

Sternians' Association
Executive Committee Meeting
18:30am Friday, 9th April 2021

Present: John Bacon, Chairman
Chris Huffam, Treasurer
James Marshall, Archivist
Bruce Buckland, Committee Member
Charlotte Greer-Read, Committee Member

Apologies: None

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

AGM 2020 – JB reminded the meeting that, in the absence of an AGM in 2020, technically the Committee membership had not been approved. Our assumption would be that we would continue to act in nominal roles until the issue is considered at the forthcoming virtual AGM to be held at 10:00 am on Saturday 19th June 2021.

Review of the Constitution – JB reported that any work to adjust the Constitution was now on hold pending a return to normal ways of working.

Budget 2021 – CH confirmed that 2020 accounts would be completed ahead of the AGM.

Committee Members – All those attending the meeting confirmed their willingness to continue in their current role, subject to re-election at the AGM. JB reported that Peter Booth is keen to continue as President.

Alumni Relations Manager – Following the retirement of Gill Kelly in August 2020, Kate Boyd is to cover the Alumni Relations Manager while the college waits to recruit a permanent replacement for Gill.

Sternian Archives – The meeting commended JM for arranging a formal note of thanks to John Gates. John has devoted significant effort in documenting the life and times of LWC founder Sydney James Stern, and JM has met with John to secure a safe home for much of John's research material. JB to liaise with the Development Office to allow JM access to the LWC site to resume his work with the archives.

Sternian Regalia 2021 – CH agreed to work with CG-R and BB, alongside Kate Boyd, to develop a new simplified and updated Sternian Regalia Catalogue.

4. **Reunions & Sports post Covid** –

All such activities which form an essential part of the strong relationship between LWC and the Association have been suspended pending relaxation of the necessary restrictions.

Sternian Virtual AGM 2021 - In the continuing absence of a traditional Summer Reunion in 2021, it is planned to hold a virtual AGM scheduled for 10:00 am on Saturday 19th June. The 2020 copy of the Sternian magazine includes details of this meeting, with attendees to register with Kate Boyd. JB advised that he had experienced difficulties with initial attempts at the online registration process. He had reported this issue to Kate Boyd. BB successfully registered online during the meeting, and JB also managed to register after the meeting, so it appears that these problems have been resolved. JB to check with Kate on expected attendance levels.

5. Chairman meeting at LWC September 2020 –

JB reported back on his meeting at LWC on 8th September 2020 with Adam Williams, Sam Corfield and Peter Booth. Adam had called the meeting to discuss ideas about engaging with Sternians during the continuing pandemic. This was shortly after the retirement of Gill Kelly, and Adam and Sam were keen to assure us of their firm commitment to the Association during these difficult times.

PB e-mail from Mike Sims –

At the meeting Peter tabled an e-mail he had received from Sternian Mike Sims, in which he expressed his concerns about three key issues –

- i. Methods used to attract donations from Sternians
- ii. Performance of the Executive Committee
- iii. Role of the Association in supporting communication between Sternians

The committee accepts that there is work to do on each of these points, and each would be considered further at the next meeting ahead of the 2021 AGM.

6. LWC Focus sessions –

Open to Sternians, parents and pupils, this new programme of virtual talks has already proved extremely popular and offers the entire Sternian community a new route to involvement with LWC.

7. The Sternian 2020 –

JB advised that the college recognised the difficulties in producing this year's edition of our magazine. Credit must go to Adam, Sam and in particular Kate Boyd for their commitment to publish. At the time of our meeting, circulation of the latest publication was only hours away.

8. DoNM

JB to organise the next meeting in May, ahead of the virtual AGM on 19th June.

9. Any Other Business

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 19:45.