

Yale Club of London
AGM

Monday, 22nd September 2014; 19:00
East India Club
16 St James's Square W1

Minutes

NB Contact details for all members can be found through the members' portal on the website.

Attending: Joe Vittoria (President)
Anica Alvarez Nishio (Secretary/Speaker Series)
Richard Burston (ASC)
Nixi Cura (Bulldog Internship Programme)
James Ford (Singing Groups/Young Alums)
Margaret Glover (DOS)
Karen Go (Yale Women London)
Erik Gustafson (Christmas Dinner/DOS)
Farouk Hadeed (Speaker Series)
Anant Jani (AYA Rep)
Bonaire Le (Communications)
Alice Shyy (Young Alums)
Beatrice Spengos (Art Circle)
Victoria Stainsby (Food and Drink)
Wider membership attendance list available on the website

Apologies: Samar Abbas (Membership)
Renata Cesar (SIGs)
Scott Fletcher (Country Walks)
Anna Grotberg (Grad Schools)
Denise Holle (Treasurer/DOS)
Lavanya Raghavan (Legal)

- I Welcome and Apologies – Joe Vittoria
- II Minutes – Proposed by AAN and seconded by BL
- III Annual Review – Joe ran through some of the success of the past year, thanked all the members of the management committee who have pitched each to make events a success and encouraged the wider membership to think about one small way they could each lend a hand, even if only by attending an event.
- IV Matters Arising: Election of Officers – Joe Vittoria was proposed for President by AAN and seconded by NC; Denise Vergot-Holle was proposed for Treasurer by JC and seconded by JF; Anica Alvarez Nishio was proposed for Secretary by JV and seconded by NC. All were elected unanimously. JV made the point that none of us want these roles for life, so members should be encouraged to propose themselves or others next year.
- V Treasurer's Report (AAN for DVH) – As of 20th September, the club's cash balances totalled £14,523. Included in this total is the £6,763 balance in the HSBC current account, to which the final tranche of £1,396 in funds from closure of both Coutt's accounts was transferred in mid-July. The balance in the Paypal account is £7,760. It should be noted that these balances include member payments for a number of events, including the AGM and Waddesdon Hall visit, for which the Club has not yet paid the venue/caterers. Deducting the expected payments of approximately £2,500 for such events during the next month would reduce total cash balances to around £12,000. Additionally there will be a bill from wild Apricot for running out website of approximately £1000. Following on the Club's registration with HMRC earlier this year, we are expected to file a financial report with HMRC. I have been in touch with

our accountant (kindly introduced by Richard Burston) on this and aim to have accounts for the year ending 30th June 2014 completed by December.

- VI Membership – Samara Abbas who has been doing a wonderful job going over the membership with a fine-toothed comb is moving overseas, so we are looking for someone local to take over. This is an easy way to help the Club in your own time and at your own pace without attending meetings or needing to organise anything. Can you help?
- VII AYA Report (AJ) – Geoffrey Heggs has submitted a very interesting history of his time helping to reform the Club after the Second World War and on the back of this we are looking for someone who would be interested in researching the history of the YCL and writing a short document which would be posted on the site. Another way to be helpful in one's own time and at one's own pace. Additionally, AJ has proposed the YCL for International Club of the Year. Please contact him for further details.
- VIII Bulldog Internships (NC) – Martin Wright who has helped Nixi organise this initiative for years is retiring, therefore Yale is looking for a (paid) person to replace him (must have good contacts for placements). Additionally, Nixi is looking for sponsors, ideally larger companies, politicians, high-profile arts organizations etc Might you or someone you know be willing to take an intern? . It need not cost your company a great deal, if anything. Contact Nixi for more details.
- IX Upcoming events: see also newsletter for more details
 - A Yale Women London: 23 September (KG)
 - B Waddesdon Manor: 4 October (BS)
 - C Scottsboro Boys (Speaker series): 22 October (AAN)
 - D Wine tasting (Tastes & Tipples): 6 November (VS)
 - E Christmas Dinner: 8 December (EG)
- X Day of Service: 10 May 2015. Meeting Tuesday, 14 October @ 7.00 pm Contact MG for more details.
- XI Date of next Management Committee meeting: Monday, 3 November 2014, 130 Jermyn Street, W1.