



MINUTES

Old Cryptians' Club

Monday 21 October 2019

Present

Adam Ashby, President (Chair), Mike Beard, Richard Briggs, Peter Hobbs, Steve Knibbs, Steve Mace, Jason Smith, Helena Cornish (Secretary).

Apologies

- Rich Brooks, Matt Cass, Nick Dyer, Duncan Miller, Bob Timms, Simon Smith

Minutes of Meeting held on 14 May 2019

- Minutes as received were accepted

Matters Arising

- None

Headmaster's Report

- President, Adam Ashby handed out and read a prepared report from Nick Dyer (see attached)
- Richard Briggs had observed on the school noticeboard information about plans for a primary school as part of the Wheatstone Trust. The committee are interested in an update on these plans

Honorary Treasurer's Report

- The Treasurer's Report had been circulated before the meeting
- There are still copies of Charlie Hannaford's book available

Action - Jason Smith will action from previous minutes i.e. to contact Waterstone's, Gloucester Museum, DeCrypt, the Library and Gloucester Archives to ask if they would be able to stock copies

- Adam Ashby noted that the average subscription paid is only £13. Members need to be encouraged to use GoCardless which needs to be advertised more widely on social media, The Cryptian etc.

Membership Report

- Richard Briggs commented on his report which had already been circulated
- Although using docmail (65p per letter incl. stamp) to target the Under 21s, was a very efficient way to distribute 84 letters, unfortunately there were only two responses.

Action - Richard to give Adam ownership of LinkedIn

- Life Membership – Richard Briggs proposed that Eric Stephens and Peter Hobbs should receive life memberships of Old Cryptians' Club. They have both worked tirelessly for the club

Proposed by Jason Smith Seconded by Steve Mace that Eric Stephens and Peter Hobbs be made Life Members of the Old Cryptians' Club

For – 6 Against – 0 Abstentions – 0 Carried

Centennial Bursary Fund

- Richard Browning's report had been circulated before the meeting
- Peter Hobbs suggested that an article should be written in The Cryptian about how to leave a legacy to the fund including a link to the codicil form on the website

Action – Adam Ashby to write an article for the next edition of The Cryptian

- The committee would be interested to know how much income is received from subscribing to the Bursary Fund

Action – Richard Browning to provide committee members with an income statement

Action – Helena Cornish to include information about the CBF in the next eNews

Founders' Day Report 2019

- Richard Briggs circulated a comprehensive report for the Founders' Day Supper (see attached)
- The committee felt it would be more appropriate if all guest invitations for Founders' Day come from the club as it will be easier to track acceptances. All suggestions on how to improve the organization of the event are in bold in Richard's report
- Some Old Cryptians preferred to dine in their groups elsewhere in the city resulting in numbers for the OC supper being lower
- The committee accepted that there will be a financial loss for the Founders' Day Supper, but the intent is to make a profit on the annual dinner
- Richard Briggs has decided to stand down from organizing the Founders' Day supper but is happy to prepare the programmes for next year
- The President thanked Richard Briggs for all his hard work over the years

Action – Committee members to identify a new Founders' Day lead

Proposed by Peter Hobbs Seconded by Steve Knibbs that the President should not have to fund the wine for the supper

For – 6 Against – 0 Abstentions – 0 Carried

President's Business

- **London Dinner** – attendance from the London OC is low but the President is hoping there will be a good attendance from the Gloucester contingent
- **Networking/mentoring** – Adam would like to see networking between past and present students and to provide mentoring for career advice from past students for current students. Adam is attending a business breakfast in November at the school and will report back
- It was suggested that when signing up to membership, individuals could opt to commit to mentoring current students

Action – Adam Ashby to write an article on networking/mentoring for the next eNews

Action – Jason Smith to liaise with the school careers day next year

- **Committee structure** – the President would like to invite current 6th formers onto the committee to provide a link with the school and help with social media. The agenda could be structured so they only stay for part of the meeting.

Action – Adam Ashby to discuss with Nick Dyer the idea of 6th formers joining the committee

- **Member survey** – the committee discussed polling members to find out what they want from the club
- 6th formers need to be encouraged to fill out a membership form at their 6th form dinner. As an incentive a draw with prizes is planned. This could be rolled out at the AGM and annual dinner too

Action – Richard Briggs to inform Adam Ashby of any new members joining as a result of the draw

- Remembrance Day – The school Remembrance Day service will be held at the school on 11 November at 10.30am. All Old Cryptians are welcome, please contact swales@cryptschool.org if you are attending
- OC Memorial – Mike Nuth has visited the National Memorial Arboretum and thinks that it would be fitting to have a memorial for fallen Cryptians there. Adam Ashby has investigated and will distribute details. Initial thought is that whilst this is an admirable idea, we would be committing the club to unknown and ongoing costs for insurance and maintenance

Action – Adam Ashby to circulate details received from NMA and solicit thoughts from the committee

The Cryptian

- The school have copies. Magazines will have to be mailed out to members. Adam Ashby to liaise with the school
- The committee needs to look at advertising in the next edition to raise revenue for the production of The Cryptian.

Action – Adam Ashby and Jason Smith to take the lead on finding contacts/businesses to advertise in future editions of the Cryptian

Scoreboard

- The President requested that the committee raise £4500 (plus VAT) for a scoreboard for the new pavilion. The scoreboard would be used for rugby and cricket matches. The committee would need to seek sponsorship from local businesses

Action – Adam Ashby and Jason Smith to seek sponsorship from local businesses before the next committee meeting in January

AGM and Reunion Dinner 2020

- The President's ambition is for the same set up for 2020 as this year but scaled down
- The venue this year at Discover DeCrypt was free but will be chargeable next year (c£300) so ticket prices will have to rise as this year we only broke even
- It is important that we put on a great show to encourage younger members to attend
- It was suggested that Café Rene provide the bar and be sited at the front of the building and the school invited to provide musical entertainment
- It was suggested using Eventbrite for ticketing
- The committee agreed that in future the President would not be responsible for financing wives' and guest drinks; this would become a general expense

Action – Adam Ashby and Jason Smith to discuss the 2020 dinner and to visit 'Greek in the Docks' to discuss with them catering for next year's dinner

Any Other Business

- Peter Hobbs has already offered to fund having all historic minutes available online. He has also written an article for the Cryptian asking for volunteers. Adam suggested he visit the archives and assess the material to ascertain how best to go forward

- School yearbooks 1921-1976 have been donated to the club via Jason Smith. This maybe the only record the school might have so they should go to the school library as a valuable record

Date of Next Meeting

- Tuesday 14 January 2020 at 6.00pm (confirmed)

Committee Actions

Charlie Hannaford's Book

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Membership

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Centenary Bursary Fund

- **Adam Ashby** to write an article for the next edition of The Cryptian
- **Richard Browning** to provide the committee with an income statement
- **Helena Cornish** to include information about the CBF in the next eNews

Founders' Day 2020

- **Committee members** to identify a new Founders' Day lead

President's Business

- **Adam Ashby** to write an article on networking/mentoring for the next eNews
- **Jason Smith** to liaise with the school careers day next year
- **Adam Ashby** to discuss with Nick Dyer the idea of 6th formers joining the committee
- **Richard Briggs** to inform Adam Ashby of any new members joining as a result of the draw
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The Cryptian

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AGM and Annual Dinner 2020

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Helena Cornish
OCC Secretary

23 October 2019



Centennial OCC Bursary Fund Report Old Cryptians' Club

Centennial OCC Bursary Fund – October 2019

On May 16th the annual Crypt School awards from the Bursary Fund were distributed in a lunch time ceremony at Crypt School. Students and Award Categories are provided below.

Academic	Ben Thomas. Ben Kilker
Travel	Ollie Winslade. Harry Standen
Art, Drama, Music	Rostom McNiven. Fin Gould. Matthias Kelay
Sports	Luke Tubby. Rory Davies
Technology/Engineering	Jessica Faulkner

Current Bursary Funds

At present the funds stand at £65,557 in CAFKASH Savings and Current accounts. Assets will increase by a generous legacy of £25,000 recently left to the fund by an Old Cryptian who strongly supported School event. The Treasurer supported by the Trustees is striving to improve the income from bank investments due to continuing low interest receipts. This is needed to at least balance costs of current student Bursary awards of £2,500 p.a.

As such £50,000 is being invested in a 2 yr bond yielding 2% with Cambridge & Counties Bank and £10,000 in a short term Savings account yielding 1.55% with Hampshire Trust Bank.

Richard Browning (Trustee)

12 October 2019



Membership Report

Old Cryptians' Club

Membership Report October 2019

Old Cryptians' Club – Membership Report for the 21/10/2019 Committee meeting

Membership

The membership figures are tabulated below for five representative dates. The total membership has increased by 39 in the calendar year and now stands at **422**.

	Normal (Subscription)	Life	Associate	Under 21	Total
17 May 2018	232	8	7	136	383
12 October 2018	232	8	7	138	385
23 January 2019	238	8	7	138	391
13 May 2019	240	9	7	159	415
21 October 2019	246	8	7	161	422

There were 8 joiners (2 in the U21 category) in the reporting period 21/05/2019 to the present and no leavers. The new members are:

Name	Initials	Title	Known as	Classes	Dates	Address 4	Joined
Barfoot	P	Mr	Paul	N	1977 - 83	Lancashire	29/05/2019
Chappell	C	Mr	Craig	N	2002-09	Greater Manchester	30/08/2019
Hurrell	A	Mr	Adam	N	1998 - 2003	Gloucester	29/05/2019
Jakeman	D	M	Douglas	N	2006 -09	Gloucestershire	30/08/2019
Lewis	W	Mr	William	N	2010 - 15	Gloucestershire	29/05/2019
Williams	D	Mr	Dylan	N	2007-14	Gloucester	30/08/2019

King	ZJ	Ms	Zara	U21	2017 - 2019	Gloucester	25/06/2019
Tuckey	J	Mr	James	U21	2012-2019	Gloucester	25/06/2019

The totals this year (from 23/01/2019) are 8 subscription members and 23 in the U21 category.

Letters to Members

On 14th October 2019 a letter was posted (using docmail) to 84 members comprising the first four years of the Under 21 free membership scheme. The modest cost of £55 is justified by the saving in time compared with DIY printing and mailing. It is also believed that a printed letter may be more successful than a general emailing.

It is proposed that only those former U21 Old Cryptians who opt in to the annual subscription should be retained on the membership list.

A similar exercise will be conducted next year.

There are other ways, other than full membership, in which OCs can keep in touch with their peers and the letter mentioned the Old Cryptians group on LinkedIn as an example.

Bogus Registrations

Subscription paying members are able to register on the OCC website and get access to a shortform list of members together with basic contact details. Bogus requests for registrations on the site continue to be received. They are easily recognised and do not currently constitute a significant problem.

Alumni Engagement Software

It is believed that the overall membership process can be much better managed by a professional alumni engagement package such as Graduway. The selection, purchase and rollout of such a package will be a significant undertaking for the Club.

Richard Briggs

Membership Secretary

Old Cryptians' Club

15 October 2019



Treasurer's Report

Old Cryptians' Club

Report to the OCC Committee – 21 October 2019

Accounts as of 21st October 2019

Bank Account

As at 20th October 2019, there was £5,217 in the bank. This is around £5,700 lower than this time last year. This is due to the expense for the Old Cryptian. Please see more detail relating to this under expenses.

Expenses

The main expenses this period related to the Old Cryptian and the Founders Day Dinner. The total cost of the Old Cryptian for this period was £2,131 for printing costs, and £1,000 for administration. I believe this covers 3 years as they have not invoiced us since 2016.

Founders Day Dinner costs totalled £1,891. This is around £150 less than last year – but we did have fewer attendees.

Other expenses included the hosting fee for the website.

Income

Subscriptions received during the period totalled £3,388. This is £75 higher than this time last year.

We also received £1,075 in Founders Day Dinner sales. Around £225 less than last year.

This has all lead to a deficit in the period of around £5,826.

Rich Brooks

OCC Treasurer

20.10.19