



MINUTES OF BWSPA COMMITTEE MEMBERS' MEETING
held via Microsoft Teams on
Thursday 4 February 2021

Present: Rob Jones (Chair), Nicolette Beardsmore, Penny Calvert, Kate Doyle (Secretary- Minutes), Tarun Khurana (Assistant Treasurer), Kirsten Webster, Iain Oxley (1000 Club Co-ordinator), Sarah Robertson, Lucy Schofield, Paul Tayler and Jo Woods.

Apologies: Julia Forder (Treasurer) and Susie Andrews

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<p>1. Welcome The Chair welcomed everyone</p>	
<p>2. Minutes of the previous meeting The minutes of the meeting held on 7 November 2019 were AGREED.</p>	
<p>3. School Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) The Headmaster reported that remote learning had been more robust second time around. The workload has been variable, some finding it onerous especially for the 6th Form, and this was part of the reason for the screen free day on 3 February. The School plans to post photos of what the boys have been up to. b) During the lockdown the School has welcome around 20 boys daily. c) Testing is going on but the mass testing plans will be a real challenge with between 200-300 pupils to be tested each day in order to ensure everyone is tested twice a week. d) Under current Government plans, the School plans to reopen on 8 March 2021 and there will be no external exams. Discussions are being held to determine how to assess years 11 and 13 and the outcome will be shared with families soon. e) Despite the uncertainty, the most important thing is for pupils to keep engaged with their studies in order that assessments are an accurate reflection of their performance. f) Offers for year 7 places are due to go out shortly. There have been around 100 applications from girls for the 6th Form. The current Year 12, when they were on site, were very happy and there have been no dropouts. g) Building work has started on the Science block roof and the School is expecting a response to the recent planning application sometime in April 2021. h) Gender-blind selection for prefect posts are planned and for the first time in over 95 years, the School will have a Head Boy and Head Girl. i) In response to a question about access to IT for pupils at home, the School has loaned out between 10 and 20 laptops and if there are any issues, families should contact the School. j) Members noted the recent obituary for Arthur Bowden, a long-term staff member at the School and active in the local community following his retirement. It was suggested that the BWSPA establish a community-based prize in his memory but before proceeding with this the Headmaster agreed to investigate the status of the current Arthur Bowden prize. It was also possible that Arthur Bowden's neighbours might also be interested in contributing to a prize. 	<p>All</p> <p>SDS</p>

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<p>4. Proposals for Fundraising Objectives for 2101 (Chair)</p> <p>a) <i>Subscription for Headspace for the pupils</i></p> <p>Costs for Headspace would be around £10 per pupil. An alternative might be NHS Thrive app which would be much cheaper, provides immediate helplines and is used by several universities.</p> <p>Other alternatives might be to provide support to parents to support their children via a local psychologist, which would complement the support for the boys, currently provided by the School. Godolphin School runs events each year for parents, which is open to parents from other local schools.</p> <p>b) <i>Extra-curricular activities for pupils</i></p> <p>One member suggested providing video-links for pupils to watch dress rehearsals of Wilshire Creative productions or bring in performance and musical groups. For sports-minded pupils a visit or access to Twickenham might be of interest. The Chair agreed to discuss this with the School.</p>	RJ
<p>5. Ongoing Fundraising activities</p> <p>a) <i>Christmas Brochure</i></p> <p>The Chair formally thanked Penny Calvert for her work in setting this up. The Brochure had raised around £600. Various members had submitted potential questions to send to Christmas Brochure participants and Penny Calvert agreed to collate five questions for a brief survey about whether it had been a success and whether there was any interest in future brochures, perhaps for the summer.</p>	PC
<p>6. Planning for Future Events/Activities</p> <p>a) <i>1000 Club</i></p> <p>Plans to publicise a Super Spring Draw were proceeding and would be circulated to parents shortly and this would be heavily promoted on the new website being set up by Kirsten Webster.</p> <p>b) <i>Easter Draw</i></p> <p>Members reviewed the current list of prizes and Sarah Robertson agreed to seek further prizes from local businesses. Members had previously agreed that a proportion of the funds raised would also go to a charity, preferably one supported by the boys but this year several charities had been supported by the boys so it was agreed to make a final decision after the meeting.</p> <p>c) <i>BWSPA Website</i></p> <p>Kirsten Webster shared a mock-up of the website online, which promised to be an exciting development.</p> <p>d) <i>Social Events compatible with social distancing restrictions</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Online bingo competition for year groups • Enabling pupils to post and share online what they've been doing during lockdown. This could also be extended to a photo competition in collaboration with the Art Department. Pupils could take photographs tied to their house colours and prizes might include a Groupon voucher for an Escape Room, cost £6.50. 	NB Cttee
<p>7. Dates of Future BWSPA Socials & Meetings – to be held at the School unless lockdown tier restrictions continue, in which case meetings will be held online via MS Teams</p> <p>All meetings start at 7.30 pm and are limited to 1.5 hours</p> <p>Thursday 11 March 2021 Tuesday 11 May 2021 Thursday 24 June 2021</p>	All

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