

Sternian Association Executive Committee Meeting

May 3rd 2023

Minutes

1. **Present** -John Bacon, Chris Huffam, James Gregory-Marshall, Simon Clements, Bruce Buckland, Charlotte Greer-Read, Clare Faherty

2. **2022 Minutes Approved**

3. **Matters Arising**

Constitution Review – The 2022 AGM approved the changes; these can now be seen on the Sternians' Website under 'About Us'.

Accounts 2022/Budget 2023 – Draft Accounts to 31/12/22 attached. JB enquired about the Paypal account, CH explained that it is from regalia sales on the Sternian Website.

Committee Members & Succession Planning – SC has stepped in to take on the Chairmans role until a permanent candidate can be found. CH thanked Simon. CH asked CF what action had been taken to advertise the role. CF explained that we had advertised the role in the e-news. CH talked about committee members and not having members for the sake of it and that all should have a role to play. CH also asked if anyone had contacts that would be suitable candidates. CG suggested putting out a post on Sydney Stern FB page. CF mentioned we had a few Sternians that had driven the social groups on LWC Connect may be interested. BB asked if we could set up WhatsApp groups for the social groups to save logging on all the time. CF will investigate it.

Archives – Unfortunately JG had issues with this mic, but his update is: 'I have got through the four volumes of John Gates' opus magnus on Lord Wandsworth. There are some oddities but nothing too serious. I am now going to work on the unpublished material'.

Sternian Regalia – CH explained that we didn't have the resources to drive through the changes due to the Centenary Events. CH, should we sell off old stock/give to charity (some are 15 years old). Agreed to sell off what we can. CF explained we had not moved forward with the merchandise but could start looking that into it after June. BB suggested Print on demand model, CH said that we were currently doing that for the items we can do that with. SC explained that LWC has rebranded and do we want the Sternian merchandise to 'match' the LWC brand or not? CH mentioned the new Sternian Logo which aligns with the new LWC Crest. CF said we are using new logo for comms but not used for merchandise yet. CH asked CG if she would get involved with the regalia re vamp, this was agreed.

4. **Events, Reunions and Sports**

Past events:

Sternian vs Pupils Cricket - Friday 10th June 2022 – Pupils won!

London Drinks - Ship & Shovell - Thursday 16th June 2022 – well attended.

Sternian Saturday - 25th June 2022, including AGM – well attended.

The Beckwith - Saturday 24th September 2022 – well attended.

Sternian Regional Gathering – Exeter - Thursday 20th October 2022 – cancelled, only 2 signed up

LWC +30 Lunch – RAF club – Thursday 17th November 2022 – 20 Sternians, great venue, thank you to Brett Morrell for inviting us.

5th Form Interview Morning – Saturday 4th February 2023 – well attended by parents and Sternians.

Sahara Trek 23-28th February – over £54k raised for The Foundation, congratulations to BB, Sam Corfield and Kate Boyd for taking part.

Manchester reunion 23rd March – cancelled, only 2 signed up.

Futures Fair 24th March – An excellent response from Sternians, BB attended, thank you.

Future events:

LWCGS Golf Day – Alresford Golf Club 12th May 2023

Bournemouth Gathering @ The Toby Carvery, Coopers Dean – 18th May 2023 11.30am onwards

London Drinks @ Duke of Sussex, Waterloo – 13th June 2023 – 6pm to 8pm

LWC Golf Society – Incorporating the Sternians Golf 2023 Championships. Open to Sternians Friday 12th May, Alresford Golf Club Sternians already signed up Chris Huffam & Richard Gribble and 8 other Sternians.

Bournemouth reunion Thursday 18th May - Chris, Peter, Sam, Clare and 14 others attending.

LWC Century Rally - 17 – 28 May 2023 - This has been postponed but we are inviting Sternians who own Classic Cars to come to the Centenary Festival weekend to display their Vehicles.

London Drinks 13th June – The Duke of Sussex, Waterloo, 6pm – 8pm – 5 signed up so far.

LWC Centenary Festival Weekend - 23-24 June 2023 (Friday 5pm – 10pm. Saturday 10am – 10pm. Need to identify Year Group Anniversaries to promote reunions within the reunion.

Includes Chris, James & John's year 1969 – 71 (we need a plan). Clare to post on social media to get the interest and start the process - So far we have interest in 1993 Kevin Spurgeon, 1960 Robin Pope, 1965 Richard Dix and 1966 Bob Stevenson. John, Chris and Charlotte attending.

LWC Golf Society Thursday 28th September - The Army GC.

Sternians Sports Festival Saturday 9th September – Hockey, Netball, 7s Touch Rugby, Football and Beckwith Run/Walk + Food Festival.

Sternians London Lunch (LWC+30)– (Nov/Dec tba) To be open to all Sternians.

Significant recent losses include - Thoughts on how we celebrate these Sternians, John Gates, George 'Johnny' Johnson and Bob Hunt – JB mentioned that he took the details off the website to include in the AGM Agenda.

5. **The Sternian 2022** - Now out - Hopefully you all received a copy. Congratulations to all involved – Clare will be busy collating stories & photos for the 2023 Sternian. BB has suggested we use The Sternian for advertising Sternian businesses. CF to follow up with Sam Corfield.
6. **Sternians AGM – June 24** - 10.30hrs Gavin Hall. Chris will Chair the AGM on behalf of John up to the point we reach the Officers for Election. Announcing in the New Chairman where upon Simon will take over. John has drawn up the agenda and forwarded it to Clare who will upload it onto the Website + via social media etc. Deadline for AOB will be Friday 9th June. John to write his chairman's report. SC mentioned that the meetings can drag on and we need to try and keep it running on time (Headmaster time etc). JB said the constitution part has been removed which helps. SC, any thoughts on the funds and what we do with them. JB regular income has now dwindled so it won't be topped up, it has been used for Trust Fund and The Foundation in the past (as well as DT equipment). CH said it needed to be something that Sternians can relate to and can see the value in it. BB thinks we should gift a piece of regalia to new Sternians, scarf or tie (order in bulk and bring cost down). CG thinks pashmina would be a good idea with logo on.

7. **Date of Next Meeting** - TBA but after June.

8. **Any Other Business** - Chris Gibbs – Sternians Survey. Does anyone have a copy of the results? JB didn't recall any conclusions from it.

Sternians Website - LWC are redoing their main website and we will bring the Sternian website into that with its own page and a link the Archives. This is work in progress. JB was asking why a new LWC website so soon, SC said they constantly need changing to keep up to date. Clare has been using "Square Space" for the Anniversary shop which is easy to use and update. JB asked CG to be involved in the regalia update and she agreed.

Lunch – CG wants us to go to the pub!

Adventure Challenge – BB was asking if the next trip has been decided. CF said it will be in 2025 but no decisions made yet as to where yet but we will know by the next Sternian Magazine. BB and JB think it should be a cold one.