

**MINUTES OF THE 43rd ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE OXFORD
AND CAMBRIDGE SOCIETY OF MALAYSIA**

HELD AT 7.00PM ON JUNE 29th 2005

At The British High Commissioner's Residence, 27 Jalan Langgak Golf, 55000 KL

The President called the meeting to order at 7.25 pm. The attendance of the AGM is shown in Appendix 1.

1. Adoption of Minutes of the 42nd AGM

The President tabled the Minutes of the last AGM for adoption. Mr. Jeevan Sellappah proposed they be adopted. HE Bruce Cleghorn seconded the motion and the Minutes were accordingly approved.

2. President's Annual Report

The President's Annual Report was circulated to all members during the AGM. The President made a colourful multimedia presentation to summarise the 34 activities of the alumni for the last term.

After the presentation and compliments from members, Mr. Steven Fung proposed that the President's Report be adopted. Mr. James Khong Poh Wah seconded the motion and the President's Report was duly adopted.

3. Hon. Treasurer's Annual Report

The Hon. Treasurer's Report had also earlier been circulated together with the Notice of AGM and it was highlighted that the latest financial year ending December 2004 generated a surplus of RM9,059.08, bringing the total funds of the Society to RM201,421.28.

Mr. Ngooi Chiu Ing praised the Hon. Treasurer for doing a good job particularly for tracing the collection owed by participants of our activities. He also raised that society events should be self-financing with surplus. The Hon. Treasurer informed members that the Executive Committee had accepted the Hon. Treasurer's recommendation that all events must have a summary of accounts. A brief financial report is required for the Committee Meeting.

Mr. Ngooi Chiu-Ing proposed that the Treasurer's Report be adopted and Mr. Jeevan Sellappah seconded the motion. The Report was duly adopted.

4. Election of Office Bearers for 2005/ 2006 Committee

There was a discussion on whether the AGM should proceed with the election first or the proposed resolutions. Members decided with majority votes that election should be held before considering the resolutions proposed by Mr. Ngooi Chiu-Ing.

The President explained that this year's election procedure would be facilitated by an independent member. Mr Kuan Chee Choun was appointed and took over to conduct the elections accordingly.

A slate, drawn up by the Committee at an earlier Committee Meeting held on 16th June 2005, was proposed by H.E. Bruce Cleghorn to stand as the Committee of 2005/2006. H.E. Bruce Cleghorn proposed the following members, except himself, and this was seconded by Mr. Tristan Russell:

THE PROPOSED COMMITTEE OF 2005-2006

President	: Elizabeth Lee
Vice President (Oxford)	: John Zinkin
Vice President (Cambridge)	: Tan Sri Abdullah Ahmad
Hon. Secretary	: Wong Pooi Lam
Hon. Treasurer	: Dr Gue See Sew
Committee (Oxford)	: Rizal Kahar : Azlan Aziz : Mark Disney : Margaret Hall
Committee (Cambridge)	: Datin Shalini Ganendra : Chook Yuh Yng : Sharon Saw : *H.E. Bruce Cleghorn (proposed subsequently)
Hon. Auditor	: Rahman Ahmad

* H.E. Bruce Cleghorn was subsequently proposed by Elizabeth Lee and seconded by Datin Shalini Ganendra to stand as Committee member for Cambridge.

Mr. Ngooi Chiu-Ing proposed Tan Sri Abdullah Ahmad for the post of President and seconded by Mr. Jeevan Sellappah. As Tan Sri Abdullah Ahmad had been proposed earlier to stand as Vice-President (Cambridge), the President asked if he was accepting nomination for the post of President, over the post of Vice-President (Cambridge). Tan Sri Abdullah Ahmad accepted the subsequent nomination, citing that he would contest for the post of President, failing which he would stand for Vice-President (Cambridge) position, as nominated by H.E. Bruce Cleghorn.

The post of Vice-President (Oxford) was also contested with the proposal of Mr. Rizal Kahar by Mr Ngooi Chiu-Ing and this was seconded by Tan Sri Abdullah Ahmad.

H.E. Bruce Cleghorn declined the nomination to stand as Vice-President (Cambridge), as proposed by Elizabeth Lee and seconded by Shalini Ganendra.

Mr. Jeevan Sellappah proposed to close the nominations for election and this was seconded by Ms. Margaret Hall.

While the votes were being tabulated, Mr Kuan Chee Choun passed the chair back to the President to continue with the AGM.

5. Any Other Business:

The President asked Mr Ngooi Chiu Ing to present his Resolutions, previously circulated to all members by email, for deliberation and proposal for adoption at the AGM:

Resolution 1 (proposed by Mr. Ngooi Chiu-Ing and seconded by Mr. Jeevan Sellappah): To amend the Constitution by inserting a new Rule 14A: "Subject to the following provisions in this Constitution and Rules and the approval of the Registrar of Societies, the funds of the Society except for sums collected as membership fees, may be expended for any purpose necessary for the carrying out of its objects, including reasonable expenses of its administration (including meetings), the payment of salaries, allowances and expenses to its office bearers and paid staff, and the audit of its accounts. No funds of the Association may be used to pay a fine or penalty imposed on any member. The Committee must ensure that the revenues for every event or function organised by the Society shall meet or exceed the expenses for the event or function, unless the Committee unanimously resolves that the event or function is in the public interest or is essential for the Society. Such a resolution must be ratified by the members of the Society in general meeting".

Resolution 1 was deliberated and voted upon by a show of hands. However, the resolution was rejected by majority votes.

Resolution 2 (proposed by Ngooi Chiu-Ing and seconded by Jeevan Sellappah): Subject to the passing of Resolution 1, and the approval of the Registrar of Societies for the proposed amendment to the Constitution, that upon such approval, the resolution passed at the previous Annual General Meeting of the Society: "Subject to the following provisions in this Constitution and Rules, the funds of the Society except for sums collected as membership fees, may be expended for any purpose necessary for the carrying out of its objects, including the expenses of its administration, the payment of salaries, allowances and expenses to its office bearers and paid staff, and the audit of its accounts. No funds of the Association may be used to pay a fine or penalty imposed on any member. The Committee must ensure that the revenues for every event or function organised by the Society shall meet or exceed the expenses for the event or function, unless the Committee unanimously resolves that the event or function is in the public interest or is essential for the Society", be revoked.

Resolution 2 became irrelevant as this resolution was subject to the passing of Resolution 1.

Resolution 3 (proposed by Ngooi Chiu-Ing and seconded by Jeevan Sellappah): That the attached Branding platform (substantially in the form approved by the Committee of the Society) be adopted by the Society, and that each Committee shall use its best endeavours to implement the Deliverables referred to in the Branding platform.

After some clarification, Resolution 3 was passed with majority votes.

Resolution 4 (proposed by Ngooi Chiu-Ing and seconded by Jeevan Sellappah): That a proposer for a current officer or Committee member for election to another consecutive term as an officer or Committee member of the Society shall describe in sufficient detail the activities and accomplishments of that officer or Committee member during his/her term, and a proposer for any other member of the Society (not being a current officer or Committee member) for election as an officer or Committee member shall describe in sufficient detail what or how that member so proposed can contribute to the Committee.

After some discussion, Resolution 4 was passed with majority votes.

There being no other matters, the President invited Mr. Kuan Chee Choun to announce the result of the election. The following members were officially elected to stand as the Office Bearers and Committee Members of Oxford & Cambridge Society, Malaysia, for 2005/2006:

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Vice President (Cambridge) : Tan Sri Abdullah Ahmad
Hon. Secretary : Wong Pooi Lam
Hon. Treasurer : Dr Gue See Sew

Committee (Oxford) : Rizal Kahar
: Azlan Aziz
: Mark Disney
: Margaret Hall

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: Chook Yuh Yng
: Sharon Saw
: H.E. Bruce Cleghorn

Hon. Auditor : Rahman Ahmad

The President thanked Mr. Kuan Chee Choun, who consequently proposed to officially close the proceedings of the AGM. This seconded by Mr. Jeevan Sellappah.

The President thanked the members for their participation and patience and the meeting adjourned at 8.45pm.

Elizabeth Lee
(President)

Ir. Dr. Gue See Sew
(on behalf: Hon. Secretary)