

Sternians' Association
Executive Committee Meeting
10:30am Sunday, 13th October 2019

Present: John Bacon, Chairman
Bruce Buckland
Chris Huffam, Treasurer
James Marshall, Archivist
Gill Kelly

Apologies: Charlotte Greer-Read, Dudley Lewis

1. **Welcome and apologies** - John Bacon welcomed all to the meeting. Apologies were received from Charlotte, no contact received from Dudley.
2. **Minutes of previous meeting** - were duly approved.
3. **Matters Arising** -

AGM 2019 - JB confirmed that he had now received draft minutes from CGR. Charlotte had offered her sincere apologies for their lateness owing to pressure of work and constant exams with her new job. JB will now work on the draft and release a full set of minutes as soon as practicable.

Review of the Constitution - JB raised the issue of the budget and accounting system. CH explained how the accounting system had evolved over the years with a budget now received by the LWC Development Office for Sternians events and general costs. Very few transactions involve the Sternians' Association's bank account. This change would need to be incorporated into the constitution. Draft wording will need to be discussed with LWC. Action JB/CH

New VPs - it was noted that as a result of the vote at the AGM, Sharon Allmark would be formally invited to be a VP following approval at the AGM. GK told the meeting of Sharon's current health problems and the committee asked for their best wishes for a speedy recovery to be passed on. Action JB to inform Sharon re VP status

Steve Pennington Legacy - JB confirmed that a thank you email had been sent by Claire Liggins, Head of the DT department. It was suggested that photos of the machines should be taken for the magazine. Action GK

Committee Members Succession Planning - All those attending the meeting confirmed their willingness to be re-elected at the AGM. Both the roles of President and Chairman were up for election in June 2020. After some discussion, it was agreed that JB would draft a short job description for the role of Chairman and that he would ask Peter Booth if he wished to continue as President. JB indicated his willingness to continue as Chairman for the time being, especially as GK was retiring at the end of the academic year.

4. Reunions –

Sternian Saturday – the date for 2020 was confirmed as Saturday, 13th June. It currently looked as if two ‘year of’ reunions would take place – 50 years for the year of 1970 and 30 years for the year of 1990. The 1970 reunion would also invite the years of 1969/71. GK will give a list of those years to JB so that a ‘save the date’ message could be sent. GK mentioned that there were plans for a major celebration in 2022 to celebrate the centenary of the first pupils entering the College.

Regional – JB had attended the Bournemouth, London events and SW Reunion. BB suggested the use of Eventbrite to monitor those coming to events – GK to investigate. It was recognised that the number of attendees at regional events is in decline, but these reunions will continue while there is enough support. Many younger Sternians now meet regularly themselves without involving the Association to organise get togethers. London Drinks is the exception as it invites current parents as well for networking. The Over 60s lunch will be maintained.

5. **Sports** – the inaugural Sternian Sports Festival in September had been a good start, with scope to improve and further develop the event. CH reported on the newly established LWC Golf Society. He had attended the first meeting at North Hants Golf Club which had been a great success. GK mentioned that Quentin Sands (1978) had expressed interest in reviving the mountaineering club but geared more to weekends and had been in touch with current meet secretary Charles Lawrence. GK also reported a change to the Sternian Cricket event with next year’s scheduled as an evening event in May, and a possible football match Sternians v the College again in November.
6. **School Liaison Officer and Alumni Relations Manager** – GK, as mentioned at the AGM, confirmed that there were no plans to appoint a new Liaison Officer, and that the Headmaster and Sam Corfield would handle the job between them. GK also confirmed that she would be retiring at the end of the academic year. A replacement would be sought next term with a view to a handover period once the College had broken up for the summer. A new Development Manager has been appointed to assist the Development Director, to start at the beginning of December.
7. **John Gates’s Archive** – JM said he had met with John during the summer and that he wants to donate his entire and considerable archive on Sydney Stern to the College. JM said that he is happy to collect and collate the archive. It was agreed that a formal letter of thanks would be drafted by JM for JB to send on behalf of the Association, and that the Head should also send one.
8. **Date of Next Meeting** – agreed that a date should be set for February (provisionally Sunday 16th February – TBC).
9. **Any Other Business** – CH said that the regalia photos on the website should be updated. GK and CH to liaise on a date to take some involving pupils. The Committee wished BB well as he will be travelling for a year from November. He will send updates on his progress for the magazine.

GK to put Exec Cttee minutes on to the website (from start of 2018-19 academic year).

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 12.30pm.