Wednesday 23 January 2019

# Present

Jason Smith, Chair (President), Adam Ashby, Richard Briggs, Nick Dyer (Headmaster), Steve Mace, Nino Pelopida, Eric Stephens, Bob Timms, Helena Cornish (Secretary).

# Apologies

* Mike Beard, Richard Brooks, Charlie Hannaford, Peter Hobbs, Steve Knibbs, Duncan Miller

Minutes of Meeting held on 16 October 2018

* Minutes as received were accepted

# Matters Arising

* Jason apologised to committee members for having to change the committee meeting date

# Headmaster’s Report

* Academic results for Year 11 were in the top five schools nationally
* Year 13 A Level results were the best in the county
* Eight students were interviewed for Oxbridge – two had offers from Cambridge and three had offers from Oxford
* Billy Elliot production was excellent as was the quality of music at the carol service
* Sport – Year 7 girls have won all their netball fixtures
* A second PE teacher for girls’ games for September is currently being advertised
* Duke of Edinburgh Award is as popular as ever
* The school sent 200 filled shoeboxes to the shoebox charity appeal
* Development of the pavilion is ongoing with official opening on 12 June. OCC members will receive an invitation to lunch, a tour and the opening of the pavilion, cricket match and tea. It is hoped that pupils, past pupils, teachers and OCs will play. Tony Smith will officially open the pavilion. A letter will be sent out to parents inviting donations for purchasing benches with plaques to be placed around the pavilion – cost c£300
* Founders’ Day is on Wednesday 19 June
* A new website is planned for a September/October launch
* A new computer teacher has been appointed

# President’s Business

* London Dinner – very pleasant evening with four members from the OC’s and the headmaster
* We need to acquire a list of Year 13s with whom we can make contact. Sue Wales will have the list.
* Jason recommended OCC build a skill base of past presidents. Jeremy Chowings, current vice president is doubtful he will stand as the next president. Adam Ashby has shown an interest in standing but this will be discussed at the AGM in March
* Matt Cass has made a request to be added to the list of future OC vice presidents and presidents
* Matt Cass has ordered 10 new presidents shields

**Action** – **Richard Briggs** to send a photo of his shield to Adam Ashby for correct wording

* There are 30 boxes of Charlie’s books at the school

# Honorary Treasurer’s Report

* Rich Brooks reported a reasonably healthy position
* The accounts have not included £500 worth of sales on the website
* The annual dinner for 2018 showed a healthy profit but includes the proceeds from the raffle
* An Old Cryptian plans to leave £25k to the school and £25k to the bursary fund

**Proposed from the Chair** that John Crowe is given a life membership of the Old Cryptians

**All in Favour - carried**

# Cenotaph Parade 2018

* Nino reported that 15 people including students attended the Cenotaph Parade – a very good day. The group had a mention on television coverage and Radio Gloucestershire
* Nino commented that whoever takes over from him should be younger!

**Action** – **Nino** to contact the local Royal British Legion to see if any OCs could take over from him

*Nick Dyer left the meeting*

# ‘The Cryptian’ update

* Jason has discussed with Duncan to try and find a sustainable solution for The Cryptian
* School Librarian, Hannah Attwood has offered to take on editing school news and liase with OCC with a publication date of September in time for Speech Day. Duncan is prepared to work with Hannah – Adam will confirm this. Caveat – Hannah has requested payment of £1000 per. annum. The President suggested this amount could be easily raised by advertising to cover costs. Old Cryptians who wish to take on apprentices and graduates would be contacted

**Proposed from the Chair** that club funds are used in the short term to fund Hannah’s salary

**All in Favour - carried**

**Proposed by** Eric Stephens Seconded by Adam Ashby that OCC adopt the proposal that The Cryptian publication date should be in time for Speech Day

**For** - 6 **Against** - 0 **Abstentions** – 0 **Carried**

# AGM and Reunion Dinner 2019

* The next AGM and Reunion Dinner has been confirmed as Saturday 23 March 2019 at St Mary de Crypt
* Jason has booked a jazz band and classical singers for the evening and chosen a menu. The three-course meal will be prepared by Cater Cater. Menu cards have already been designed
* Steve Mace reported that there is space for 100 covers but hopes to fit in 104 OCs. He proposed costings per head:

4 guests (tbc) - free

62 members - £35

16 students - £20

16 ladies - £35

 6 non-members - £38.50

* The consensus of the committee was to have fewer raffle prizes i.e. 6 - 7 good prizes
* Speaker should be Nicola Dyer, Discover DeCrypt Project Manager
* The AGM will take place before the dinner in the Old Schoolroom
* The invitations will be sent out via Mailchimp

**Action** – Richard Briggs to send Steve Mace a list of postal invites

* Discussion returned to the school benches around the new pavilion

**Proposed by Adam Ashby Seconded by Steve Mace** that the Old Cryptians donate a school bench with the president’s name

**For** - 6 **Against** - 0 **Abstentions** – 0 **Carried**

# Discover DeCrypt Project/School History

* Richard Browning sent an update which will be circulated to committee members
* Discover DeCrypt Trustees are looking for new trustees to take over the operational phase of the project

# Centennial Bursary Fund

* A bursary fund report will be available for the AGM.
* 10 bursaries of £250 each will be presented in May

# Membership

* Richard Briggs presented his report which had been circulated before the meeting. He reported that a lot of work is involved getting members to pay their full membership fee. It was suggested that Richard should be given the resources to get someone to chase members
* The Treasurer will be asked to set up a Paypal account and/or direct debit facilities allowing the ‘shop front’ on the website to take all electronic payments

**Proposed from the Chair** that Richard Briggs is given the resources to get someone to help him and the Treasurer set up electronic payments for the shop and membership fees

**All in Favour – carried**

# Website and Communications

* The website may be incorporated into the new school website with its own web presence
* School work experience is the first week in July for Year 12
* Adam suggested an OCC banner for school events e.g. careers day

# Future Events

**Founders’ Day 2019**

* 19 June 2019
* New caterers to be found

**Action** - **Jason** to check if the Founders’ Day dinner could be at St Mary deCrypt

**Annual Golf Match**

* **Bob and Eric** to organise the event again on Founders’ Day

# Any Other Business

* AGM start - 6.00pm

# Date of Next Meeting

* Tuesday 14 May at 6.00pm

# Committee Actions

OCC Treasurer

* **Rich Brooks** to set up Paypal/electronic payments for the shop and membership fees

Cenotaph Parade 2019

* **Nino** **Pelopida** to contact the local Royal British Legion to see if any OCs could take over

AGM and Annual Dinner 2019

* **Richard Briggs** to send Steve Mace a list of postal contacts

Founders’ Day 2019

* **Jason Smith** to check if the Founders’ Day dinner could be at St Mary de Crypt

Helena Cornish OCC Secretary

24 January 2019

**Addendum**

# AGM and Reunion Dinner 2019 cont.

**AGM Preparation**

* **Proposed from the Chair** that Adam Ashby is nominated as President 2019 - 2020 with Steve Knibbs confirmed as Vice President 2019 - 2020 and President elect 2020 - 2021

**All in Favour – carried**

* Committee members due for re-election for 2019 - 2021: Mike Beard, Charlie Hannaford, Paul James, Nino Pelopida, Eric Stephens, and Bob Timms

 (**post meeting** - secretary has been in contact with the above members to ascertain if they wish to stand for a further two years)

* Matt Cass to be nominated for election to the new committee

**Action** – Treasurer, Rich Brooks to prepare audit/annual accounts for approval

**Action** – Helena Cornish to prepare Agenda for President’s approval for distribution by 23 February

Helena Cornish OCC Secretary

5 February 2019