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Minutes of the 17th Annual General Meeting held on Sunday 20th January 2013 At The Flying Horse - Finsbury, London @ 1.30pm

Those present:- John Wassell, Allan Johnson, Stuart Galloway, Bill Beadle, Barry Keane, David Cuthbertson, Russ Ford, Allen Peppitt, Mark Galloway, Peter Antill, John O'Donnell

The Chairman opened the meeting and welcomed those present, thanking them for having turned up in what were very adverse weather conditions. Unfortunately the AGM calling notice had not reached **Mike Dworetsky** for which the Secretary sincerely apologises. Mike would have been at the meeting otherwise.

Bill Beadle had been co-opted onto the Committee during the year. At this point in the meeting he was formally proposed for election by David Cuthbertson and seconded by Peter Antill – agreed by all.

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence had been received from: **Chris & Glyn Scally, Alaric Rosman, Jackie Murphy, Mark de Valk, Paul Brown, Jackie Murphy, Adrian Morris, Tony Austin, Phil & Sue Parry, Paul Jeffery, David Stone, Bill Kerr, and Bernard Wilds**

2. Minutes of the 16th Annual General Meeting held on 22nd January 2012

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: Barry Keane – Seconded: Bill Beadle – agreed by all.

3. Matters Arising from Previous Minutes

Arrangements for Canterbury and Mini-Seminars are covered in the Secretary's report.

4. Secretary's Report

Stuart Galloway welcomed those present on behalf of the Committee and thanked the attendees for turning out in such poor weather. 11 persons had attended the AGM last year, exactly the same as this.

Membership:

It's been generally a successful year, with 6 new members joining the Group, although unfortunately we had lost about the same number of members. After a plea at the last AGM, it was very much appreciated that Bill Beadle had volunteered to join our committee. Volunteers for committee membership are rare these days so thanks go to Bill for his support. Thanks also go to all members for their support during the year, although it would be great to hear sometimes from those few who do not respond to e-mails, just to let us know that they are still interested in the Group and its activities.

Meetings:

One main committee meeting was held in the summer on 1st July. A discussion was held on how we can best keep in contact with our members in the USA. Unfortunately the number has decreased over the past few years. Unfortunately many do not have e-mail addresses. Following the decision of the *Green Man* not to let us use the Porter's Bar for meetings, Russ Ford kindly arranged with the *Flying Horse* for us to use these premises. Thanks to him and to the landlord, Andrew, for letting us use the facilities.

At the July meeting, the subject of holding meetings at other venues, say in York or Bath, was also discussed – two wonderful cities that would be worth a visit at the same time as holding the meeting – if a suitable venue can be found. However, most importantly would members turn up there? Past trials at using different venues have not been very successful - it is only the people from the Home Counties that still tend to turn up.

Two unofficial meetings were held in order to meet up with Ray Brown during the year – Ray is a member of DPUK who lives in Japan for most of the year. It is always an occasion to have a good natter about the case. Quite a few members turned up – some who had not done so before – Ray was very appreciative and wants to be kept in touch with details of all that we do.

It was also very pleasing to be able to hold two mini-seminars over the summer / autumn time. We were apprehensive to begin with that enough people would be interested, but both events were very well attended here at the Flying Horse and thanks go to all those who came along to support the venture. It is something that we have been trying to do for a long time. The first one was on John Armstrong's "Harvey and Lee" and the second one was on "JD Tippit". We had about 15 people attend both, which out of membership of 45 in this country is very positive. In particular I would like to thank Chris Robertson who introduced and moderated the first session on Harvey and Lee and to Alaric Rosman who gave us an excellent introduction to "JD Tippit" and to Mark de Valk who did a brilliant job in controlling the session. We intend to hold some more of these events in 2013.

Then there is the Lancer Conference in Dallas in November this year. It looks as if it is going to be a very well thought out event. They have even copied our idea of Open Forums. If folk are willing to go then it is felt that we ought to do something about coordinating it all. Already 4 or 5 members are known to be going – this needs to be discussed in the not too distant future. Mark Rowe has advised that hotels are already booking up fast.

DPUK Book:

Progress on the DPUK Book, which was well under way at the time, was reviewed. Thanks go to Mark Bridger and Barry Keane for preparing the tome for publication. Thanks also go to all who contributed to the work. It is truly an International work but produced by the Group.

Canterbury:

A useful wash-up session on Canterbury was held as part of the meeting. It is intended that, wherever possible, the content of each speaker's paper be linked to each other by a common theme. The order of subject matter will be advised to each presenter to see if this can be achieved. The Dinner at the Pilgrims Hotel had turned out to be very acceptable so we plan to continue with the use of this venue. Pinocchio's remains a must on the Friday, as does the Open Forum event during the Seminar. Due to work undertaken on the DPUK Book in the summer, the Canterbury 2012 Seminar has not yet been written up for which apologies are offered. This could still be done at some later date.

The order of presentations at the Seminar was: -

- Ian Griggs was to have spoken on [Jack Ruby and the Dallas Police Department](#) – unfortunately he was unable to attend the event but he provided copies of his presentation in binders for the delegates to take away.
- Chris Scally spoke on [The Authenticity of the Zapruder Film](#)
Tony Basing spoke on [The JFK Assassination & the Watergate Link](#)
- An Open Forum on LBJ [and the Assassination Cover Up](#) had been planned but temporary problems within the lecture theatre meant this had to be cancelled.
Larry Hancock spoke on the [RFK Conspiracy File](#)
- Nancy Weiford spoke to us on [George de Mohrenschildt](#)
- Alaric Rosman spoke on [Oswald and why he talked to Capt. Will Fritz](#).
Paul Brown spoke on [Rose Cheramie – Sex, Drugs, and the Road to Dallas](#)
Bill Beadle spoke on [Six Impossible Things to believe before Breakfast](#).
- Finally another Open Forum facilitated by Larry Hancock – [The Initial Murder Inquiry was Inadequate and Manipulated](#).

Thanks to all who attended and in particular to those who presented papers and to Mike and Isobel Dworetzky for all their help – Mike as Auctioneer and Isobel for arranging all the lovely food on Sunday.

Looking forward to the next Canterbury Seminar, which will be our 11th, it is hoped that many members and friends will choose to attend.

My thanks go to the whole committee to our Chairman – John Wassell along with Allan Johnson (our treasurer), Peter Antill (membership secretary), Mark de Valk (journal editor), and Barry Keane (vice-Chairman), Mark Rowe (US membership secretary), to Bill Beadle our new member of the committee, and last but not least Ian Griggs (our President).

Thanks also to our technical guru and Webmaster, Bernard Wilds. He completed a major re-design of the website during the year.

The secretary stated that Committee members are all willing to stand again in their current posts but pointed out that if anybody else would like to stand for election they would be very welcome.

5. Treasurer's Report

Allan Johnson tabled copies of the accounts for the year ending 31st December 2012 – a copy is attached to these minutes. The year had begun with £1061 in the bank and had ended with £1347, a surplus of about £285. Under the circumstances a very satisfactory state of affairs considering expenditure on producing and distributing the Journals has increased. The auction at Canterbury had realised £192, down on the previous year. However, in the previous year the donated books from the Michael Martin collection had been auctioned. Membership subscriptions had amounted to £742, with £14 in donations. The income / expenditure at the Canterbury Seminar balanced almost exactly – receipts of £1408 against expenditure of £1410.

The accounts were proposed for adoption by David Cuthbertson and seconded by Russ Ford. All agreed.

6. Membership Secretary's Report

The total number of members in the UK had amounted to 51 (38 full rate, 8 at the reduced rate, along with 5 life members.) Welcome to Mark Galloway who joined the Group today. There had been 4 more paying members this year. It is hoped that using the website and the fact that the 50th anniversary is nearly upon us that we may build on membership figures. Unfortunately, the membership renewal slip had not been included in the last Journal of the year so members will be reminded by e-mail.

7. Journal Editor's Report

Three issues of the Journal had been produced, despite some publication hiccoughs during the year where one issue was rather thin in content. Item 10 of these minutes is intended to address these concerns by providing an opportunity for the matter to be discussed.

8. Election of Management Committee.

It was declared that all the existing officers were willing to stand again for election. It was proposed by John O'Donnell and seconded by Allen Peppitt that each person standing for re-election should be re-elected to the post that they held last year. This was agreed by all present. A motion that **Russ Ford** be elected to the Committee was proposed by Bill Beadle and seconded by Allan Johnson. This motion was carried unanimously and Russ was welcomed to the Committee.

The 2013 Committee therefore comprises the following members: -

Chairman:	John Wassell	UK Membership Secretary:	Peter Antill
Vice-Chairman:	Barry Keane	US Membership Secretary:	Mark Rowe
Hon. Secretary:	Stuart Galloway	Journal Editor:	Mark de Valk
Hon. Treasurer:	Allan Johnson	President & Committee Member:	Ian Griggs
Committee Member:	Bill Beadle	Committee Member:	Russ Ford

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

9. Update on Arrangements for the Canterbury Seminar – 20th/22nd April 2013

Response to the initial e-mails has been reasonably positive. 22 people have expressed an interest in attending. Already there are 5 UK Speakers lined up and 2 from the USA (by audio link). An Open Forum will also be included in the programme. 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 is planned to have the Saturday evening dinner again at The Pilgrims Hotel.

Several subjects for consideration as subjects for the Open Forum or for separate Mini-seminars were discussed. These included: - The Single Bullet Theory, The Cuban Missile Crisis, and The Bay of Pigs

It was also proposed that a Regional Meeting be held at Hastings or Brighton. This will be investigated.

10. The Future of the Dealey Plaza Echo

Members feel very strongly that the Journal should continue to be the principle mouthpiece of the Group. Thanks go in particular to Alaric Rosman and Chris Scally for their very useful inputs on the subject. Neither could be at the meeting but the ideas that they came up with beforehand, formed the basis of a very useful discussion at the meeting. We were also looking at ways of reducing costs so hence the reference to a PDF version and the website.

The following points were discussed and felt very positive ideas and hopefully likely to appeal to many of our members: -

- I. E-mail the Journal to members in PDF format – people can print it themselves.

- II. Put a copy of the Journal on a "Members Only" section on the website – password controlled. This would allow charts, photos, diagrams, videos, and even animated sections to be included. Obviously this cannot all be done in a printed version.
- III. Members could submit a 3,000-word exposition as to why they personally believe in a conspiracy, even if it was only a conspiracy of concealment.
- IV. Encourage members to submit their own comments on articles in the Journal. This could be as little as 500 words.
- V. Write about a news item or TV documentary of relevance, although this need not be on the Assassination itself.
- VI. Alaric gave an example of the Hillsborough disaster, recently in the newspapers again. There were 167 police reports that were altered. That obviously has a bearing on our claims on the Assassination. Remember how the FBI morphed the steel jacketed Walker bullet into a copper jacketed one? Then there was a documentary on ten attempts by the OAS to assassinate General de Gaulle in the 60's. General Raoul Salan who had been Commander in Chief of all French forces in Indochina in 1952 directed the OAS. Some believe that the USA military top brass had a hand in JFK's assassination. So conspiracies do not seem that far fetched.
- VII. Perhaps the authors of the various chapters in the DPUK book could write extra information they have come across since, that was not included in their original inputs.
- VIII. Appoint a sub-editor who could run an eye over a submission before it is put forward for publication. This might make those of us who are not experienced writers feel a bit more confident to write something.
- IX. Most of us enjoy reading around the vast subject matter that has been produced on the Assassination and all its ancillary topics. Perhaps write a review of a particular book. (This need only be 200 - 300 words)
- X. A book that a member is reading may come up with a striking fact, assertion, or observation. Send details in to the Journal so that others may comment and add to. It will almost certainly interest other members. This would in effect be the start of a "Correspondence Column", something that we don't have yet.
- XI. Invite a Guest writer to produce something for each issue. Walt Brown on his Chronology, Jim DiEugenio, Professor Michael Kirtz, Mike Griffith etc.
- XII. Members could choose someone whose book that they admire and try to contact the author personally and ask him/her to produce an article or comment.
- XIII. Include a Quiz with answers in the next issue with a small monetary prize.
- XIV. Short article or notes on what was happening this month 40 years ago, 50 years ago, or 60 years ago on anything to do with the Assassination and JFK's presidency. As an example, those of you who are in the Whitechapel Society and receive their excellent magazine will know of the little article that they always have in each issue - "On This Day in Ripper History". Or we could simply emulate this and say "On This Day in JFK History".
- XV. Use e-mail to distribute the Journal (for those that request it that way) or set up a private section on the website. There is no intention to cease producing printed copies of the Journal.
- XVI. Suggest shorter articles relating present day cover-ups to the Assassination cover-ups.

11. Subscriptions for 2014

In view of existing expenditure on printing and distributing the Journal compared to income from members' subscriptions, there is not a need to increase membership costs in 2014. Accordingly, it was agreed that rates will remain the same as they are.

12. Update on DPUK Book

After a lot of hard work by the authors, the editor, the proof readers, and others, the DPUK Book has been completed and is currently being sent to the publishers. It has been a long haul and the commitment of many, in particular Mark Bridger and Barry Keane, has brought the project to a successful conclusion. Peter Antill will now be working with the publishers to finally produce the hard copies.

13. Annual Achievement Award

After some discussion it was agreed that the Annual Achievement Award should go to Mark Bridger for all the hard work that he undertook, and the commitment he showed, in editing the DPUK Book. It was also proposed that a Life Time Achievement Award be presented in November 2013 to a deserving member of the Group for ongoing work within the field of research into the Assassination. This will be discussed at the Canterbury Seminar.

Open Discussion

A discussion also took place as to what the Group should do to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the Assassination on 22nd November 2013. A visit to Runnymede was considered but somewhat closer to one of our general meeting points is the Kennedy Memorial near the Green Man. The bust is situated on Marylebone Road and was paid for by Sunday Telegraph readers following President Kennedy's Assassination. The inscription on the plaque located behind the statue reads: "This bust of President Kennedy by the American sculptor Jacques Lipchitz was unveiled on the 15th May 1965 by his brother Senator Robert Kennedy. This Memorial was subscribed for by over 50,000 readers of The Sunday Telegraph in amounts limited to £1."

It was decided, therefore, that members be invited to attend the Memorial at 6.30pm (12.30pm Dallas time) on 22nd

November 2013 in order to formally commemorate the Assassination.

14. Date of the Next AGM

**This was set for ~~Sunday 19th January 2014~~ at 1.30pm in The Flying Horse – Finsbury, London
Revised to Saturday 18th January 2014**

The meeting was declared closed at 3.45pm

Signed:

Date:.....

(Chairman)

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INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT 12 MONTHS TO 31/12/2012

RECEIPTS	Note	£	PAYMENTS	£
SUBSCRIPTIONS @ £18.00 37 MEMBERS		666.00	PRINTING COSTS	760.00
SUBSCRIPTIONS @ £10.00 7 MEMBERS		70.00	POSTAGE, STATIONERY & OTHER DISTRIBUTION COSTS	294.67
SUBSCRIPTIONS @ £ 6.00 1 MEMBERS	1	6.00	AGM ROOM HIRE	50.00
SUBSCRIPTIONS FOR 2013 PAID IN ADVANCE		18.00	WEBSITE COSTS	35.99
US SUBSCRIPTIONS BANKED (US\$812.00)	2	462.63	CANTERBURY CONFERENCE EXPENDITURE	1410.14
DONATIONS	3	14.00		
CANTERBURY CONFERENCE RECEIPTS		1408.00		
AUCTION PROCEEDS CANTERBURY		192.00		
TOTAL RECEIPTS		2836.63	TOTAL EXPENDITURE	2550.80
		0.00	SURPLUS FOR PERIOD	285.83
		2836.63		2836.63
BALANCE AT BARCLAYS 01/01/2012		1061.36		
ADD: SURPLUS FOR PERIOD AS ABOVE		285.83		
BALANCE AT BARCLAYS 31/12/2012	4	1347.19		

NOTES

- 1 New part year rates have been introduced during the period.
- 2 As with previous years, the above accounts only show items passing through the UK bank account. As at 31st December 2012 DPUK was also holding the sum of in respect of US subscriptions which are not included in the above figures.
- 3 Donations paid via the DPUK website or directly to the webmaster are not included.
- 4 Actual balance at Barclays on 31/12/2012 1733.67
Less: Cheques drawn in December 2012
but not presented until 08/01/2013. 386.48
Adjusted balance at Barclays on 31/12/2012 1347.19