



## **Dealey Plaza UK**

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### **Minutes of the 16<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting held on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2012 At The Green Man - Great Portland Street, London at 1.30pm**

**Those present:** - John Wassell, Allan Johnson, Stuart Galloway, Mike Dworetsky, Bill Beadle, Adrian Morris, Barry Keane, Tony Basing, David Cuthbertson, Russ Ford, and Paul Jeffery.

#### **1. Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence had been received from: **Chris & Glyn Scally, Ian Griggs, Mark Rowe, Mark Bridger, Jo Davis, Alaric Rosman, Allen Peppitt, Jerry McKnight, Jackie Murphy, Mark Galloway, Chris Robertson, Peter Antill, Mark de Valk, Paul Brown, and Bernard Wilds**

#### **2. Minutes of the 15<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting held on 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2011**

The minutes of the previous AGM had been copied to all members in order to save review time at the meeting. They were adopted as a true record of the proceedings. Proposed: Tony Basing – Seconded: Bill Beadle – agreed by all.

#### **3. Matters Arising from Previous Minutes**

There were no matters arising, apart from the arrangements for Canterbury 2011, which will be covered in the Secretary's report.

#### **4. Secretary's Report**

Stuart Galloway welcomed those present on behalf of the Committee. Unfortunately our President, Ian Griggs, could not attend the AGM but reference was made to the publication of his revised book "No Case to Answer" and the congratulations of the committee to him added.

Another successful year for the Group had flown by with several new members joining and a well-attended Seminar at Canterbury in April. We have lost a few members so it may be worth finding out why; just to see that there is anything that we can improve on. However, the support that we get from the majority of members is greatly appreciated. Communication is very important and it would be a good idea to make sure that we have everybody's latest contact details.

One main committee meeting was held in London on 12<sup>th</sup> June. A really useful Seminar wash-up meeting was conducted highlighting some small changes, which should be adopted this year at Canterbury. It is intended to try and adopt a theme to the weekend with a flow to the content of presentations of each speaker. This would be preferable than having discreet, unrelated, subjects interesting though the content might be. Each speaker will be advised of the other's subject matter. It was felt that the Abbots Barton Hotel was pricey and although the food had been reasonable the service had not been good. So it was decided to seek another venue.

Peter Antill's Membership Pack was also reviewed along with the new Journal and Mark de Valk's ideas for further improvement in the future.

An unofficial meeting was held last month with Ray Brown, a member of DPUK who lives in Japan. Quite a few people turned up and it was an occasion to have a good natter about the Case. Ray is very keen to meet other members when he is over in the UK (August & December each year).

The Canterbury Seminar in April was a success with 35 attendees and some superb presentations including one from Larry Hancock via a telephone link. The two Open Forums were also well supported. Thanks go in particular to all the speakers, Barry Keane for having produced the name badges, Mike Dworetsky who acted as the auctioneer, and Allan Johnson for having dealt with all the finances during the weekend. The Presentation titles were as follows: -

Alaric Rosman – “An inexplicable 20 minutes in Dallas”

Gerald McKnight – “A Postscript to Oswald in Mexico – How the FBI devoured its own messenger”

Paul Brown – “Fatal Knowledge – Witness Deaths”

Clay Ogilvie – “Preserving Harold's Brain – The Weisberg Papers”

Bill Beadle – “Creating a Perfect Climate for his own Death”

Tony Basing – “Who Did It?”

Larry Hancock – “Why We Don't Know: A Close Run Thing”

All the presentations were memorable but Alaric's description of JFK's body being stolen by the Secret Service and others from Parkland was priceless!

Thanks go to our webmaster, Bernard Wilds, for having produced such a topical and moving letter to the delegates at the Seminar – “What John Kennedy would have said to you if he was here today”, and last but not least our thanks go to Isobel Dworetsky for having organised all the magnificent food on the Sunday lunchtime.

Hopefully our forthcoming Seminar will be just as successful. It would be great to get 40 people there.

Thanks go to the whole committee ably led by John Wassell, our Chairman, and including Mark Rowe our Membership Secretary in the USA who understandably finds it difficult to come to meetings regularly - Allan Johnson (Treasurer), Peter Antill (Membership Secretary), Mark de Valk (Journal Editor), Barry Keane (Vice-Chairman), and Ian Griggs (President). Thanks also to our Webmaster and technical guru, Bernard Wilds.

All committee members are willing to stand again for election.

A lot has gone on this year with Ian Griggs completing the update on his previous book “No Case to Answer”, and with a brand new one on the Dallas Police Department in the pipeline. Chris Robertson is continuing with his book and the DPUK book to be edited by Mark Bridger is coming along but with several inputs still required.

We failed once again to set up a day's conference in London but the committee is determined to succeed this year – perhaps an Open Forum? We would like to organise more events where members have a chance of getting to know each other and perhaps inviting potential members as well.

Further excellent work has been undertaken by Bernard Wilds on the Group website. He is always keen to hear from members, especially if they have items to be posted up. His work on the JFK Assassination Chronology is superb and members are urged to read it. It was a work produced by Ira David Wood III but thoroughly edited and corrected by Bernard. Ira David Wood congratulated him on his efforts.

So 2012 will bring its challenges but we must ensure that all possible is done to prepare for 2013, which may become a make or break situation. Certainly the Warren Commission supporters and the Posner's of this world will be out to condemn anybody who questions the lone-gunman theory.

## 5. Treasurer's Report

Allan Johnson tabled copies of the accounts for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> December 2011 – a copy is attached to these minutes.

The year had begun with £1266 in the bank and had ended with £1061, under the circumstances a very satisfactory state of affairs considering our expenditure on producing the Journal have increased – the quality of the paper is much better and the printing definition is superior to what it used to be. Distribution costs have come down slightly. Another very successful auction at Canterbury had realised £327, very slightly down on the previous year. Membership subscriptions had amounted to £730, with £7 in donations. There were 4 more paying members compared to last year. The money realised by the auction more than cancels out the slight overspend at the Abbots Barton Hotel.

The possibility of opening up a PayPal account was again discussed but since we are not selling anything and PayPal makes deductions, so it was decided to hold off on this at the moment. However, the Group bank account details will be made known to members so that bank transfer payments can be made.

As at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2011, \$540 was held by DPUK – if this had been banked at existing exchange rates this would have amounted to £330 the statement of accounts was proposed for adoption by Tony Basing and seconded by Russ Ford. All agreed.

A copy of the Income/Expenditure sheet is attached to these minutes.

## 6. Membership Secretary's Report

The total number of members in the UK had amounted to 50 (35 full rate, 10 at the reduced rate, along with 5 life members.) There had been 4 more paying members this year. It is hoped that using the website and the fact that the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary is approaching we may build on membership figures. It is also interesting to note that one of our new members, Russ Ford, reported that he had found out about DPUK at COPA.

## 7. Journal Editor's Report

Three very well received issues of the Journal had been produced during 2011. Our thanks go to Mark de Valk for all his efforts and to all the researchers who contributed articles and investigative information. We are also very appreciative of the work that Mark has undertaken with Len Osanic and Black Ops Radio. (Interviews were held in Waikiki, Hawaii, and the Black Ops Radio studio). The resulting interviews have given a lot of publicity to the Group, particularly the Canterbury Seminar and the Journal.

## 8. Election of Management Committee.

It was declared that all the existing officers were willing to stand again for election. Bill Beadle thanked the committee for the work that they had undertaken in 2011 and proposed that each person standing for re-election should be re-elected to the post that they held last year. The motion was seconded by Mike Dworetzky and agreed by all present.

The 2012 Committee therefore comprises the following members: -

<b>Chairman:</b>	<b>John Wassell</b>	<b>UK Membership Secretary:</b>	<b>Peter Antill</b>
<b>Vice-Chairman:</b>	<b>Barry Keane</b>	<b>US Membership Secretary:</b>	<b>Mark Rowe</b>
<b>Hon. Secretary:</b>	<b>Stuart Galloway</b>	<b>Journal Editor:</b>	<b>Mark de Valk</b>

**Hon. Treasurer: Allan Johnson      President & Committee Member: Ian Griggs**

The meeting was also pleased that Bernard Wilds is willing to continue as our Webmaster.

According to the Constitution there is one vacant post on the committee – members are invited to apply to join the committee if they would like to do so, by agreed co-option. **Post Meeting Note** – Bill Beadle very kindly put his name forward to join the Committee and he has been co-opted onto that body.

### **9. Update on Arrangements for the Canterbury Seminar – 20<sup>th</sup>/22<sup>nd</sup> April 2012**

Response to the initial e-mails has been reasonably positive. 32 people have expressed an interest in attending. Already there are 5 UK Speakers lined up and 2 from the USA (by audio link). Two Open Forums will also be included in the programme. It was suggested from the floor that it would be useful to give a short presentation at Canterbury for relative newcomers to the subject. This was considered an excellent idea. Perhaps advertise the event on the local University websites (University of Kent as well as Christchurch) – also in student newspapers. It is hoped to film the presentations again this year, with the permission of the speakers. It was felt that the cost of the meal at the Abbots Barton Hotel last year was somewhat excessive so this year we are going to have the Saturday evening dinner at The Pilgrims.

### **10. Update on Writing of Books**

#### **A. DPUK Book:**

Barry Keane reported that Mark Bridger has received quite a few chapters for the new DPUK book. A query has arisen as to whether there should be a “minimum standard” for each chapter before it can be used in the book. This issue was discussed at some length by the meeting. At the end of the day the Editorial Team has the final word. However, again the question was raised as to why the book is being produced.

- (a) To commemorate JFK’s death
- (b) To give publicity to DPUK
- (c) To complement what Lancer might be doing for 2013
- (d) To make money, maybe a mixture of all four reasons?

It was agreed that writing style should not be a reason not to publish providing the information / subject matter is reasonably clear. After all there are few professional authors within the Group. However, it is important that subject matter does not reflect badly on DPUK e.g. discredited ideas such as Greer shot Kennedy or a Secret Service agent’s AR15 went off accidentally. The publication should mention in the preface that the author’s are all members of DPUK and are not necessarily professional writers.

**B. Ian Griggs – “No Case to Answer”:** Congratulations to Ian for having the update to his book recently published. Care should be exercised when ordering because the initial version is also still available on Amazon.

**C. Allen Peppitt – “A Necessary End”** – A novel where the characters get pulled into the conspiracy of the century. Very well received as a paperback when first published, it is now available in a Kindle edition.

**D. Chris Robertson** – new book now well under way. Unfortunately Chris could not be at the meeting to update us.

### **11. New Website – input from Members**

The website has been updated significantly over the last year or so by Bernard Wilds working pretty much on his own. He is anxious to involve more members where the content is concerned and to

make it a source of information likely to appeal to a wide range of historians / researchers / or people just interested in the JFK Assassination.

Discussion centred on how it could be further updated and how this could be done to keep the site topical.

a) The possibility of setting up a Forum was considered constructive, if people were willing to use it sensibly. Past experience with other Forums would mean that this would have to be carefully moderated.

b) A section on book reviews, if we could get members to contribute, would be interesting.

c) Advertising events and meetings is important.

d) A section on membership – benefits, how to apply, application form etc.

## **12. Proposal for Mini-Seminars**

Having failed to set up any other formal presentations last year it is proposed to definitely arrange one/two this year. London was felt to be the most appropriate and accessible venue – probably downstairs at The Green Man. Stuart will action this. An Open Forum might be the most appropriate format.

## **13. Annual Achievement Award**

Barry Keane was very pleased to announce that the recipient of the 2011 Annual Achievement Award, as voted for by the Committee, will be Chris Scally. The Award will be presented to him at Canterbury in April. Congratulations go to Chris and thanks for all that he has done for the Group over many years both as a regular presenter and supporter of the Canterbury Seminars, as well as for all the research work that he has undertaken and had published in the Journal. Thanks go to Barry Keane for having produced the trophy.

## **14. Date of the Next AGM**

**This was set for Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> January 2013**

The meeting was declared closed at 3.30pm

Signed: .....

Date: .....

(Chairman)

**DEALEY PLAZA UK**

**INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT 12 MONTHS TO 31/12/2011**

RECEIPTS	NO	£	PAYMENTS	£
SUBSCRIPTIONS @ £18.00	35 MEMBERS	630.00	PRINTING COSTS	810.00
SUBSCRIPTIONS @ £18.00	10 MEMBERS	180.00	POSTAGE, STATIONERY & OTHER DISTRIBUTION COSTS	205.00
DONATIONS	2	7.00	WEBSITE COSTS	35.00
CANTERBURY CONFERENCE RECEIPTS		1410.00	CANTERBURY CONFERENCE EXPENDITURE	1504.87
AUCTION PROCEEDS CANTERBURY 2011		327.00	COSTS RE S MARTIN BOOKS	18.15
			ADM ROOM HIRE	25.00
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>		<b>2574.00</b>	<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>2078.02</b>
<b>DEFICIT FOR PERIOD</b>		<b>204.78</b>		<b>0.00</b>
		<b>2079.78</b>		<b>2079.78</b>
<b>BALANCE AT BARRCLAYS 01/01/2011</b>		<b>1285.14</b>		
<b>LESS: DEFICIT FOR PERIOD AS ABOVE</b>		<b>-204.78</b>		
<b>BALANCE AT BARRCLAYS 31/12/2011</b>		<b>1080.36</b>		

**NOTES**

1 As with previous years, the above accounts only show items passing through the UK bank account. As at 31st December 2011 DPJUK was also holding the sum of \$540.00 in respect of US subscriptions which are not included in the above figures. Had the dollars been banked the closing bank balance would have been increased by approximately £330.00

2 Donations paid via the DPJUK website or directly to the webmaster are not included. These donations amounted to £80.00 in 2011