

**Sternians' Association**  
**Executive Committee Meeting**  
**10:30am Saturday, 11<sup>th</sup> May 2019**

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

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

1. **Welcome and apologies** - John Bacon welcomed all to the meeting. Apologies were received from Charlotte, Bill, Dudley and Edward and noted. John told the meeting that he had been contacted by Bill to say that he felt he was too busy to commit to the Committee at the present time and therefore had resigned with immediate effect. JB also announced that Edward Walker, Sternian Liaison Officer, would be leaving the College to take up a post at another school in September. JB wished to minute the Committee's thanks to Edward for his sterling work with the Sternians since 2011.
2. **Minutes of previous meeting** - were duly approved
3. **Matters Arising** -

**Review of the Constitution** - JB had submitted his ideas to Hugh Podger and discussed them with him. Copies of John's notes were distributed to the meeting. Following discussion, the following were agreed:

- There should be a capital 'T' for The Sternians' Association
- 3a) Replace with
  - **Full Members:** All former pupils of the above Schools are automatically Full Members
- 3b) Agreed to remove the words 'and privileges' from the heading, and removal of final item - vi the right to vote by proxy, either electronically or by post
- 3e) Fellows - never been awarded, agreed to remove this level of Sternian membership
- Leave title as 'Chairman', not considered necessary to make it gender-neutral
- 4d) Agreed to delete this section, thereby removing 'Chaplain' from potential other officers
- 5a) No change - Agreed to leave AGM linked to reunion date
- 5b) Change word 'reasons' to 'reason'
- 5c) No change - Agreed to leave quorum at 15
- 7a) The financial year for the Association needs to be amended to January to December, as agreed at the 2015 AGM
- 7b) Presentation of accounts - agreed that system for reporting needs to change to reflect input from LWC. CH would explain

mechanics to AGM with advice from Independent Examiner Ben Forman

- 7h) Agreed to remove the need for expenditure over £500 to be approved by the Committee in light of 7b) above
- 8 Replace second sentence with
  - Members will also receive Sternian e-News by e-mail.

**New VPs** – it was noted that since the last meeting Gill Neighbour has announced her retirement at the end of this academic year and therefore only Sharon Allmark would be formally invited to be a VP following approval at the AGM. Action JB

**Greater involvement of female Sternians** – ongoing and noted that 30 years of girls entering the College was being celebrated at the reunion.

**AGM timing** on Sternian Saturday was confirmed as 11:15am in the Gavin Hall, and covered above.

**Steve Pennington Legacy** – GK confirmed that a laser cutter and embroidery machine had been purchased and would hopefully be available for viewing on Sternian Saturday.

**Committee Members** – All those attending the meeting confirmed their willingness to be re-elected at the AGM. An academic member of LWC staff would be put forward as Staff Liaison Officer by the 15<sup>th</sup> June. It was agreed that no further members needed to be sought for the time being.

**Budget 2019** – had been drawn up by GK and Sam Corfield, Development Director and a copy sent to the Treasurer for information.

#### 4. Reunions –

**Sternian Saturday** - GK confirmed that preparations were ongoing and that 35 had signed up so far but this would increase as the event drew closer.

**Regional** - JB had attended the Bournemouth and London events and intended to attend the SW Reunion in September. BB suggested the use of Eventbrite to monitor those coming to events – GK to investigate. BB also said he would give some thought to events to appeal to younger Sternians.

5. **Sports** – programme of dates now firmly established throughout year for all sports. Cricket is the next event on Sunday, 23<sup>rd</sup> June. The setting up of a Golf Society involving the whole LWC community is being considered and the Head is very keen to get this established.

6. **School Liaison Officer** – as covered above.

7. **Date of Next Meeting** – agreed that these should be once a term if possible and date would be sought for one in October.

8. **Any Other Business** – GK asked for help on Sternian Saturday. BB agreed to help with bar along with JM. Regalia – agreed to look at feasibility of cloth or hessian branded bags and telescopic umbrellas – GK/CH.

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