**Old Cryptian’s Club**

**Minutes of Meeting Held**

**At the Crypt School**

**4th January 2013**

**Present:**

The President: Clive Thomas

John Mitchell

Peter Hobbs

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Derek Howell

Howard Allen

Richard Briggs

Bob Timms

Matt Cass

**1 Apologies**

Apologies were received from:

The Headmaster

John Hughes

Richard Browning

Michael Beard

Eric Stephens

Paul James

Ivor Smith

**2. Minutes of Last Meeting**

Minutes from last meeting were presented in John Hughes’s absence, although the report only covered items up to Section 7. Proposed by Peter Hobbs , seconded by John Mitchell that the minutes be signed as a true record, carried nem con

**3. Matters Arising**

None

**4. President’s Business – Annual Dinner**

President reported on the change in the running order for the dinner this year, with the speeches being brought forward to before the dinner. This would give everyone more chance to circulating after the dinner. Prizes for the raffle were also discussed, and the President thanked donors for their generosity.

Invite for dinner to go out after this meeting.

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**5. Headmaster’s Report**

In the absence of the HM< his report was tabled and circulated. Key points in his report:-

* 4 students have received offers from Oxford
* School has received £140k govt funding to remove asbestos from science labs.
* School has applied for Teaching School status.
* Heads of Dept have been approached for Bursary nominations

**6. Honorary Treasurers Report**

Report tabled. Key highlights:-

* Bank Balance £8,072; Building Soc balance £7,231
* Subs at less than current rate still being received. Now being assumed as donations.
* Shop to be set up at Dinner selling ties, lapel pins etc.

**7. Report on Centennial Bursary Fund**

* Balance in accounts at 31 December £49,877. Funds now invested in Virgin Charity account.
* Bursary awards to be considered once list received from HM.
* Trustees now taking control of process, rather than leaving it to the school.
* Draw to be made at the dinner for all donors since inception, with a few special prizes, to act as incentive for members to make regular donations. In future years, prize will be £100.

**8. Membership Secretary’s Report**

* Membership stable at 250
* 9 New school leavers have joined (free of charge until they reach 21)
* 162 members now on email.

Derek announced that he was going to step down at this year’s AGM as membership secretary. Richard Briggs offered to take over the role, and the President agreed to provide some support.

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On behalf of the club, the President thanked Derek for his hard work in managing the membership over a number of years.

**9. Web Site**

Work has now been completed, and the following points noted:-

* Home page – consider structure and amount that should appear on it
* Login – agreed this is preferable to keep members details hidden
* Events – ensure these are updated on website

Richard Briggs asked for feedback by end of week so that he could go back to web developer for final amendments.

Total cost £750.

The committee thanked Richard for his hard work on seeing through this project.

**10. Cryptian Magazine**

Articles coming in slowly but will be more than enough material

There had been some concern over the quality of the magazine last year, and it was agreed that short-cuts should **not** be taken to compromise on the quality.

**11. 475th Anniversary Book**

HA gave an appeal for photographs from the 1960’s – 1980’s as there did not appear to be much record.

The school were covering the period from the 90’s to present day.

He had obtained a quote of £3800 and was trying to obtain a commitment from the school to fund part of the production.

**12. Any Other Business**

a. Oxford Dinner – only 11 had signed up which is why it was cancelled, as over 20 were needed. There was a link with Pembroke College via the Townsend Scholarship, and it was agreed that Mike Nuth and Peter Hobbs would investigate further.

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b. There was a service on Friday to bless the new flags.

c. Future President One proposal had been put forward for President for the year 2014/15. Richard Browning was proposed by John Mitchell and seconded by Howard Allen. Carried nem con

d. England My England – The President read a letter that he had received from Reg Hunt regarding the song England My England which used to be sung within the school. Howard Allen said he had already spoken to the School Music teacher Ian Hiscock, and passed all the information on to him, and so would respond directly to Reg Hunt.

**13. Date of Next Meeting**

Monday 13th May @ 7pm.