



The British Malaysian Society

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting Held at Limkokwing University, 106 Piccadilly, London at 6.00 pm on Friday 6 July 2012

1. Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 4 May 2011.

The minutes of last year's meeting were approved.

2. Statement by the President

The President paid tribute to retiring Chairman, Dato' Neville Green, and thanked him for his contributions to the Society over his considerable years of dedicated service. He stated that he is pleased that Dato' Neville Green would continue to be involved with the BMS after his retirement, as a member of Council, with the title of Founding Chairman.

The President then introduced Dato' Zed Cama, formerly of HSBC, as the newly elected Chairman to take effect on 1 January 2013, following a unanimous decision by the Management Committee. He concluded by wishing Dato' Zed Cama well in his new role.

3. Statement by the Chairman

The Society organised fewer events over the past year, in the absence of an Events Organiser, traditionally a key component of the Management Committee. We need to recruit and encourage young Malaysian members to participate in Society events and to continue to refresh our membership. The Chairman encouraged volunteers to step forward to take on the challenge of revitalising the Society's events in order to cater to the interests of both existing and new members.

The Chairman expressed his delight in securing Dato' Zed Cama as his successor. Dato' Zed Cama spent many years living in Malaysia whilst running HSBC's operations there. He is well regarded by both the British and Malaysian communities in our Society, both in London and in KL. In my view, a timely and progressive succession, after serving in the Chairman post for over 12 years. I look forward to working with Zed during the handover period until the end of this year.

The Chairman thanked the E&C Committee for the outstanding work they had undertaken over the past year and welcomed 3 new members to the Education & Culture committee. Given the renewed focus that the BMS is placing on educational and cultural activities in future, the new committee members were a timely and welcomed addition.

Honorary Treasurer Peter Farrar will shortly report on the Society's financial condition through calendar year 2011.

Finally, a word about our host today. We are grateful to Tan Sri Lim Kok Wing for so generously granting the Society the use of these, his Piccadilly campus premises, as the venue for the Society's Committee meetings and today, for its AGM and President's Reception.

4. Treasurer's Report and 2011 Audited Accounts

The Treasurer submitted the audited 2011 Accounts. The Accounts were adopted, after duly being proposed and seconded. The Treasurer noted a surplus of £2,727 and healthy cash reserves.

The Treasurer reported that subscription receipts have held up well but with a change in the membership mix, with an encouraging increase in new younger members. He thanked those corporate members who have continued to support us well.

The Society continued to run a strong programme of functions and the Royal Weaves event was a notable success. The surplus funds raised from the event (£13,500) have been set aside to fund a two-year academic scholarship for a Malaysian student to undertake a Masters degree at the Prince's School of Traditional Arts (PSTA).

In 2011, we earmarked £4,500 out of the 2010 annual dinner auction proceeds to 3 causes. Donations have been disbursed to Badan Warisan (£1,000) and to the Association of Chin Refugees' school (£1,600). The remaining funds (£1,900) have been set aside for the sponsorship of a UK student to serve in Malaysia as an English Speaking Assistant.

The Treasurer thanked the many organisations that have supported our events with sponsorship or provision of meeting facilities, including in particular Malaysia Airlines, LimKokWing University and Awana restaurant. Particular mention was made of principal sponsor Maybank, as well as HSBC, MAS and Air Asia, whose generous support made the Royal Weaves event in 2011 possible. The Society is most grateful for their generosity.

5. Election of Anova as Auditors.

The Chairman proposed that Anova be appointed as Auditors for the financial year 2012, which was duly seconded and agreed.

6. Report by the Chairman of Education and Culture Committee

The work of the Education & Culture Committee continues to grow from strength to strength and the Chairman of the E&C Committee, Dr John Breakell thanked his committee members, particularly deputy chair, Zehan Albakri, for their loyal, generous and hardworking support.

The success of the Royal Weaves project was a highlight of 2011 and the Society hopes to continue to build on our relationship with the Prince's School of Traditional Art (PSTA). Discussions are underway with the PSTA and the Islamic Arts Museum to facilitate our involvement in the Tradition and Continuity exhibition in Kuala Lumpur in 2013.

The Book Project has also gone well with 1000 English books collected and ready for distribution to rural primary schools in Malaysia.

The E&C committee has increasingly taken on the role of facilitator for UK independent schools hoping to establish links with Malaysia. In pursuing this role, the E&C committee have engaged with the Training Gateway, an organisation that facilitates UK universities in seeking partnerships overseas. It is hoped that Amanda Selvaratnam, Director of the Training Gateway, accepts an invitation to join the E&C committee.

Finally Dr Breakell paid tribute to retiring Chairman, Dato' Neville Green.

7. Council & Committees

The Management Committee proposed the following two resolutions, both of which were adopted:

Resolution (i):

That the following members of Council, it being assumed that being eligible for re-election they so offer themselves, be elected:

The Earl of Home, Patron
Tan Sri Dato' Sri Zeti Akhtar Aziz, Patron
Sir Mark Moody-Stuart, President
Dato' Sir Francis McWilliams, Vice President
Sir Peter Cazalet, Vice President
Sir Andrew Large, Vice President
Martin Barrow
Sir John Bond
The Lord Cairns
William Cash MP
Mr Bruce Cleghorn
Sir Graham Fry
Sir David John
George Mallinckrodt
David Greenaway
Sir Richard Needham
The Lord Powell
The Lord Prior
Professor Dato' Sir Colin Campbell
Professor Sir Michael Sterling
Professor Malcolm Grant
Dato' Neville Green

Resolution (ii):

That the following members of the Management Committee and Advisory Groups, including those co-opted since the last AGM, it being assumed that being eligible for re-election they so offer themselves, be elected:

Management Committee

Dato' Zarir Cama (Chairman Elect)
Dato' Neville Green (Retiring Chairman)
Albert Bong (Hon Secretary)
Peter Farrar (Hon Treasurer)
Dr. John Breakell (Chairman, Education & Culture Committee)
David Lamb (Chairman, Commercial Affairs Liaison Group)
Zehan Albakri-Verden
Peter Davies
John Goodwin
Jerry Lai
Roderick Noble
Rahiyah Yahya

Management Committee Advisory Group

Dato' Anthony Cooper
Robin De Morgan
Datuk Peter Jenkins
Michael Thompson
Grahame Young
Merrick Baker-Bates

Education & Culture Committee

Dr. John Breakell (Chairman)
Zehan Albakri-Verden (Vice-Chair)
Mariann Baker (Hon Secretary)
Albert Bong
Peter Farrar
Dato' Neville Green
Anthony Millard
John Mountford
Elizabeth St Clair George
Lesley Pullen

Education & Culture Committee Advisory Group

Lady Doris Butterworth
Cliff Condell
Dato' Anthony Cooper
Robin De Morgan
Datin Waveney Jenkins

And, ex-officio: Foreign & Commonwealth Office Malaysian Desk representative
Dato' Larry Gan, Chairman British Malaysian Chamber of Commerce

To note that the following KL Panel members continue in office:

Mr Andrew Davison
Mr Patrick Chen
Dr Teo Soo-Hwang
Mr Christopher Bell
YM Tunku Abdul Aziz Ibrahim (Chairman)
Mr Chris Syer (Hon Secretary)
Ybhg Tan Sri Dato' Dr Munir Majid
Ybhg Dato' Lim Say Chong
Ybhg Tan Sri Dato' V C George
Ybhg Datuk Paddy Bowie
Ybhg Datuk Peter Jenkins
Ybhg Datuk Azzat Kamaludin
Major John Carruthers
Ybhg Dato' Henry Barlow
YBhg Dato' Sri Nazir Ariff
Ybhg Tan Sri Datuk Amar Leo Moggie
Ybhg Dato' Jeremy Diamond
Mr John Dixon
Datuk Michael Steel
Ybhg Datuk Tristan Russell
Ybhg Dato' WSW Davidson
YM Raja Tan Sri Dato' Sri Arshad Uda
Ybhg Tan Sri Abdullah Ahmad
Ybhg Tan Sri Dato' Sri A P Arumugam
Ybhg Tan Sri Kishu Tirathrai
Ybhg Tan Sri Wan Azmi Wan Hamzah
YA Bhg Toh Puan Dato' Sri Hjh Dr Aishah Ong
YA Bhg Tun Mohammed Hanif bin Omar
YM Tunku Tan Sri Ahmad Yahaya
YAM Tunku Tan Sri Imran Tuanku Jaafar
YAM Tunku Zain Al-'Abidin Muhriz
Mr Mohammad Faiz Azmi
Ms Ruth Yeoh Pei Cheen
Tan Sri Dato' Dr Lim Kok Wing
Mr Wan Saiful Wan Jan
Dato' Richard Curtis
Dato' Larry Gan (ex officio)
Ms Roselyn Chuah (Correspondent)

8. Any other business

There was no other business.

The AGM was followed by a reception hosted by the President, Sir Mark Moody-Stuart.