

St George's Weybridge Parents' Association

Minutes of 64th Annual General Meeting

Held on Thursday 25th February 2021, 7.30pm via Zoom Call.

Parent Association Members present: Val Banks, Georgina McCracken, Peter Winfield, Lucy Summerson, Treena Harrison, Louise Bernau, Deborah Muir, Sophy Slater, Shivali Mathur, Kate Clayton, Angelina Morlacci, Allison Stevens, Paula Watts, Julie Harding, Jo Pryor, and Dominique Kanaan. *Apologies for absence: Cristina Russo, Laura Ofon, Nina Higgins and Narmina Mooney.*

Staff Members present: Rachel Owens, Anthony Hudson and Greg Cole. *Apologies for absence: Father Martin*

Visitors present: Shelagh O'Hara, Elaine Allison, Joe Budd, Anna, Maddie Cook and Michelle Dillenseger

Introduction

In her capacity as co-chair, Val Banks opened the meeting and welcomed everyone to the 64th AGM.

Anthony Hudson very kindly led those present in an opening prayer.

1. Approval of Minutes of 63rd AGM held on 27th February 2020.

- 1.1 Minutes agreed as a true and accurate reflection of the meeting.
- 1.2 Proposed by Shivali Mathur, seconded by Deborah Muir.

2. Matters Arising.

- 2.1 There were no matters arising.

3. Treasurer's Report and Adoption of Accounts.

- 3.1 Peter Winfield summarised the accounts for the Financial year between July 2019 and June 2020. Clearly, it was a relatively quiet year in terms of the number of events that the PA has been able to put on and income has obviously been affected. There were, however, a number of events that went ahead as usual prior to restrictions being imposed.

The overall net income was just over £11,000, considerably lower than the previous year. Events of note in terms of income were the Christmas Market, which brought in £7,072, and the Junior School and College Quiz Nights, which between them generated £4,195. The other notable event was the first ever Fireworks Night, which was a fabulous event and made a profit of just under £1,700.

There was unfortunately a loss of £4,000 on the cancelled Summer Balls in respect of irrecoverable costs of catering and some sundries.

The net income from the second hand shop was £12,396 which compares favourably with the previous year considering the restrictions under which it had to trade.

So, with subscriptions included, the total funds raised was £28,968.

In terms of outgoings, the PA made donations totalling £16,783 to the Junior School and College and Val will discuss these in more detail later in the meeting. Total outgoings including the cost of leavers' gifts and administration expenses came to just over £22,000. The balance on the accounts at the end of July 2020 stood at £78,291.

- 3.2 The adoption of the accounts was proposed by Angelina Morlacci and seconded by Georgina McCracken.

4. Election of Committee Members.

- 4.1 The affairs of the St George's Weybridge Parents' Association are entrusted to a Committee consisting of at least 12 elected members.
- 4.2 The election of Committee Members has been completely different this year with PA Members filling out ballot papers in advance and forwarding those to our Secretary Lucy.
- 4.3 Val Banks, being eligible and willing to serve, offered herself for re-election as Co-Chair and was unanimously re-elected.
- 4.4 Georgina Mc Cracken, being eligible and willing to serve, offered herself for election as Co-Chair and was unanimously re-elected.
- 4.5 Lucy Summerson, being eligible and willing to serve, offered herself for election as Secretary and was unanimously re-elected.
- 4.6 Peter Winfield, being eligible and willing to serve, offered himself for election as Treasurer and was unanimously re-elected.
- 4.7 The following members, continue to be willing to serve and offered themselves for re-election: Paula Watts, Treena Harrison, Dominique Kanaan, Shivali Mathur, Louise Bernau, Joanne Pryor, Deborah Muir and Allison Stevens. All members were unanimously re-elected.
- 4.8 The following members are retiring from the Committee: Lorraine Bates and Drew Barrand.

Val extended her thanks to all the current and retiring Committee Members.

5. Chairman's Review of the year as presented by Co-Chair Val Banks.

Firstly, thank you to everyone for attending tonight and I hope everyone is keeping safe and well. This is a very different AGM to the ones we have held previously and significantly the last time we were all able to meet in person was the 63rd AGM last February, as Mr Hudson pointed out recently.

Our thanks go out to all parents and staff who supported our fundraising efforts during July 2019- June 2020, albeit a very challenging 2020. Thanks to your volunteering, attendance and support at the events we have been able to hold, and by donating and purchasing items at the second-hand uniform shop, you have enabled the Parents' Association to purchase items that aim to enhance the educational experience of our children at both the College and Junior School.

This AGM reflects back on our 2019-2020 fundraising year. During that year the PA donated £16,800 to the Junior School/College to purchase items such as gym equipment for the new Activity Centre, Mini white boards for the College Maths Department, Wallpaper maps for the History Department, Audio recorder and microphone plus a double base and percussion instruments for the Junior School. During this time, we also saw the Climbing Wall built and used in the Activity Centre from funds previously raised. This is a fantastic piece of equipment and one which has been used by the College and JS Students and of which we are very proud. At our last 'face to face' PA meeting in February 2020 we agreed a bid for retractable seating in the PAC at the Junior School the fundraising for which is still our top priority.

We held our first New First Year's picnic in July 2019, for the September First Year's and their parents which, although not a fundraising event, very much raised awareness of the PA and resulted in us recruiting our first Dad to the Committee – Peter, who is our current Treasurer.

Another First in 2019 – the Fireworks event for our Georgian Community, which was hugely popular and successful and one which we hope to repeat again.

Our Christmas Market 2019, ever much the crowd pleaser, was again a huge success, and saw the reintroduction of Santa's Grotto!

Our College and Junior School Quizzes were held in January and February 2020. Unfortunately after that date, Covid 19 significantly affected our fundraising efforts – sports events in 2020 were cancelled along with any fundraising opportunity, similarly our Summer Fete in 2020 which we had planned to hold in conjunction with Georgian Day as a close to the 150th anniversary celebrations, had to be cancelled. More disappointingly, we were not able to hold the Summer Ball for the Upper 6th Leavers and their parents. We are hoping for better news in the future.



A major contributor to our donated funds is the Second Hand Uniform Shop located at the College. The shop is run by a very dedicated group of volunteers who open the shop weekly as well as occasional other dates throughout the year. We managed to open the Shop on many occasions successfully in 2020 following Government guidelines, and with strict rules in place – with many thanks to Lynn Blake in Compliance and Barry Bishop, our Health and Safety Officer for their invaluable advice and guidance.

We would also like to thank the parents who served on the Parents' Association Committee during the 2019/20 school year. The commitment and hard work of all the Committee throughout the year at numerous events helps raise funds and build a stronger Georgian community. We have welcomed quite a number of new members onto the Committee and look forward to working with them on future events. I feel I must mention at this point, although it is very slightly out of remit of this year, Jaclyn Castledine, our former Secretary and Head of Links and a valued member of our Committee, who we lost suddenly and unexpectedly in July 2020. She is sorely missed.

Thank you also to APW for the continued generous sponsorship of our Events as well as local businesses and parents who support us with donations at our Events.

Thank you to Daniela Clarke, Co-Chair until February 2020, and to Georgina McCracken who took over her role in challenging times. Thank you also to Peter Winfield who has taken on the role of Treasurer, and Lucy Summerson who took on the Secretary role from Jaclyn Castledine.

Thank you particularly to Mrs Owens, Mr Hudson, Father Martin and Mr Cole for their continued support of the Parents' Association. Our events couldn't take place without the help and support of the Committee, Staff, Parents and, occasionally Grandparents, as well as many departments within the school, and we are very grateful to all of you and look forward to your continued support to see what next year will bring for our children and our school.

6. Other Business.

There being no other business, Val closed the meeting and invited visitors to stay for the PA meeting that followed.



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