

## SHUTTLEWORTH COLLEGE ALUMNI

### MINUTES OF THE AGM – SATURDAY 20<sup>th</sup> June 2020

**Present:** Tony Abbott (Chairman), Richard Infield (Vice Chairman) Sarah Perrett, Mike Williams (Treasurer), Charlotte Maynard (Secretary), Graeme Brown, Paddy Godwin, Catherine Lloyd (College Director), Nick Drury

**Apologies:** Eric Yates, Claire Van Leersum, Richard Infield

1. The minutes of the 2019 AGM were accepted and approved.
2. **Chairman's Report:** This is the end of my first year as your chairman and what a year it has been!

Early in the association year Charlotte Maynard and I attended the College Awards Ceremony in a marquee in the college grounds at the end of June. Mike Johnston (in his final year prior to retiring) told us that in excess of 750 students now attend the college. Catherine Lloyd (the new Director of Field Studies) gave us an insight into the current activities.

Charlotte and I also attended the 75th Anniversary of the founding of the Richard Ormonde Shuttleworth Trust in early November where Catherine Lloyd spoke about the college and Princess Charlotte Freifrau John von Twickel (Mrs Shuttleworth's grand-daughter) spoke about the Trust.

On the association's behalf I was also invited to the Bedford College Group Achievements Ceremony. The total number of students in the group is nearly 15,000 of which 5,000 are full time.

We then started to organise the College reunion in earnest (to be held on 20th June). Having got most of the 'i's' and 't's' crossed along came the Coronavirus outbreak. It was fairly obvious that we would be unable to proceed so we then had to 'undo' all the arrangements and I thank the committee for their assistance.

Luckily there are systems in place nowadays where you can have conference/video calls and we have been using this method since. The committee considered that the correct thing to do was to conduct the AGM by video call which we are doing.

The reunion is only postponed and we shall re-arrange as soon as conditions allow.

I would like to put on record my sincere thanks to all the members of the committee for the invaluable support and look forward to the time when we can all meet again in person! I would also like to thank Catherine Lloyd who has given us an update on the college activities at every committee meeting.

3. **Treasurer's Report:** Mike Williams circulated the statement of revenue and expenditure, capital account and bank accounts. (Attached). The main expenditure was for donations to the College – including the funding tree (£5,396) Expenditure over income has not really changed since last year. 2020 Expenditure was £7,273 against Income of £2,864 as

mentioned the main expenditure was the donation to the college. The Capital account contains £25,540 split between a deposit account and a current account.

4. **Secretary's Report** – Charlotte thanked Tony for his efforts in planning the reunion and expressed her disappointment for it being cancelled due to Covid-19., the conf calls work really well but is hoping we will be able to meet face to face again soon.
5. **IT Manager's Report:** 'Paddy' Godwin reported that the database is as up to date as it can be. Paddy has had a couple of contacts who have contacted him – one requesting a newsletter. Our debtors list seems to be expanding. There is approximately £1,900 worth of debtors on the list. We could write or email them explaining the situation and asking if they want to continue to subscribe (if we don't hear from them we will cancel their subscription in 3 months time), or we could call them (which takes time) or we de-list them so they no longer appear on the debtors list and will no longer receive the email. Paddy feels the best way to contact them is to either phone them or write to them however writing will cost in postage. Tony suggested calling them may be the best option if we share it amongst the committee. It was agreed we would call and we would distribute this amongst the committee later in the year. Mike noted that subscriptions have increased from £1,950 to £2,250 this year so we have recruited some new subscribers.

Note the Alumni web site address is [www.shuttleworthcollegealumni.co.uk](http://www.shuttleworthcollegealumni.co.uk).

6. **Editor's Report:** Graeme suggested he does a round robin at the end of Aug/beginning of Sept to try and get some contributions for the newsletter. He will continue to forward pieces over to Paddy and Paddy still receives regular snippets from Eric Yates from local press.
7. **Students College Report** - Catherine provided a college report. This year has been unusual due to the Covid-19 lockdown. The College had to close on the 20<sup>th</sup> March and all College activities stopped and staff and students moved to an online model of learning. Staff still had to work to run the farm, livestock and equine and have been updating students via photos and videos of new arrivals on the farm.

All students will receive an estimated grade for their year as no exams have taken place and the end of year presentation and ball had to be cancelled.

Recruitment for September is strong particularly in Equine, Agriculture and Animal studies and the College is looking forward to September and hopefully the students returning to what will be the new norm.

8. Election of Officers for the ensuing year:

**Chairman:** Tony Abbott – proposed by Sarah Perrett, seconded by Charlotte Scott

**Vice Chairman:** Richard Infield - proposed by Tony Abbott seconded by Charlotte Scott

**Secretary:** Charlotte Scott-Osborn – proposed by Richard Infield, seconded by Tony Abbott

**Treasurer:** Mike Williams – proposed by Eric Yates, seconded by Charlotte Scott

**IT Manager:** Patrick Godwin – proposed by Mike Williams, seconded by Eric Yates

**Editor:** Graeme Brown – proposed by Paddy Godwin, seconded by Sarah Perrett

**Committee members:** Nick Drury, Eric Yates, Sarah Perrett, Claire Van Leersum and Sally Cartwright were re-elected 'en bloc'.

9. The annual draw then took place:

1st prize (£250): C E Martin, No: 5

2nd prize (£150): R G & J F Watts, No: 87

3rd prize (£50): Paddy Godwin, No: 52

10. AOB. There was no further business to report.

This concluded the Annual General Meeting

Charlotte Maynard  
20 June 2020