

Minutes of a Sternians Committee Meeting held at Long Sutton on 20 October 2023

Present: Simon Clements – Chair, Chris Huffam, James Gregory-Marshall, Bruce Buckland.

Apologies – Charlotte Greer-Read, Clare Faherty (Development office)

1. The meeting had been called to discuss an options paper that had been prepared and circulated in advance of the meeting by the Chair.
2. After a short discussion it was agreed by all present that the way forward was to proceed with the proposal to set up an Advisory Board.
3. There was then a detailed discussion about the mechanism for seeking to achieve that. The two options seemed to be calling an Extraordinary General meeting, or to use the next Annual General Meeting.
4. Those present then examined the Constitution and Rules of the Association and concluded that it would be necessary to follow the procedures set out in Paragraph 9 of that document which states:

9. Amendments to Rules and Constitution

The Rules and Constitution may only be amended by a two thirds majority of those voting at a General Meeting provided that there are 15 or more members present.

5. The indicative timetable set out in the Chair's paper was agreed, and the suggestion that certain members of the Sternian body should be provided with advance notice of the proposals given the importance of their view due to of their lengthy experience of the College and the Association. This would include Hugh Podger, Paul Richings (Chair of Sternian Trust Fund), past Sternian Chairs, the Chair of Governors, and the headmaster.
6. Committee members were asked to consider if additions should be made to this list, and if so to forward them to the Chair.
7. The Chair agreed to circulate a draft letter to Committee members.
8. Charlotte had indicated in advance of the meeting that she was content with the proposed way forward but wished to be further involved in its development as matters progressed.
9. The Committee then discussed what should happen to the residue of the Association funds, should the proposed way forward happen. It was agreed that a proper use of the funds would be to support the archive project being planned by Sam Corfield, with potentially a small amount reserved to other items the College may request.

Simon Clements

5 November 2023