

Sternians' Association
Executive Committee Meeting
17:00 Monday, 23rd May 2022

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

Apologies: Charlotte Greer-Read, Committee Member

1. **Welcome and apologies** - John Bacon welcomed all to the meeting, with apologies from Charlotte attending a wedding in Spain.
2. **Minutes of previous meeting – Tuesday 29th March** – were duly approved.
3. **Matters Arising** –

Constitution Review – financial section to be updated, based on draft process provided by CH. JB to present revised document to the AGM for approval.

Accounts 2021 – As agreed at last year's AGM, CH will now report income and expenditure specific to the Sternians' bank account. All other income and costs related to the running of the Association are covered through the Development Office, and a breakdown of these items is to be provided for presentation to the AGM to aid understanding. CH to forward details of the accounts to our Independent Examiner, Ben Foreman, ahead of the AGM.

Budget 2022 – There is currently no exceptional expenditure planned for this year. JG-M pondered the possibility of the Association funding replacement of a recently fallen tree on the path by the main field. This was not seen as an appropriate use of funds at this time.

Committee members & succession planning – All committee members are pleased to present themselves for re-election at the forthcoming AGM.

Archives – Regular access to LWC has understandably been difficult over the past couple of years, and this has restricted our ability to work on the archive material held on site. The recent easing of restrictions is starting to allow opportunities to resume visits, for example with JG-M working with the Development Team in contributing material towards preparation of the Centenary Book, celebrating 100 years of LWC. It is hoped that we can establish more regular access. In the first instance, JG-M to consider drafting a Terms of Reference, to include guidance to LWC for retention of material each year to build up the Sternians archive, in the absence of any Archivist function within the school. JB and JG-M to then meet the Development Team to agree a way forward.

Sternian Regalia / Merchandise / Branding - In April CH and JB had visited LWC to meet Sam Corfield and Justine Lammin to discuss regalia and branding, following LWC's own recent rebranding.

Current regalia stock is to be sold off at the coming Sternian Saturday, ahead of phasing in new stock – September onwards, with only new stock available from next year.

The LWC rebranding gives us new impetus to address the refresh of Sternians regalia. We are looking at a new Sternians logo, through the Agency engaged by LWC, in line with the school's own changes.

Centenary-specific items also provide an opportunity for increasing awareness of the LWC and Sternians brands.

4. **Reunions & Sports post Covid –**

We look forward to the continuing relaxation of lock-down, leading to the resumption of our usual ways of working.

Past events:

Football Fundraiser For Ukraine - Wednesday 30th March - 6pm - 8.30pm

LWC Golf Society - Bearwood Lakes Golf Day - Wednesday 11th May – four

Sternians attended – other golf events to be considered

Sternian Regional Gathering – Bournemouth - Thursday 19th May, 11.30am - CH

attended, with photos now on social media

Future events:

Sternian Cricket - Friday 10th June - 6pm - CH planning to attend

Sternian Regional Gathering – London - Ship & Shovell, Thursday 16th June – JB &

BB planning to attend

Sternian Saturday – 25th June, including AGM

The Beckwith (Centenary event) – 24th September

Sternian Regional Gathering – Exeter - Thursday 20th October

LWC+30 Lunch – London - RAF Club - Thursday 17th November

Morocco Adventure Challenge (Centenary event) – 23-28 February 2023 – BB

signed up for this

Centenary Festival (Centenary event) – 23-24 June 2023

In discussion, the committee wondered if there are other recreational activities where Sternians could challenge the College – BB suggested triathlon. JB to open discussions with LWC on potential opportunities.

5. **Digital Archive** – during discussion of the Bournemouth reunion and associated pictures and reports on the internet, the Committee considered our position regarding use of digital platforms generally. It is understood that the Development Office would be open to hosting the Sternians' material on the LWC site, perhaps in the next couple of years. Our digital archive has been developed and is maintained through a separate service provider. JB and JG-M are expected to meet interested parties, probably in July, to discuss ongoing provision of these services.

It was suggested that perhaps our Alumni Relations Manager might occasionally 'borrow' random items from The Sternian, to be aired on an appropriate digital media platform, as a means of keeping the activities of the Association in members' hearts and minds across the year.

6. **The Sternian 2021** – published in April. The committee expressed their thanks to Justine Lammin for what has been her first production of this magazine.
7. **LWC Centenary – 2022-23** – various activities are planned for the coming Centenary year, details published regularly through the Development Office.
8. **DoNM** – following the AGM, the Committee agreed to reconvene early in the Autumn Term, date to be advised.
9. **Any Other Business** - There being no other business, the meeting closed at 18:15.