



The British Malaysian Society

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting Held at the Travellers Club, 106 Pall Mall at 6.00 pm on Tuesday 24 June 2014

1. Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 18 June 2013.

The minutes of last year's meeting were approved.

2. Statement by the Chairman

The Chairman, Dato' Zed Cama, looked back on an exciting year for the BMS. Notable events included the BMS sponsored Malay silverware exhibition at the V&A, the successful careers evening as well as the customary Annual Dinner and Christmas reception which were both well received by our members. Zed encouraged members to continue to support the many events that are scheduled during the second half of 2014. The past year also saw the launch of the BMS facebook page which we hope will appeal to a younger audience and help expand the Society's membership.

The Chairman undertook an effort to restructure the management of the BMS during 2013. To streamline the management of the Society, the Management Committee, Education & Cultural Committee and various Advisory Groups have been amalgamated into a single Executive Committee. This will improve the efficiency in the governance of the Society and avoid duplication. The Chairman thanked the members of the Education & Cultural Committee and both Advisory Groups for their valuable contribution and loyal support over their many years of service.

The Chairman notes that the bilateral relationship continues to grow from strength to strength. The World Islamic Economic Forum 2013 was held in London and was well attended by delegates from Malaysia. The event was co-hosted by PM David Cameron and PM Najib Razak, who displayed a good rapport, a positive reinforcement of the Anglo-Malaysian relationship. The MIDA roundtable organised to coincide with the WIEF was also a resounding success.

The Chairman thanked Albert Bong, Peter Farrar, Zehan Albakri, Azimah Heus and Christine Loh for the outstanding work they had undertaken over the past year. Finally, the Chairman thanked the Council, Patrons and members of the Executive Committee for their contributions.

3. Treasurer's Report and 2013 Audited Accounts

The Treasurer submitted the audited 2013 Accounts. The Accounts were adopted, after duly being proposed and seconded. The Chairman thanked Peter Farrar for the time and effort he had put in as Treasurer.

Overall we have had a busy 2013 but subscription revenues have declined. There has been a decline in corporate renewals and we need to work hard to continue to be relevant to our corporate members. Overall, due to a full events programme during 2013, we recorded a small deficit. However, the Treasurer notes that we have strong reserves and expenses remain low.

The Treasurer thanked Lim Kok Wing University, the Inner Temple and the generosity of our members in hosting management meetings as well as events.

The Society's website was revamped and updated which represents a one-off cost in the accounts. This represents a good investment as we continue to attract new members through our website.

The Treasurer thanked Zehan, Azimah and Christine, without whom we would not be able to deliver our programme of events. Finally, the Treasurer thanked Simon Hoy of Anova, our auditors.

4. Election of Anova as Auditors.

The Treasurer proposed that Anova be appointed as Auditors for the financial year 2014, which was duly seconded and agreed.

5. Council & Committees

The Executive Committee proposed adoption of 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
Professor Sir David Greenaway
Sir Richard Needham
The Lord Powell
The Lord Prior
Professor Dato' Sir Colin Campbell
Professor Sir Michael Sterling
Professor Sir Malcolm Grant
Dato' Neville Green

Resolution (ii):

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

Dato' Zarir Cama (Chairman)
Albert Bong (Hon Secretary)
Peter Farrar (Hon Treasurer)
Dr John Breakell (Education Secretary)
Zehan Albakri-Verden (Culture Secretary)
David Lamb (Commercial Secretary)
Azimah Heus (Events Organiser)
Christine Loh (Deputy Events Organiser)
Dato' Neville Green (Founding Chairman)
Martin Barrow
Dato' Johan Raslan
Michael Thompson
Dato' Anthony Cooper
Rahiyah Yahya

And, ex-officio:

Foreign & Commonwealth Office Malaysian Desk representative
Dato' Larry Gan, Chairman British Malaysian Chamber of Commerce

6. Any other business

There was no other business.

The President, Sir Mark Moody-Stuart, closed the AGM and introduced Datuk Yunus Raiss, who read a poem that he had written in commemoration of Sultan Azlan Shah, during the 100 days of mourning.

The AGM was followed by a reception hosted by the President.