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Society Committee

Tuesday 19th August 2025

MINUTES

The minutes of the 10th meeting of the 2024/25 Society Committee held online on Tuesday 19th August 2025. This meeting also has the feature of being the Society's AGM meeting, held in accordance with the guidelines.

Present:

Patricia Thomson	Chair
Mark Lindley-Highfield of Ballumbie Castle	Treasurer
William Brazier	Secretary/ Acting Vice Chair
Sebastian Weir	Newly elected Vice Chair
Cordelia Wright	Secretary
Jack Thomlinson	Careers Coordinator
Naomi Wood	Editor
Tommy Horton	Master of Moots
Samuel Reese	Master of Moots
Qadira Ayad	Mistress of Moots

1. Welcome and Year in Review

The Chair opened the meeting by welcoming members. A review of the past year was presented, highlighting the events that had been successfully held by the Society.

2. Recognition

The Chair expressed appreciation to all members and volunteers who contributed to the Society's activities during the year. Recognition was formally extended to all who assisted with the OULS.

Ms Thomson then handed over proceedings to Mr Lindley-Highfield of Ballumbie Castle.

3. OULS Accounts

Mr Lindley-Highfield of Ballumbie Castle presented the Society's accounts, emphasizing that the year marked the end of a period of stagnancy for OULS. The accounts have been approved by the committee. He noted that the Society had achieved a financial surplus during the year.

Following the presentation, Mr Lindley-Highfield returned control to Ms Thomson.

4. Charter Amendments

Ms Thomson outlined the proposed amendments to the OULS Charter. The amendments were discussed and formally noted, with them to take immediate effect.

5. Introduction of the New Committee

Ms Thomson introduced the incoming Committee members. Each new member provided a brief self-introduction.

6. Upcoming Events

Ms Thomson handed over to QA to provide an overview of the Society's upcoming events. Highlights included:

- A new mooring event created by QA.

- The Shakespeare Martineau Insight Series, presented by Ms Cosgrove.

7. Essay Competition

Mr Lindley-Highfield of Ballumbie Castle provided details regarding the Essay Competition. Members were informed that all relevant information was available on the OULS website.

8. Social Media and Communications

Ms Cosgrove suggested emailing slides to members, which was agreed by Ms Thomson.

Mr Weir sought clarification on whether Committee members could participate in competitions. Ms Thomson confirmed this was acceptable provided there was no conflict of interest.

9. Handover and Membership Matters

Members departed following the handover process.

- Mr Brazier will provide Instagram account details directly to Ms Wood.
- Individual account passwords will be distributed as appropriate.

Signed:

William Brazier, Secretary, Acting Vice-Chair