



MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD AT THE SCHOOL ON TUESDAY 6th OCTOBER 2009

PRESENT:

Mr Kellie	Mr Carter	Katie Panton	Debbie Ireland
Denise Sheldon	Suzie Burns	Lynn Walter	Mike Hambray
Liz Tillot	Fran Isaac	Mark Goble	Kathryn Ponting
Deborah Morrish	Susan Field	Maria Smith	

APOLOGIES;

Camilla Collier	Ange Humphries	Vijay Mistry	Linda Lee
Tracey Colbert-Smith			

MINUTES OF THE AGM HELD ON 2nd OCTOBER 2008:

These had been circulated prior to the meeting and were approved.

CHAIR'S REPORT – 2008/09:

Katie gave the following report;

“Who, What and How”?

The Parents' Association (PA) supports all stages of school life from Year 7 to the Sixth Form. We work closely with the school and we are indebted to the ongoing support from the teaching and administrative staff, without whom our aims would be impossible to achieve.

The primary aim of the Parents' Association is to help strengthen the School community and widen the enjoyment and opportunities for pupils at the School. The PA raises funds to provide grants for equipment and projects not normally provided by the local authority, however we also aim to provide closer links between home and school and we work to bring staff, parents and friends together socially in support of the school.

Anyone with children at the school is very welcome to join the Parents' Association; we currently have a mix of male and female committee members and volunteers, so for all you Dads out there please don't think it's just for Mums. Also please don't think that you can only be involved if you have lots of spare time, the majority of our members have busy demanding jobs and so the more of us there are the less there is for any one individual to do.

There are many ways in which you can help – as a committee member, volunteering to help at an event or two, or simply coming along and enjoying yourself at PA fundraising events. Every little helps and being in the PA also means you get more fully involved in your son / daughter's school life - I've been in the PA since my son joined the school in 2007 and this has been my first year as Chair.

What have we been up to?

Fundraising events have included the Christmas Fayre (soon to come around again and in need of your support); Car Boot sales between May and July; BBQ at the STSR Sports evening; New and Nearly New Uniform sales, and also the Suttons Seeds catalogue sales.

These events (together with the Gifting Scheme and 100 Club) have enabled us to provide grants for:

- Sports & Affiliation fees
- Minibus expenses
- Plaques for the Australian Rugby Tour

- Benches
- The reinstatement and development of the Wildlife / Dipping Pond

This last item is exciting as it will see the resurrection of an important educational facility for the school and the turn around of an unused, dilapidated site into what will be an attractive and vibrant natural habitat.

2008 / 09 has seen the arrival of new faces to the PA and I want to particularly thank everyone for their huge enthusiasm which has certainly made my job as Chair enjoyable and has added enormously to the success of the Parents Association. As well as arrivals, we have also seen the departure of some members whose children have reached the end of their time at STRS and therefore time for them to move on also, thank you to everyone who has contributed to the Parents' Association. In particular I'd like to mention Julie Melvin, who for the past few years has organised the Car Boot Sales so brilliantly and has also helped on numerous other fundraising events, and Ann Rawlins who for the past year has been the Treasurer for the PA and a stalwart volunteer at fundraising events. I'd also like to mention Julie Austin, part of STRS's administrative team who left the school in August. Julie designed, printed and distributed flyers for the majority of our fundraising events and her help was always very much appreciated.

So how will we meet our aims in this current academic year?

Upcoming events for 2009/10 include: the Christmas Fayre; Wine Tasting Evening; and a Spring Ball (which for the first time will be a joint venture with Denmark Road). These are just for starters as we have many other plans in the melting pot and we need your support! Without you these events just won't work so please contribute in any way you can.

Finally, I would like to thank (in anticipation), the committee (including Mr Kellie and Mr Carter, for continuing to support the work of the PA), staff and volunteers for the time and energy that everyone will contribute to fundraising and to the ongoing success of our future fundraising efforts.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

No formal nominations had been received

Chair	–	Katie Panton	Proposed by Lynn Walter seconded by Debbie Ireland
Vice Chairman	-	Mark Goble	Proposed by Mr Carter seconded by Katie Panton
Secretary	–	Debbie Ireland	Proposed by Katie Panton, Seconded by Lynn Walter
Treasurer	–	Alan Day	Proposed by Katie Panton, Seconded by Debbie Ireland

Katie thanked the post holder for coming forward.

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2009:

In Anne's absence the attached accounts sheets were handed out.

Denise mentioned that the uniform figures should not be seen as extra profit – rather extra turnover; it also does not take into account Stock in hand. She will produce a profit and loss spreadsheet to give a clearer picture of the uniform turnover.

No 9 "The sports evening BBQ net figure was £205.40 due to a payment for expenses that had to be made for the previous year." can the Treasurer please clarify this.

There does not seem to be a charge for account auditing. Have the accounts been audited? Any expected costs should be brought to a meeting prior to engaging an auditor. Can the treasurer clarify? Debbie will ask for answers to be brought to the next regular meeting.

Review of Constitution

The various points were discussed and the attached Constitution was adopted by the meeting. The next review will be at the 2012 AGM.

AGM closed at 7.40pm