
5.9	<i>President's Conclusion</i>	
5.9.1	Simon Dougherty said as the outgoing President, that it had been an honour to be SOF President and humbling to have been elected to do it twice.	
5.9.2	This term as President had not been as expected, but he felt that, given all the constraints, the Society had 'done very well' during this troubled period and thanked everyone for their support.	
5.9.3	He was indebted to the support, guidance and suggestions he had received from so many.	
5.9.4	He was looking forward to meeting many colleagues and friends from the Society face to face in person, in the not-too-distant future.	
5.9.5	And finally, he reflected on how fortunate FC was to have the support of the Society, whose Trustees had donated over £1m to FC over the 10 year period from his first Presidency that started on 26 <sup>th</sup> March 2011, to today, 27 <sup>th</sup> March 2021.	
5.9.6	Thant concludes the President's report. Questions were invited and none received.	
6.0	<b>To Elect Officers of the Society for 2021-2022</b>	
6.1.1	SD undertook his final duty, to formally hand over to the next	

	President. All those whose named below had been formally proposed, seconded, and unanimously agreed at the SOF Council Meeting held on 26 <sup>th</sup> January 2021.	
6.1.2	<b>President:</b> Peter Howard-Dobson had offered to stand; proposed by John Ellerby and seconded by Simon Dougherty, with a unanimous election by Council. SD offered his sincere congratulations and asked PHD to take the Chair as the new President.	
6.1.3	Peter offered his thanks for his election to this splendid Society. Before continuing with the other elections, he paid tribute to SD for completing his 4 <sup>th</sup> term as President, which had only been done twice before him in over 120 years of the SOF story. The first was Herbert Pretty, the first ever president, who served an initial 3 years, starting in 1900 at the age of 46 and returned for a 4 <sup>th</sup> term in 1925 at the age of 71. The second was Richard Sayer, who completed a double stint from 1993-1995. When the Society needed his support during the FC Sesquicentenary year, he again volunteered to return and was a great President from 2013-2015. SD's two periods of office had been closer together, acting as an excellent President in his first term from 2011-2013. More recently, when again an experienced pair of hands had been needed to build a strong and beneficial relationship with a new College Head, he volunteered to offer his services again. As a fellow Governor and one of the Society's Trustees, PHD said he had been privileged to witness how long and hard SD had worked to welcome and support Louise North on behalf of the Society, managing this in spite of the pandemic, which had made engagements difficult and impossible at times. PHD stated that Simon had done a brilliant job and offered his very grateful thanks for everything he had done, which was endorsed by John Ellerby and silent applause by attendees of the meeting.	
6.1.4	Simon responded by offering his thanks to Peter for such kind words and said they had been very much appreciated.	
6.1.5	The President announced the remaining Officers of the Society to be elected:	
6.1.6	<b>Hon Gen Sec</b> – Ruth Elwood, who was co-opted by Council in May 2019 and elected in 2020.	
6.1.7	<b>Hon Treasurer</b> – David Carr, who was elected in 2020.	
6.1.8	<b>Young OFs:</b> Luke Quartermaine who was proposed by Nick Whitehead and seconded by Simon Dougherty on 26 <sup>th</sup> January 2021. The President offered his thanks to Nick for all of his assistance with the Young OFs, as he had Chaired the group since its inception and looked forward to working with Luke in this new role over the coming years. Luke was elected by acclaim.	
6.1.9	<b>Council Members:</b> Rene Bahar, who was co-opted on 26 <sup>th</sup> January 2021, proposed by PHD and seconded by Simon	

	Dougherty for 3 years. Rene was elected by acclaim.	
6.1.10	<b>Finance Committee – appointed in accordance with SOF Rule 5a:</b> President, Trustees, Hon Sec, Hon Treasurer; golf & shooting organisers; the sports co-ordinator; OF coordinator at the College; Chair of Young OFs Committee are all included in the Finance Committee. Objections were invited, with none received and all appointments confirmed.	
6.1.11	<b>Independent Examiner:</b> Ensors, as appointed by the College in accordance with the SOF FC agreement.	
6.1.12	Elections were concluded and dissent was invited by the President, with none received, allowing all the above to be elected 'en bloc'.	
<b>7.0</b>	<b>New Hon OFs:</b> The President continued with the following nominations, as proposed at the 26 <sup>th</sup> January 2021 Council Meeting, under Rule 3 (3) (a) and (b) as recommended for service to the Society:	
7.1.1	<p><b>Rule 3(3)a - Hon OF Nominations:</b> The following were proposed to be put forward for Hon OF status, in recognition of outstanding service to either the School or the Society.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Louise North:</b> Louise had been Principal at FC since September 2019; proposed by Simon Dougherty and seconded by the President, Peter Howard-Dobson.</li> <li>• <b>Charles Packshaw:</b> Took over as Chairman of the Governors, from Bill Rimmer at the FC AGM; proposed by Simon Dougherty and seconded by the President.</li> <li>• Martin Myers-Allen proposed <b>Sally Walden</b>, sister of recently deceased John Edwards. Sally was one of the FCPS nurses from 2003-2008 and remains well connected with FC and the Society. The proposal was seconded by Simon Dougherty.</li> </ul>	
7.1.2	Approval was given by Council for all 3 nominations. Hon Gen Sec to issue letters of invitation.	HGS
7.1.3	<p><b>Rule 3(3)b - Hon OF Nominations</b> – under the 10-year revised rules, the following individuals had been agreed as eligible to be put forward for election, having undergone consultations and due diligence by FC HR:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Mr. Jamie Mayhew:</b> who has worked in the Marketing and Communications Department as IT Support and Marketing Assistant. He started working on 10/09/07.</li> <li>• <b>Mr. Shibu Mathew:</b> who has worked in the Maintenance Department across both schools as an Electrician. He started working on 22/10/07.</li> <li>• <b>Mr. Tom Howard:</b> who has worked in the Theatre Department across both schools as the Senior Theatre Technician. He started working on the 02/09/08.</li> <li>• <b>Miss. Natasha Lees:</b> who has worked in the Catering Department as Head Chef at Framlingham College. She started working on the 27/10/08.</li> </ul>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Mr. Jonathan Lockhart:</b> who has worked as a Transport Driver across both schools. He started working on the 26/08/08.</li> <li>• <b>Mrs. Veronica Maberly:</b> who has worked in the Academic Department as a Teaching Assistant at Framlingham College Prep School for well over 10 years, having started work on the 05/05/08. Veronica is also mother to 2 Moreau Scholars.</li> <li>• <b>Miss Natalie Lees;</b> who has worked in the Domestic Department as Matron in Moreau House at Framlingham College. She started working on the 27/10/09.</li> </ul>	
7.1.4	Objections or dissent was invited by the President, with none received. All were proposed by the President and seconded by SD, with all names taken forward 'en bloc'.	
7.1.5	Hon Gen Sec to issue formal letters of invitation.	HGS
7.1.6	[POST MEETING NOTE: Prior consultation with Rule 3.3b Hon OFs had not been undertaken, in error, as reported by Hon Gen Sec due to a misunderstanding; but invitation letters were issued promptly on 30 <sup>th</sup> March 2021, to establish interest, or not].	
<b>8.0</b>	<b>Any Other Business</b>	
8.1	Hon Gen Sec advised the date of next AGM was confirmed as 2 <sup>nd</sup> April 2022, at the RAF Club, London.	
8.2	<p>The President took the opportunity to briefly outline his hopes and aspirations for the initial phase in the new role as follows:</p> <p>Firstly, he was absolutely thrilled to serve as President and somewhat astonished to see his name listed amongst some seriously venerable predecessors and will do his best to live up to their standards. To do so, he may need to call upon some for help and assistance, to allow him to live up to Council's expectations! He was optimistic in the hope that the worst of the pandemic had passed and being determined to move forward with a primary focus on re-engagement in a number of areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Within the Society, getting back to a full calendar of sporting and social activities;</li> <li>• With the College, as we help to promote their bursary campaign;</li> <li>• With current 6<sup>th</sup> formers and recent leavers – in particular through our new website, with its focus on networking and interactivity. The design of the site has been completed and our developers are well on their way with building it. PHD hoped that a beta-version of the site would be available by the end of April, and be ready to launch sometime in late May. He was hugely indebted to Chris Essex and Tim Mitchell for the work they've put in to the</li> </ul>	

	project, and he and they were looking forward to seeing it in action. He hoped that members would like what had been created.	
8.3	The President outlined forthcoming meetings as follows, noting continued COVID-19 restrictions requiring some to remain via Zoom.	
8.3.1	The spring Council Meeting is to be held on 26 <sup>th</sup> April 2021, by Zoom.	
8.3.2	A possible buffet lunch on 4 <sup>th</sup> July to replace the Annual Dinner with details TBC.	
8.3.3	The London Council Meeting and Supper on July 22 <sup>nd</sup> 2021, at the Lansdowne Club. Details TBC.	
8.3.4	The Edinburgh gathering on 14 <sup>th</sup> August.	
8.3.5	The Suffolk Council Meeting and Supper on 16 <sup>th</sup> October at FC.	
8.3.6	Chris Essex reported that the Australian OFs are hoping to be the first to meet face to face in the next few months, as restrictions are gradually being lifted.	
8.3.7	CE commented that it was brilliant to see Peter Macfarlane attending the AGM from Vermont in the USA.	
8.4	The President closed the meeting at 7.03pm.	

**Signed:**  
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