



## **The British Malaysian Society**

### **Minutes of the Annual General Meeting Held at the Travellers Club, 106 Pall Mall, London at 6.00 pm on Wednesday 11 May 2016**

#### **1. Apologies**

There were 30 attendees. The Chairman also noted apologies from 3 members who were not able to attend.

#### **2. Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 9 June 2015**

The minutes of last year's meeting were approved.

#### **3. Matters arising**

There were no matters arising.

#### **4. Chairman's report**

The Chairman, Anthony Cooper, welcomed all those attending and was pleased to see Tan Sri Dato' VC George of the Malaysian British Society, was attending.

He thanked Albert Bong for his contribution as the Honorary Secretary for the past five years and welcomed Euvian Tan as the new Honorary Secretary. He also announced new honorary membership for Peter and Waveney Jenkins for their invaluable service and support to the Society over many years.

2015 had been an active year during which the BMS had held four topical talks – two on business matters, two on education and culture, and five other events including the Annual Dinner. To date six events have been held with a further eight planned for the rest of the year. He also highlighted three upcoming events - talks by Dr Razeen Sally, Vicki Treadell (British High Commissioner) and Dato' Sri Nazir Razak (CIMB Chairman). Eid Dinner will be held on 11<sup>th</sup> July. He also thanked David Stringer-Lamarre and Mei Sim Lai for organising a joint BMS-IoD City event in January.

The Chairman highlighted the good relationship that had been established with the Malaysian High Commission and especially the High Commissioner, Dato' Ahmad Rasidi

Hazizi, who hosted two events. He noted that all members are invited to other Malaysian or ASEAN events, such as the recent briefing held at the Malaysian High Commission on 9<sup>th</sup> May. Corporate members have also been invited to the MIDA Malaysia-UK Investor Showcase on 16<sup>th</sup> May at Marlborough House.

The Chairman emphasised the need for a new constitution to modernise our structure and to appeal to a broader audience with Malaysian interests. He thanked Martin Barrow for his help in drafting the new constitution.

The Chairman thanked the President, Sir Mark Moody-Stuart and the Vice Presidents, Sir David Greenaway and Lord Powell for their tremendous support to the Society. He concluded by thanking members of the Executive Committee and the Treasurer, Peter Farrar, who had ensured that the Society's finances continued to be kept in a healthy state.

## **5. Treasurer's Report and 2015 Audited Accounts**

Accounts for 2015 have been signed and loaded onto the website. 2015 was a year of growth for membership. Most of the new members have come through the website. Individual members saw a 10% increase and corporate membership was maintained. To date there are 12 corporate members and 116 individual members. Of the individual members 56, about 50% have joined in the last five years.

The Treasurer highlighted our healthy financial position with more than adequate reserves. Last year's deficit was turned around to a modest surplus through continued control of costs and we have managed to run an enhanced programme of events. With an increase in income through an increased membership and higher subscription rates (from 1 July 2015), this puts us on a sound footing for the longer term. No increase in subscription rates will be needed in the foreseeable future.

The Treasurer also noted that the website maintenance has been transferred to a new service provider. He thanked Julia and Chris Allen who have looked after the website for many years. He also thanked Simon Hoy of Anova who are our auditors.

## **6. Re-election of Anova as Auditors**

The Treasurer proposed that Anova be re-appointed as Auditors for the financial year 2016, which was duly seconded and agreed.

## **7. Approval of new constitution**

Subject to a minor correction, the new constitution was approved.

## **8. Election of the Executive Committee**

The Executive Committee proposed the following resolution, which was adopted:

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' Anthony Cooper (Chairman)  
Zehan Albakri-Verden (Deputy Chair)  
Dr Euvian Tan (Hon Secretary)  
Peter Farrar (Hon Treasurer)  
Martin Barrow  
Albert Bong  
Dr John Breakell  
Jason Brooke  
Dato' Zarir Cama  
Dato' Neville Green  
Haliza Hashim-Doyle  
Azimah Heus  
Lai Mei Sim  
Julian Metcalfe  
Dato' Seri Johan Raslan  
Michael Thompson  
Rahiyah Yahya

## **9. Any other business**

The Chairman thanked Jason Brooke for his help with the Prince's Trust Scholarship, and Revi Pillai for producing Quarterly Newsletters. The President, Sir Mark Moody-Stuart and Tan Sri Dato' VC George of the Malaysian British Society thanked the Chairman and the Executive Committee for their support and services to the Society.

Judy Moody-Stuart noted the KL Speakers Club London and members are welcome to join. Further details will be included in the next newsletter. Martin Barrow noted the Duke of York's upcoming trip to KL and will keep the Society posted on any further updates.

The Chairman closed the AGM and invited members to join the President's reception.