

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF C.A.O.D.S.**  
**held at Meteor Way, Chelmsford on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2011**

**53 members were present and 11 members apologised for absence**

Apologies for absence were read out by the Secretary. Our President, Gill Plumtree welcomed all to the meeting and on a personal note thanked everyone for the condolence cards and notes sent to her. She said (to the sound of applause from all) that she was pleased to see Martin Burgess present. However, sadly Peter Smith and our Treasurer, Mike Allen, were not well and so were not here tonight.

**The Minutes of the 2010 Annual General Meeting** were accepted by all as a true copy (proposed by Christine Yorke-Edwards and seconded by John Sullivan). There were no matters arising.

The Chairman's report covered the previous period June 2010 to May 2011. At the end of this she made a presentation to the President of Life Membership, with the on-going thanks of the Society for her invaluable service.

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS** – This time it was the turn of the Secretary to stand for another 2 years. She was pleased to accept and was thanked for her continued hard work.

**ELECTION OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE** – Those due to stand down were Clive Wilton and Jean Pinkney, who were both willing to stand again. We had 2 co-opted members in Diana Baker and Peter Hockley who would now become full committee members and there had been received one other nomination for Jill Gordon. The new committee would therefore be Chairman T.Perry, Vice Chair J.Pinkney, Treasurer M.Allen, Secretary A.Hinton, D.Yetton, C.Wilton, C.Carr, R.Gowers, D.Baker, P.Hockley, J.Gordon.

**TREASURER'S REPORT** - in the absence of Mike Allen, J.Pinkney read his Annual Report, after which she asked for any questions from the floor. Warren Jennings firstly congratulated the team on the Old Time Music Hall evening – his query of the accounts was in respect of the £519 Concert Royalties which the Chairman then explained to his satisfaction. **Adoption of the Accounts** was proposed by Kevin Richards and seconded by Russell Day – all were in favour. **Adoption of the Auditor John Halliday** was proposed by Christine Yorke-Edwards and seconded by Lynette Sullivan who also asked that we convey our best wishes to the Treasurer for his good health.

The Chairman then outlined two proposals from the committee – firstly to raise the Show Fee to £35 – seconded by Robyn Gowers and a unanimous result from the floor – secondly to raise the non-acting fee to £15 proposed by Diana Baker and seconded by Neville Homersham – all were in favour of this too, both of these would come into force June 2012.

**SOCIAL ACTIVITIES** – The Vice Chairman gave a very comprehensive report of the past year's activities which in all had raised £1762. For the start of this year she asked that everyone put Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> April in their diary for CAODS "Titanic" Dinner Dance and Entertainment priced at £20 a ticket (more details would follow). Next, she had collated and had bound various programmes from the 1920's onwards showing the history of our Society which would be available to view to any interested party. Lastly she spoke of the upgrading of our Society website. The President thanked her for her enterprising work throughout the year.

**100 CLUB** – Dave Yetton spoke about this “account” being in a very healthy state, which he has now taken over – he said that the records go all the way back to 1975 – the rules of which have been up-dated and are being reprinted. It is now known as the “**100 Plus Club**”. The President thanked him.

**THE RE-NAMING OF THE V.P’s TO “PATRONS”** – This was put to the members by the Chairman for discussion. Christine Yorke-Edwards said that she still liked the term “Vice Presidents” rather than the suggested “Patrons”, with which John Sullivan also agreed. However, Neville Homersham said that he felt the term “Friends of CAODS” would be better. The Chairman said that we would think on this matter further.

**RE-JOINING CAODS FEE** - This was a new subject put forward by the Chairman and the reasoning behind it had been discussed at our end of year executive committee meeting. Three members (John and Lynette Sullivan and Christine Yorke-Edwards) gave their thoughts on this to the Chairman, who said we would bring this whole item to the new executive committee for further discussion.

**A. O. B.** Marion Cook won the draw for “free membership for the year”. The 100 Club “Christmas” Draw and the ordinary December Draw was made (see website details).

There being no other business the President closed the meeting and invited the membership to adjourn to the Green Room for refreshments