

Sternians' Association
Executive Committee Meeting
14:00pm Saturday, 9th February 2019

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

Apologies: Charlotte Greer-Read, Bill Preece, Dudley Lewis, Edward Walker

1. **Welcome and apologies** - John Bacon welcomed all to the meeting and introduced James Marshall A597 (1970 Sutton) who has agreed to take on the position of archivist. Apologies were received from Charlotte, Bill, Dudley and Edward and noted.
2. **Minutes of previous meeting** - were duly approved
3. **Matters Arising** -
 - Review of the Constitution** - thanks were extended to Chris Huffam for his comprehensive comments. JB confirmed that he will produce a draft and arrange to discuss potential changes with Hugh Podger with a view to presenting them at the AGM in June. There was some discussion on the size of a quorum, currently 15, which was only just achieved for the AGM in 2018. This may have been because the meeting was held separately. Should it always be? JB was of the opinion that it should stay as part of the reunion day for the time being. There was some discussion on proxy voting. It had been tried before and was complex and expensive. It was agreed that proxy votes on an ad hoc basis were acceptable. JB outlined the historical situation re reporting on spending by the Association resulting from subscriptions and said that this is no longer necessary as LWC invests a budget instead. CH disagreed and felt that the amount spent on events etc should still be reported and produced for the AGM. These will be produced for this year but a version of what they could look like will also be produced for discussion purposes. JB to mention to Hugh during his discussions as changes would need to be made to the constitution.
 - New VPs** - it was noted that Gill Neighbour and Sharon Allmark should be formally invited to be VPs. Action JB
 - Greater involvement of female Sternians** - see VPs above and GK confirmed that Sternian Claudia Gwinnutt (2008 Gosden), who is a Vice President for Barclays Wealth and Investment Management, had agreed to present at the College Speech Day in May.
 - AGM timing** on Sternian Saturday was confirmed as 11:15am in the Gavin Hall.
 - Steve Pennington Legacy** - GK had spoken to Claire Liggins, Head of DT and confirmed that she wished to use the money for a 3D printer and an embroidery machine. Claire would let us know when these had been sourced.

Archivist – James was confirmed in the role which he would take up when the Sternian Room in the new dining hall is completed at Easter. As he may spend time on site, GK to find out if he should go through the DBS system.

Committee Members – Jon Worsley had expressed an interest. It was decided that JB would approach him if needed.

Budget 2019 – will be drawn up by GK and Sam Corfield, Development Director.

4. **Reunions** – JB mentioned diary list GK had sent to committee members and a copy was given to JM. GK confirmed that the Sternian Saturday invite and agenda for the AGM would be sent out with the Sternian magazine end Feb/beginning of March. Re regional reunions, JB confirmed that he would attend Bournemouth, London, SW and Over 60s lunch. The idea behind the President's Drinks was explained to JM and an invite extended.
5. **Sports** – Since the last meeting, the first football match between Sternians and the LWC 1st XI had taken place and was a great success. GK mentioned Headmaster keen to start a golf society possibly based at North Hants Golf Club in Fleet and that a golf event would be planned for later in the year. GK to check if tennis tournament on the cards this year with Richard Kimber. JB and CH had attended the Sternian hockey tournament in January which had gone well. GK confirmed that an event to open the new 1st XV pitch would take place on the Rugby Sevens and Netball tournament day, Sunday, 8th September. Details to be decided. There had been concerns that the Sternian Mountaineering Club could fizzle out due to the age of the participants. However, there was some interest shown by some of the year of 1978 and there would be one meet this year.
6. Date of next meeting – CGR to be asked to send out prospective meeting date via Doodle Poll, hopefully early in May, before the main reunion.
7. Any Other Business – BB suggested drip feeding the Sternian magazine content via social media to keep up interest. GK to investigate feasibility.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 3.10pm.