



DEALEY PLAZA UK

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Minutes of the 19th Annual General Meeting held on Saturday 17th January 2015 At The Flying Horse - Finsbury London' @ 1.30 P.M.

Members present: - John Wassell, Allan Johnson, Stuart Galloway, Bill Beadle, Barry Keane, Peter Antill, Mike Dworetzky, Bart Kamp, Brian Kelshaw, Tony Basing, Mark Galloway, David Cuthbertson, Tony Power.

Also Present: - Simon Smalley

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence had been received from: **Chris Scally, Bernard Wilds, Richard Comerford, Mark Rowe, Alaric Rosman, Alan Firth, Ray Brown, Richard-Lee Van den Daele, John O'Donnell, Jackie Murphy, James Gordon, and Ian Griggs**

2. Chairman's Welcome

John opened the meeting by welcoming the 14 persons present and thanking them for coming. 2014 had been a positive year with some very successful min-seminars both in London and York as well as Canterbury, of course. He also welcomed our new Editor, James Gordon, and thanked him for having take over at such short notice.

3. Minutes of the 17th Annual General Meeting held on 18th January 2014

The minutes of the previous AGM had been copied to all members in order to save review time at the meeting. Two minor amendments: The word "Pole" should have been spelt "Poll" and Isabel should be spelt "Isobel". They were adopted as a true record of the proceedings. Proposed: Mark Galloway – Seconded: Barry Keane – agreed by all.

4. Matters Arising from Previous Minutes

- I. Stuart had obtained copies of the DPUK Book for members at author's price
- ii. A mini-seminar at York had been arranged based on a poll result concerning meetings outside London

5. Secretary's Report

Stuart welcomed those present. '14 members were in attendance as against 8 last year'.

2014 had been another successful year in the life of the Group. Thanks go to all the committee for the support received – in particular to John Wassell as Chairman, to Peter Antill as Membership Secretary and to Allan Johnson as Treasurer. Thanks go to Mark de Valk for his services as the Journal editor. Mark had had to step down from the post of editor but our thanks go to James Gordon who took over the duties at very short notice and has continued to produce the Journal very professionally. Thanks go to all the contributors of that excellent publication.

Mark Rowe has continued to work very hard as the US Membership Secretary and Bernard Wilds as our Webmaster. Our sincere thanks go to them.

The committee had not met formally but much work had been carried out by telephone and e-mail. However, it would have been nice to sit down as a group on at least one occasion.

A record number of Mini-Seminars had been held – five in total – four on London and a very successful one attended by 22 persons in York. The sessions proved very popular indeed with the following subjects being discussed: -

The Cuban Missile Crisis/Bay of Pigs

The Bethesda Autopsy and Parkland

The Odio Incident

Oswald and the CIA

The Paine's & George De 'Mohrenschildt (York)

The South Knoll Shooter (York)

William Seymour: Killer of Oswald & Tippit? (York)

Ferrie, Banister, & the Spooks of New Orleans (York)

In addition, our very own Matthew Smith had given a very interesting talk at York on the subject of "Where do we go from here" and Adrian Morris had presented a superb film on Dallas 2013.

The Canterbury Seminar in April had again been very well received and thanks go to all who contributed towards making it such a success. The event had been enhanced by the presence of *Joan Mellen who had presented a paper on “The CIA & Cuba” and another on the subject of “LBJ & Mac Wallace.”*

Our other excellent contributors were: -

Tony Basing who spoke on “The French Connection”

Russell Kent who gave an update on “The Medical Evidence”

Bill Beadle who presented a paper on “The Mafia”

Larry Hancock by telephone – “James Angleton & William Harvey”

Adrian Morris – presented his film on Dallas 50

Ian Griggs – “James Tague” (who had died a few months previously)

Alaric Rosman – “A Solution to the Mauser Enigma – Will Fritz and the Panic at DPD HQ”

Two other possible venues suggested for day seminars were Birmingham and Stratford on Avon.

Thanks also go to Mike Dworetzky who acted as our very able Auctioneer and to Isobel Dworetzky who sourced the excellent Sunday buffet.

Sales of the DPUK Book had continued throughout the year and it is hoped that the publishers will be paying royalties to the Group before too long. (**Post Meeting Note: Royalties have now been received totalling £195.70**)

A large group of members had met up at the bust of JFK in Marylebone Road on 22nd November to remember, and pay tribute to, the 35th President of the USA on the anniversary of his assassination. Thanks go to Barry Keane for having organised the afternoon.

Meanwhile we look forward to 2015 and what is hoped will be another successful year for the Group.

Mark Galloway, from the floor, thanked the committee for their input during the year.

6. Treasurer’s Report

Allan tabled copies of the accounts for the year ending 31st December 2014 – a copy is attached to these minutes.

The year had begun with £1824 in the bank and had ended with £1567, a deficit of £257. Income would have just about equalled expenditure if payment for Joan Mellen’s unused hotel had not had to be made. Having Joan at Canterbury was felt very worthwhile, though. Thanks go to Matthew Smith for having suggested raffling one of his books at York.

Proceeds amounted to £43.

Printing of each issue of the Journal has increased significantly from £290 to £455, which was felt reasonable because of the superb colour reproduction and the quality of paper used. UK Subscriptions had amounted to £898 as against £756 in 2013, a very encouraging situation. Postage seems to go up every year – distribution costs of the Journal amounted to £262.

Mark Rowe US subscriptions currently amounts to \$285. (not included in the accounts). A suggestion was made from the floor to allow Mark to retain US subs. in his account and to use this money to help offset his costs of attending Canterbury next year, if he can come. This was felt a very good idea on the basis of all the work that Mark has done for us over many years.

Auction proceeds from Canterbury amounted to £278 as against £215 in 2013.

A discussion ensued concerning the best way of sending money to and from the USA.

The accounts remain in a satisfactory state of affairs and it was agreed that an increase in the cost of membership would not be necessary in 2015.

Distribution of the Journal:

Several people would elect to have the whole Journal electronically but this might not save too much in printing because of minimum order runs. Postage costs would decrease. A vote indicated that most would still like a hard copy.

A PDF copy of the Journal would be printable at a reduced cost (colour laser printer) but it was felt that we should continue as we are at present. It is probably the only Journal on the subject of the Assassination that is currently being printed across the world. Other ideas included making the Journal available through an App Store.

Subscriptions: only one issue of the Journal was produced last year. Proposal was made to reduce or waive subscriptions for the current year. Two issues will cost about £1100 leaving about £500.

Several members stated that they did not want money back and the Journal still offered good value for money so would be prepared to pay the full membership this year. After a lengthy discussion it was agreed to keep the subscriptions as they are in 2015 but to give those in the USA who had been members in 2014 a subscription free year on the basis that they cannot take advantage of the events and other advantages offered to UK members. (The decision was by vote - 11 for and 2 against). Mark Rowe and UK members to be informed of the decision. **Action: Stuart**

The accounts were proposed for adoption by Peter Antill and seconded by Barry Keane. All agreed.

7. Update on the DPUK Book

Sales has continued but obviously at a reduced rate. Concern was expressed that it has taken a long time to obtain the royalties from the publishers, bearing in mind the terms of the contract, which indicates that royalties should be paid every six months. (However see Post Meeting Note in Section 5 above – royalties have now been received).

8. Membership Secretary's Report

Peter tabled a report showing that total membership now stood at 60, an increase of over 35% since 2010 – a very encouraging situation. The Group currently has 56 UK members who renewed or joined in 2014, 4 life members, and 7 people who did not renew their membership. Peter will send out reminder e-mail to those who have not yet re-joined in 2015. The number of subscription payments by bank transfer continues to increase.

Four new members who joined the Group during 2014 did so through information found on our website.

9. The Dealey Plaza Echo

One issue of the new-style Journal had been produced along with one at the beginning of the year which was actually due to be published in the previous November. It is intended to produce two super-size issues in 2015 – one in March and one in September. James has received from Rex Bradford (Mary Ferrell Foundation) a complete DPUK Journal archive in electronic form. It is in very good condition. As a teaser to members, James published in the online (pdf) version (Part 2) of Issue 1 of the new style Journal (Vol 17 issue 2), a montage of past Journal Title pages along with the very first article from the very first DPUK journal The Patsy Paschall Film: An Analysis by Dallas Researcher – Greg Jaynes.

There is a wealth of material in the archive that genuinely deserves greater exposure.

See also the discussion concerning the distribution of the Journal in Paragraph 6 above.

10. Mini-Seminars: suggested venues and subjects

Brian kindly said that he would look into a suitable venue for a seminar at Birmingham. Other venues suggested by members include Stratford on Avon and somewhere in the West Country.

The events continue to be very popular but it is recognised that holding them in London on every occasion is not ideal.

Possible subjects for future events: -

I) Jim Garrison & New Orleans

II) JFK, Nixon, & Cuba

11. The Group's Website

Members are encouraged to use the website to find out the latest information and to explore some of the excellent set of articles that have been posted there along with some very useful links to other sites of interest, There is even a live webcam pointing towards Dealey Plaza. Thanks to Bernard for maintaining the site for us. Several members have joined the Group over the past year or so through the website.

There is a Blog section on the website and Bart very kindly said that he would set up a Twitter account for the Group.

There are a huge number of people out there using social media – Twitter and Facebook – especially the younger generation. There are potentially a large number of new members out there if communication channels were to be improved. The links to Twitter and Facebook could be added to the website.

The possibility of accessing the Journal through the website will also be investigated.

12. The Ian Irving Collection – Donated Books

Three or four months ago, John Wassell picked up a large collection of books from Ian Irving, a previous DPUK member - about 155 books and some DVDs. Ian has very kindly said that all proceeds from selling the collection can go to Group funds. 15 books have been selected for auction at Canterbury.

John will send the complete list out and put details on the website so that offers can be made by members for the other books – these could be posted at additional cost or collected at Canterbury.

13. Election of Management Committee.

It was declared that all the existing officers were willing to stand again for election. Stuart would like to stand down as Secretary when a replacement can be found. It was therefore proposed by Mike Dworetzky, that each person be re-elected to the post that they held last year with the exception of James Gordon who is newly elected as our Journal Editor. This was agreed by all present.

The 2015 Committee therefore comprises the following members: -

Chairman: John Wassell

Vice-Chairman: Barry Keane

Hon. Secretary: Stuart Galloway

Hon. Treasurer: Allan Johnson

Committee Member: Bill Beadle

UK Membership Secretary:

US Membership Secretary:

Journal Editor:

President & Committee Member: Ian Griggs

Committee Member:

Peter Antill

Mark Rowe

James Gordon

Ian Griggs

Russ Ford

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

14. Update on Arrangements for the Canterbury Seminar – 18th/19th April 2015

So far about 20 people have said that they would like to attend – hopefully numbers will increase over the coming few weeks. The cost of booking the Canterbury Christchurch University facilities will again be £30 a head. Delegates will be asked to select their food choices for the Saturday Dinner beforehand. Total cost including tea/coffee, Saturday dinner, and Sunday buffet will be £70.

The possibility of inviting Sherry Fiester to Canterbury and paying part of her costs was discussed. Having a speaker from the USA has always been popular but this does add to the administrative workload beforehand and on the day and some speakers do expect a contribution towards the cost of attending. It was agreed that presentations by telephone are also very effective so this year an overseas speaker would not be invited.

15. Date of the Next AGM

This was set for Saturday 16th January 2016 at 1.30 P.M. in The Flying Horse – Finsbury, London

The meeting was declared closed at 3.35 P.M.

Signed:
(Chairman)

Date:.....

DEALEY PLAZA UK – INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT 12 MONTHS TO 31/12/2014					
RECEIPTS	NOTE	£	PAYMENTS	NOTE	£
Subscriptions @ £18.00	37 Members	£ 666.00	Printing Costs	4	£ 790.00
Subscriptions @ £10.00	12 Members	£ 120.00	Postage Stationery& other Distribution Costs		£ 262.50
Subscriptions Part Year	8 Members	£ 56.00	Membership Secretary's Costs		£ 54.47
			Donated Books		£ 12.50
			Book Table Cost Dallas 2013		£ 60.00
US Subscription Banked	1	£ 0.00	Website Costs		£ 36.00
Donations	2	£ 2.00			
Canterbury Conference Receipts		£ 2067.00	Canterbury Conference Expenditure		£ 2282.55
Auction Proceeds York Seminar		£ 278.00			
Raffle Proceeds York Seminar		£ 43.00			
Echo Back Copies		£ 9.00			
Total Receipts		£ 3241.00	Total Expenditure		£ 3498.02
Deficit for Period		£ 257.02			£ 0.00
		<u>£ 3498.02</u>			<u>£ 3498.02</u>
Balance at Barclays 1/01/2014		£ 1823.99			
Less deficit for period above		£ 257.02			
Balance at Barclays 31/12/2014	3	<u>£ 1566.97</u>			

NOTES.

- As with previous years the above accounts only show items passing through the UK Bank account. As at 31st December 2014 DPUK was also holding \$285.00 in respect of US Subscriptions, which are not included in the above figures.
- Only Donations paid with subscriptions are shown here. Cash donations made at Canterbury or York are included in auction and raffle proceeds.
- Actual Balance at Barclays 31/12/2014 £ 1620.94
Less subscriptions re 2015/2016 £ 54.00
Adjusted Balance at Barclays 31/12/2014 £ 1566.97