

MINUTES

of the fourth Annual General Meeting held on 4 June 1990 at 2.00 p.m. in the rooms of the Royal Society

Present:	Dr R.W.J.Keay	Chairman	Mr D.W.Harlow
	Mrs J.Lamb	Hon.Secretary	Mrs J.Hutchinson
	Mr N.H.Robinson	Hon.Treasurer	Mr W.M.Malcolm
	Miss J.Davis		Lady Martin
	Mr J.J.P.Deverill		Miss N.Morris
	Mr W.G.Evans		Miss T.A.Prigorowsky
	Mrs C.Foreman		Miss N.Slow
	Mrs B.Graddon		Mr P.Wigley
	Mr L.Mole	(representing the Royal Society's Staff Association)	

Apologies:	Mr J.H.Boreham	Mrs A.D.Hilliker
	Mrs G.Dance	Mr A.G.Houghton
	Mr W.J.G.Forman	Mrs E.Lazarus
	Mr G.Fortnam	Mr N.Le Grand
	Mrs M.Fortnam	Miss J.I.Morris
	Miss V.G.Hammill	Mr L.P.Townsend
	Mr G.E.Hemmen	

1. Minutes

The minutes of the third A.G.M. were confirmed.

2. Royal Society's Staff Association

The Chairman welcomed Mr L.Mole to the meeting and asked if he would tell the meeting about the Association which he represented. Over 60% of the Society's staff are members and pay £2 p.a. subscription. The Association tries to solve problems when they arise, such as pensions and Flexitime which has started recently. There are social functions which have included a visit to Wakehurst Park and two picnics.

3. Membership of the R.S.P.A.

Mr W.G.Evans said that all pensioner's names should appear under the heading 'Apologies' on the minutes of the last A.G.M., whether or not they wished to belong to the R.S.P.A. or had written to say that they could not attend the meeting. Discussion followed and the Chairman took a vote; fifteen members voted in favour of the layout remaining as it was.

4. Lunch at the Royal Society

The Royal Society had once again invited members to lunch in the Restaurant today and fifteen had accepted with thanks.

5. Meeting between Pensioners, the Treasurer, R.S. and Clerical, Medical & General

The meeting planned for 28 June 1989 to discuss pensions had had to be postponed until 30 August as a rail strike had occurred on the earlier date. It proved to be a useful occasion.

6. Treasurer's report

The Treasurer had placed the accounts for the year ending 31 March 1990 before the members and they were approved. He pointed out that more money had been spent on postage and copying this year. At present 10% interest was being

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received from the Building Society on invested money. Mr N.Le Grand had audited the accounts.

7. Election of Auditor

Mr Le Grand was willing to audit the accounts again next year and the members agreed to his re-election.

8. Committee members

Chairman - Dr Keay was elected to serve a further year (1990-91).
Hon.Secretary - Mrs Lamb continues in office until 1991.
Hon.Treasurer - Mr Robinson continues in office until 1992.
Committee members - Miss Prigorowsky continues in office until 1991.
Mr Deverill now retires and Mr D.W.Harlow was elected to serve in his stead.

Dr Keay was willing to continue as a Trustee of the Royal Society's Pension Fund to represent the R.S.P.A.

Both the Chairman and the Secretary would be retiring next year and the Chairman asked the membership for nominations for these posts. Miss N.Slow said that she would be willing to take the latter post if she were to be so elected.

9. Pensions

The Chairman had asked Clerical, Medical & General how his recently paid increases were arrived at and the reply was:

1 January 1989	+ 2%
20 May 1989	+ 4%
1 January 1990	+ 3.6%
20 May 1990	+ 4%

so making an increase of 7.6% this year [20 May is Dr Keay's anniversary date].

The redrafting of the Pensions Booklet is being carried out by C.M.G. Mr N.Parfitt, replying to a letter from Dr Keay dated 20 December 1989, said that the first draft was expected by the end of January. Dr Keay received this document on 30 May but, as the other Trustees had not yet seen it, it was to be treated as confidential. In this draft there were some points to be clarified, one was regarding the entitlement of a spouse, who had married a retired person, when the pensioner died. Dr Keay would ask certain members of the Association to read the draft and give their advice accordingly. The Committee agreed that the R.S.P.A. and the R.S.S.A. should liaise over this document.

The Trustees of the Pension Fund had agreed that Section 10 of the Pensions Booklet be amended to read:

'...The Trustees will review pensions annually in November having regard to the 4% increase incorporated in the Plan, the change in the Retail Price Index for the 12 months to the immediately previous September and the state of the Pension Fund and, if considered appropriate, make discretionary increases to take effect on the following 1 January.'

Mr Evans, speaking on behalf of the membership, thanked Dr Keay for all the effort he had put into achieving the improvements to the pensions.

10. Occupational Pensions Advisory Service

Dr Keay had written to Miss N.Grainger last year and again last April. When it is available he will send her the draft of the red Pensions Booklet for her comments. The main objective of OPAS is to advise individuals but occasionally help will be given to Associations.

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11. Royal Society's Pension Fund

Because of the large amount of money which had accumulated in this Fund the Society's staff were not paying any contributions at present. It was questioned whether the pensioners were in any way benefitting. It was hoped that a 6% discretionary increase would be forthcoming in January to keep abreast of current inflation.

Miss J.Davis said that the Society should inform pensioners of monies to be received as had been done before C.M.G. had taken over the paying of pensions.

12. Pensioners' news

Mr & Mrs J.Boreham had celebrated their golden wedding last October; they were well and would be pleased to see any friends who were in the area. Miss J.Hammill still works at the Citizens' Advice Bureau and is Covenant Secretary of the P.C.C. Mrs A.Hilliker and her husband play golf, bridge and have holidayed in India and Thailand. Mr A.Houghton happily works on his allotment. Mr & Mrs G.Hemmen lead a happy life in Southport; he is winding up S.W.A.P. affairs, selling his house in Cambridge and hopes to visit London more frequently in the future. Mr & Mrs G.Fortnam have appreciated every minute of the first year of their retirement. Mrs G.Dance is progressing well after eye surgery but Mr N.Le Grand tells us that he has arthritis and angina. Both Mrs E.Lazarus and Miss J.Morris continue to work.

13. Events

On 14 June 1989 Mr & Mrs J.Deverill very kindly invited pensioners to their house at Alton for lunch and tea and a visit to Jane Austen's house at Chawton and The Wakes at Selborne. Unfortunately, many people were unable to attend but those who did had a splendid time - especially sitting in the sun in their garden.

Miss N.Morris and Miss T.Prigorowsky organized a very successful day on 28 September 1989 for pensioners to visit the Tussaud's exhibition 'Royalty & Empire' in Windsor in the morning, followed by lunch in Eton and then a tour of Eton College. An enjoyable occasion for the many who attended.

An equally well attended and enjoyed occasion was the visit to Lord's Cricket Ground and Museum on 30 March 1990 organized by Mr W.M.Malcolm. The pensioners lunched beforehand at nearby Crockers.

Mr Deverill had been able to arrange a visit for 12 pensioners to the London Library on 5 November 1990. Lunch would be taken at the Royal Society and it was agreed that Mr D.Matthews, Librarian of the London Library and Ms Sheila Edwards, Librarian of the Royal Society, should also be invited.

Miss Prigorowsky offered to arrange a theatre visit next spring and, again, lunch could be had at the Royal Society before the matinee.

A proposed visit to the Royal Hospital, Chelsea, and the Chelsea Physic Garden next June would be arranged by Mrs Lamb and she would find a suitable venue for lunch in that area.

14. A.G.M. 1991

The Secretary was asked to arrange a date for the next A.G.M. in May.

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