

**Sternians' Association  
Executive Committee Meeting  
10:30am Sunday, 1<sup>st</sup> March 2020**

**Present:** John Bacon, Chairman  
Chris Huffam, Treasurer  
James Marshall, Archivist  
Gill Kelly, Alumni Relations Manager

**Apologies:** Charlotte Greer-Read, Dudley Lewis, Bruce Buckland

1. **Welcome and apologies** - John Bacon welcomed all to the meeting.
2. **Minutes of previous meeting** – were duly approved.
3. **Matters Arising** –

**AGM 2019** – GK confirmed that the AGM minutes edited by JB had been published, were on the website and had been printed in the Sternian 2019 magazine.

**Review of the Constitution** – JB to agree with Sam Corfield and Chris Huffam wording for the finance reporting changes in readiness for the next AGM in June. His main concern is the potential for the Association to incur expenses not budgeted for, such as the planned commemorative benches for John Matson and Tony Whibley, and the worst case scenario of funds draining away.

**Accounts** – GK raised the point that having the Association's year as calendar whilst the College finances are run on an academic year could be problematic. This had been changed by the Association in response to some more traditional Sternians who preferred calendar year reporting but Chris Huffam agreed to review possibly changing back.

**New VPs** – JB confirmed that he had written to Sharon Allmark to formally invite her to become a vice president. Sharon had accepted and passed on her thanks to the Association. The only vice president up for re-election in June was Richard Janaway.

**Committee Members Succession Planning** – All those attending the meeting confirmed their willingness to be re-elected at the AGM. JB would contact Peter Booth as President due for re-election and the other committee members not present at the meeting whether they wished to carry on. JB confirmed that he was willing to carry on for a further term as Chairman.

**Alumni Relations Manager** - GK confirmed that she would be leaving the College at the end of August and that a successor for her role would be sought to start sometime in the summer.

**John Gates' Archive** - James Marshall confirmed that he was now coming into LWC once a week to work on the archives. He was in contact with John Gates and had collected a number of books donated by John, used when he was researching the life of Sydney Stern. James would continue to keep in touch with John concerning the eventual transfer of his considerable archive to LWC. JM to draft a thank you letter for the Headmaster to send to John Gates.

JM also raised the issue of whether further material should be digitised. It was agreed that this is a very expensive exercise and that there was no need at the present time. The issue of photos was raised and it was agreed to carry on using the Flickr facility at the moment. GK to talk through log in with JM.

**Sternian Regalia** – CH reported that orders recently had been handled directly by Creative Images because of the storage situation at the College. It was felt that the range could be simplified and updated, including photography of the items for sale. It was also agreed that it would be best to keep stock and sell it from Creative Images.

#### 4. **Reunions** –

JB said that he had taken a look at the Eventbrite website as suggested by BB at the last meeting. GK had also looked and it was agreed that use of it would be put on hold for now as our numbers were generally manageable.

**Sternian Saturday** – JB and GK confirmed that an email to drum up interest for the 1970 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary including the years of 1969/71 had been sent out in November. GK said there had been some response but not a great deal and it was decided that a follow up should be sent. GK to send JB a list of those who had replied so far. GK mentioned the idea of a possible musical theme for the main reunion which she was working on.

**Regional** - JB confirmed that he would attend the Bournemouth Reunion again in April. CH would also go. GK said she would not be going but that Kate Boyd, the Development Manager, would accompany Sam Corfield. She also said that the Headmaster could not attend this year so College news would be handled by Sam and CH will talk on matters Sternian as usual. GK outlined plans for London Drinks to be more of a networking event for one of the dates a year, probably the Autumn. Certain industries would be targeted with the hope that they could be hosted in various venues around London. The President's Drinks event had been set for 11<sup>th</sup> September and the Over 60s lunch for 4<sup>th</sup> December.

5. **Sports** – the Sternian Sports Festival in September had been rebooked with a range of sports including both hockey events, moved from January. The next LWC Golf Society event had been booked for 19<sup>th</sup> March at Bearwood Lakes. CH did ask if we were alienating Sternians as the costs were a lot more than they used to be for Sternian golf events. GK agreed that Bearwood Lakes was one of the more expensive clubs. However, some Sternian members had asked if they could just play in the competition but not stay for the dinner and this was fine. It was hoped that as the Society became more established, cheaper days would become available. GK confirmed that the cricket date had been set for Friday, 22<sup>nd</sup> May at 5:30pm with a bbq.
6. **The Sternian 2019** – has been published and sent out.
7. **Date of Next Meeting** – agreed that a date should be set for May, subsequently planned for Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> May.
8. **Any Other Business** – there being no other business, the meeting closed at 12.00pm.