



Secretary's Message,

Firstly, I would like to thank everyone who has taken the time to attend this EGM today. Your presence shows your commitment to the future of the fancy, which is greatly appreciated.

The Council needs to move forward with a clear vision for the future of the fancy, and today's meeting provides an important opportunity to discuss how best to achieve that. I recognise that there will be strong views on the direction we should take, but I am confident that through constructive discussion we can reach positive conclusions.

There have been rivalries within the fancy over time, and while differences of opinion are natural, it is important that we now try to put past divisions behind us. By working together respectfully and constructively, we can strengthen the fancy for everyone involved.

I would therefore like to ask Council members, from today onward, to leave past issues in the past and focus on making progress together. As a governing body, our responsibility is to guide the future of the fancy rather than dwell on what has already happened.

As Secretary, my role is to remain neutral, ensure transparency, and pass on all relevant correspondence to clubs and members fairly and promptly.

Regarding attendance today, out of 30 letters sent, we received 17 confirmations to attend, 8 apologies from those unable to attend, and 5 with no response. Overall, this represents a reasonable response rate. Given that the closing date fell in mid-December, it is possible some replies were delayed or lost during the busy Christmas postal period.

I have also prepared a financial balance sheet for your review. As you will see, funds are currently quite limited, and this may be something we need to consider carefully, particularly in relation to subscriptions and future financial planning.

Finally, I would like to propose a vote of thanks to the Chairman and the International Secretary for their considerable hard work behind the scenes on behalf of the fancy.

Thank you.

Clair Osborne Message