



MINUTES

Old Cryptians' Club

Tuesday 11 May 2021 online - Google Meet

Present

- Adam Ashby President (Chair), Steve Knibbs Vice President, Mike Beard, Richard Browning, Matt Cass, Craig Chappell, Nick Dyer, Peter Hobbs, Duncan Miller, Simon Smith.
Helena Cornish (Secretary)

Apologies

- Steve Mace

Minutes of Meeting held on 19 January 2021

Proposed by Peter Hobbs **Seconded by** Mike Beard that the minutes were accepted

Matters Arising

- Peter Hobbs asked if tokens for members was still planned. Idea has been dropped

Headmaster's Report

- Nick Dyer reported that the school has been open since March. Face masks will no longer have to be worn from 17 May
- Assessment of A level and GCSE grades is taking a huge amount of work and time
- Year 13 leavers event takes place on 1 July. It will be an informal 'mini festival' event. Every Year 13 will receive an OCC tie (see attached photo)
- Sport and music activities are returning including competitive cricket
- Year 7 intake for September is full. 1050 on roll next year. Little movement of staff
- Sue Wales, PA to the Headmaster is retiring in July but will stay on as Admissions Officer. An end of term celebration will take place on 9 July to say a farewell to all those who retired last year and to Sue
- Founders' Day this year will be a virtual event at school. It will be live streamed from school at 7.00pm. Nick asked if OCCs and friends would like to meet in 2 marquees at the school to watch the service on a large screen with refreshments at 6.15pm, organised by the Parents Association. School need to know numbers interested - only worthwhile if 20+ can attend

Action – Helena to send out invitation for Founders' Day service and OCs reception

- Nick on behalf of the school thanked the Centenary Bursary Fund Trustees for allocating bursary awards to 8 students
- The next school event is Speech Day in September to be held in the cathedral. In November, Remembrance Day service will be held in the school hall and beamed to classrooms for the whole school to take part. The cathedral has been booked for the school carol service in December

Honorary Treasurer's Report

- The Treasurer's Report together with the accounts, breakdown of costs for annual dinner 2019 and letter from Zelda Ruston had been circulated before the meeting
- Adam thanked Matt Cass for his continued website sponsorship
- Ties for Year 13 leavers have been ordered

Action – Committee - a list of old invoices will need to be viewed at the next OCC meeting so that the said invoices can be written off

Proposed by Peter Hobbs Seconded by Mike Beard that the committee accept Zelda Ruston as Independent Examiner for both 2020 and 2021 **Carried**
(proposal included in AGM minutes as erratum)

Membership Report

- The membership report had been circulated before the meeting. Helena Cornish informed the committee that since sending out her report, eleven Year 13s had so far signed up to join the OCC as a result of her invitation 'joining' letter to all Year 13 leavers
- There are 36 members who pay a varied amount under £25 subscription

Action – Helena Cornish to write to members who currently pay under £25 subscription to encourage them to sign up to Go Cardless paying the full amount

- Discussion followed regarding information held for 2021 non-paying members

Proposed by Steve Knibbs Seconded by Mike Beard that all information held for non-payers be deleted from the membership database **Carried**

- 24+ members had requested a paper copy of The Cryptian when it is published in the autumn
- Helena offered to post out a newsletter (eNews content) to members not on email – c11 members
- There are c10 members who pay a subscription but no details are available

Action - Committee offered to check the list of 10 see if any names were familiar to them. Helena to send committee the list of names

Centennial Bursary Fund

- Richard Browning read his Centennial Bursary Fund report. The Trustees have requested that the information on the website about the CBF should be reviewed

President's Business

- a. Founders' Day 22 June – email invitation to go out to members
- b. The Cryptian – the coordinator at the school is to be Bernadette Warner, taking over from Hannah Attwood. Duncan would love to hear from anyone who would like to make a contribution to the next edition of The Cryptian!
- c. On line meetings – future committee meetings should continue online

Proposed from the Chair Seconded by Steve Knibbs that committee meetings and the AGM continue online **Carried**

- d. Sponsorship – Adam is hoping for sponsorship towards the cost of the Year 13 ties and cricket sightscreens. He asked that the committee actively help to find any businesses who would be willing to provide sponsorship
- e. The OC committee would like to recognize Sue Wales’s contribution to the OCC over the years. An online electronic leaving card will be set up for OCs to sign

Proposed by Peter Hobbs Seconded by Adam Ashby that the OCC purchase a leaving present for Sue **Carried**

Website and Communications

- Steve shared the screen to view the newly designed OCC website. It has yet to be populated.

Action - Steve to liaise with the school regarding photos and school content

- No updates for social media. LinkedIn is slowly increasing in followers
- Digital Archive – Peter Hobbs informed the committee that Richard Briggs has been working on a plan to digitalise the archives. Funding has been secured to archive all past minutes but we should explore ways to fund back issues of the Cryptian

Any Other Business

- Remembrance Day planning needs to start now to find ex-servicemen/servicemen and others willing to represent the school and club at the Cenotaph in London in November. Peter Hobbs is willing to attend

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Date of Next Meeting

- Tuesday 12 October via Google Meet (time tbc)

Committee Actions

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OC Treasurer

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OCC Secretary
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