



MINUTES

Old Cryptians' Club

Monday 10 October 2016

Present

Bob Timms (President), Richard Briggs, Richard Brooks, Richard Browning, Peter Hobbs, John Mitchell, Nino Pelopida, Ivor Smith, Eric Stephens

Apologies

Nick Dyer (Headmaster), John Hughes, Paul James, Mike Beard

Minutes of Meeting held on 12 May 2016

- Minutes as received were accepted.

Matters Arising

- Richard Browning referred to AOB item regarding allocation of raffle monies. Committee agreed that future Founders Day Supper raffle monies can go to the Bursary Fund.

President's Business

- Bob Timms commented that the handover of President's office was quite smooth and thanked Richard Briggs and Richard Browning for their help.
- The golf tournament was not supported by students in 2016.

Action - Eric Stephens agreed to take over golf sponsorship and proposed an additional competition for older members to complete a shorter course of nine holes.

Action - Bob Timms to contact Nick Dyer to discuss student representation at golf tournaments.

- Founders Day Service - the committee are concerned about the 'long pause' during the service when the rose is handed over. Suggestions to overcome the 'long pause' included a round of applause, a musical interlude or an announcement by Canon Nikki Arthy.

Action - Bob Timms will send an email of thanks and appreciation to the Headmaster for the Founders Day service in the cathedral.

- After expenses, £158 was raised from the raffle at the OCC supper.
- Bob Timms suggested an MC at the next supper and dinner.
- Steve Nibbs, local BBC presenter will be guest speaker at the dinner on 18 March 2017.
- Bob Timms has offered lifts from Gloucester to the London Dinner on 12 November.

Headmaster's Report

- The Headmaster's report was circulated.
- A levels results this summer were the best ever achieved.
- Students on roll total 934.

- Awaiting official permission to become co-ed school in September 2018. Decision due shortly.

Action – Bob Timms will send thanks to the Headmaster for his report and congratulate the school on the high standard of exam results this year.

Treasurer's Report

- Richard Brooks circulated his report.
- The OCC account is c£1800 higher than a year ago.
- Costs for the Founders Day Dinner were £200 lower than last year.
- Income is down as are expenses.
- Subscription income is £30 less than last year.
- Richard Brooks, Richard Briggs and Richard Browning co-operated in 2016 to contact non-payers. As a result, so far, 6 have renewed their subscriptions.
- Discussion about increasing annual subscription followed:

Proposed by Peter Hobbs Seconded by John Mitchell that annual subscriptions should be increased from £20 to £25 per year.

Carried

Founders Day 2016

- A very successful day but a co-ordinator for the evening together with a 'welcome team' would help the supper run more smoothly.
- School helpers need briefing as they were not aware of their role for the day.
- The quantity of food served was disappointing; the menu needs revising.

Action - Richard Briggs will contact the caterers to discuss menu and quantities for the next dinner.

Action – Bob Timms to contact Sue Wales for a date for Founders Day Service and Dinner 2017.

The Cryptian

- Duncan Miller was not present to give his report on The Cryptian. **Bob Timms** will email Duncan to get any latest information.
- Volunteers are needed to distribute The Cryptians locally.

AGM and Reunion Dinner 18 March 2017

- Sub-committee has decided the dinner will be at Kingsholm.
- Discussion followed regarding the presence of ladies at the dinner:

Proposed by John Mitchell Seconded by Eric Stephens that the ladies have their own table in the Abbey Suite. **For 7 Against 1 Carried**

- Bob Timms thanked Richard Browning and Richard Briggs for all they had done for the committee and thanked Richard Browning for taking the AGM minutes.

Cenotaph Parade 2016

- Poor response for tickets.
- Security has been 'beefed up' this year and photo ID is required.
- This year parking for the School minibus has been arranged by the British Legion.

Action - Nino Pelopida will arrange a meeting place for the Old Cryptians and the School contingent.

- Ivor Smith agreed to carry the wreath.

Eric Stephens left the meeting.

Discover DeCrypt Project/School History

- Richard Browning reported that the HLF submission was submitted in late August.
- Match funding at present is £57k - £154k, but is likely to reduce once a number of Trusts deliver their contribution.
- Peter Hobbs has today received an update from Rachel Court on the latest match funding shortfall. This is currently £85k, HLF expect confirmation of 90% match funding by 6 December 2016. The current deficit seems very manageable by securing a loan if possible.
- There is a lack of interest from Old Cryptians for the DdC project with limited contributions to the Friends Scheme and low attendance at the recent summer events.
- The monthly Discover DeCrypt eNews is now on the OCC website.
- BTDonate is now on the Discover DeCrypt website.
- Richard Browning circulated the new Discover DeCrypt Friends Scheme flyer.
- Richard Browning announced that there is to be a meeting of the new CIO trustees of the schoolroom this week.
- Richard Briggs has issued a letter of intent to the Chair of DdC Project pledging OCC support to use the re-furnished facilities once they are completed.
- It is proposed to liaise closer with the DdC Advisory Group – two Crypt representatives are on the group, Nick Dyer and Paul James.
- Peter Hobbs remains involved with DdC Historical Group with help enlisted from Bristol Uni.

Centennial Bursary Fund

- Richard Browning reported that 8 students had received bursaries amounting to a total of £2000 at a school lunch on the 23 June.
- Of the 8 bursaries: 2 academic, 2 arts, 2 sport and 2 travel awards.
- £1200 was received from sponsorship for Richard Brigg's 850-mile bike marathon. Richard Briggs was praised and thanked for all his efforts. Just Giving donation page now needs to be wound up to save on fees.
- Bursary certificates and 1539 lapel badges have been sent to current bursary members.

Membership

- Richard Briggs circulated his report.
- A significant cleansing exercise took place this year but 198 members names remain unchecked. These members need to be encouraged to renew their membership.
- List to be split and committee members to phone about 8 members each.

Action – Richard Briggs will draft 'wording' for committee members to use when contacting members.

Ivor Smith left the meeting.

Website and Communications

- Richard Briggs reported that he can now access most of the website homepage.
- He welcomed any ideas from committee members for the website.
- 72 people have registered i.e. 68 subscribers and 4 editors.

Any Other Business

- None

Date of next meeting

- **Monday 9 January 2017 at 6.00pm** at Crypt School.
Action - Richard Briggs will confirm time and date once he has spoken to Sue Wales.

Attached: Treasurer's Report
Headmaster's Report
Membership and Website Report

Helena Cornish
Minute Secretary
11 October 2016