Monday 9 January 2017

# Present

Bob Timms (President), Richard Briggs, Richard Browning, Nick Dyer (Headmaster), Peter Hobbs, Steve Mace, Duncan Miller, John Mitchell, Nino Pelopida, Ivor Smith, Eric Stephens

# Apologies

Mike Beard, Richard Brooks, Paul James

Minutes of Meeting held on 10 October 2016

* Minutes as received were accepted.

# Matters Arising

* none

# President’s Business

* Bob Timms thanked everyone for attending the meeting.
* It has been a sad time for Old Cryptians loosing several members including recently Derek Howells. Richard Browning has sent a card to his wife and a wreath will be sent. A minute’s silence was observed in memory of Derek.
* The London Dinner was well supported by the OCCs with five committee members attending. Poorly supported by the London OCCs.

# Headmaster’s Report

* Academic progress is very strong. School is aiming for good exam results.
* Exam grading in English and Maths is changing, grading in other subjects remains the same. Managing curriculum changes involves time and effort.
* Numbers on roll has been the highest ever with growth in Year 7 and the 6th Form.
* Still awaiting official permission to become a co-ed school in 2018.
* Nick Dyer reported that a bid is to be submitted in March/April 2017 to build a primary school on the Crypt School site. Decision in September 2017. The school which will be self-contained with a separate entrance would open in 2019. Entry will be from reception with 1/2 form entry.
* The refurbished sports hall opens on 20 January. The improvements include 3 classrooms and male and female toilet block.
* Plans for 2018 include a reconfigured reception area with added security using fingerprint technology.
* The Headmaster is to encourage parents to write to their local MP against the reduction in funding for Grammar schools in Gloucestershire. OCC support the Headmaster.

# Treasurer’s Report

* The Treasurer was unwell. Rich Brooks will hand over the accounts to Sam Bullock, who is the independent reviewer, and the accounts will be ready in time for the annual dinner.

# The Cryptian

* The committee discussed the production and distribution of The Cryptian and involving the Head of English and a group of students to lighten the load for Sue Wales.
* If publication was delayed from July to the beginning of September in time for Speech Day, it could include exam results and the progression of Year 13 students.
* The Cryptian is nearly ready. The committee thanked Sue Davies for all her work involved in the production of the magazine.

**Action – Nick Dyer** will discuss with Sue Wales the options of future production of The Cryptian.

**Proposed from the Chair** that the 2017 edition of The Cryptian will be available on 13 September.

**All in favour – Carried**

Nick Dyer left the meeting

# AGM and Reunion Dinner 18 March 2017

* Steve Mace updated the committee with the arrangements for the Reunion Dinner.
* Bob Timms’s wife will decide on the menu. Steve to liase with Bob via email regarding menu price additions.

**Action - Steve Mace** will email invitations and booking forms to members inviting their wives. Steve to ask Sue Wales to print and send invites to those not on email.

**Action - Bob Timms’s wife** to send out invitations to ladies who would like to attend on their own. Both invitations will be sent out at the same time. Steve will manage all bookings.

* University students will be invited – Steve to liase with Sue Wales.
* Richard Browning offered to co-ordinate floats and tickets for the raffle. A float and book of tickets per 2 tables – works well.

**Action - Richard and Steve** to discuss timing of raffle.

**Proposed by Eric Stephens Seconded by Richard Browning** that monies from Founders Day will go into the Bursary Fund and monies from the Founders Day supper will go to OCC funds

**Carried**

# Annual Golf Match 2017

* Eric Stephens reported that the next Golf Tournament will be on 29 June 2017 at Rodway Hill, Highnam.
* For those who would prefer to play a 9-hole round can hire a buggy for £12.00.
* Cost for the day will be £24.00 per head which includes:
  + 9.30am Coffee and rolls
  + 10.30am Tee off
  + 2.30pm (approx.) Lunch
* Richard Briggs to circulate and publicise golf tournament at Reunion Dinner.

# Founders Day 2017

* Richard Briggs will take on the arrangements for Founders Day on 29 June 2017.
* The Parliament Rooms and catering company have been booked. He will discuss with the catering company quality and quantity of food to be served. Ticket price tbc.
* A vice president needs to be in place by May. Committee to take soundings between now and then – needs to be a Gloucester person.

# Cenotaph Parade and arrangements for 2017

* Nino Pelopida offered to organise the Cenotaph Parade this year.

# Discover DeCrypt Project/School History

* Richard Browning reported that with the news that the HLF grant of £1.36m has been approved, match funding continues with £48k still needed by March 2017.

# Centennial Bursary Fund

* Richard Browning read out his report (attached).

# Membership

* Richard Briggs read out his report (attached). Regarding the membership survey, he thanked committee members for phoning members – progress made.

# Website and Communications

* Richard Briggs read out his report (attached).
* Discussion took place on the cost of communications.

**Proposed by Peter Hobbs** that Richard Briggs can spend up to £1000 on communications.

**Carried**

* Steve Mace suggested a ‘year rep’ is appointed (year of entry) for each school year as a point of contact for functions throughout the year. Peter Hobbs suggested he write an article on the subject for The Cryptian.

# Any Other Business

* John Mitchell asked about AGM re-elections and who is due for re-election.
* Ivor Smith commented on who will run OCC in 5 years’ time. Where will the new committee come from?
* Richard Browning received a message that John Hughes is unwell.
* OCC committee voted unanimously in favour of Helena Cornish being appointed OCC Secretary pending agreement with her on terms and conditions.

# Date of next meeting

* **Wednesday 10 May 2017 at 6.00pm** at Crypt School.

**Attached:** Treasurer’s Report

Discover De Crypt Update

Membership Report

Website and Communications Report

Helena Cornish

Minute Secretary

10 January 2017