

Shuttleworth College Alumni Minutes of the AGM **Saturday 3rd June 2023**

Present: Tony Abbott (Chairman), Richard Infield (Vice Chairman), Sarah Perrett (Treasurer), Charlotte Maynard (Secretary), Paddy Godwin (Editor and Database), Nick Badger, Robert Cowper 70/72, Mike Laflin, Tim Durrant, Bruce Ashworth.

Apologies: Mike Williams, Graeme Brown, Eric Yates, Catherine Lloyd (College Director),

The minutes of the 2022 AGM were accepted and approved.

Chairman's Report: Tony Abbott

This last year has seen a dramatic increase in activity compared to the previous year's 'slumber' due to COVID.

We have finally been able to hold our much-delayed reunion which took place in a marquee behind the Mansion House.

We started preparations last year and had booked the Russell Hall for the event. Take-up was initially slow but began to 'snowball' rapidly in the New Year. Because of fire regulations the Russell Hall has a maximum capacity of 120. As the year progressed it became apparent that we were going to far exceed this number and so an alternative venue had to be obtained. The Sports Hall at the college was mooted but Bedford College Services (who administer the use of all the Bedford College Group premises) were unable to supply staff to man the location.

Luckily the Shuttleworth Trust came to the rescue and rented us the space to the rear of the House for the event. Everyone on the committee jumped into action, arranging the marquee, tables and chairs, generator, food, bar, merchandise sales and all the other tasks which culminated in what I thought was an excellent reunion. In excess of 220 attended and we have had no end of appreciative emails. All this does not happen by magic and I would like to thank my committee for their tremendous efforts in making all the arrangements in order put on the event, especially in view of the last-minute change of venue.

In October of last year we, unfortunately, had to accept the resignation of our long-standing treasurer, Mike Williams due to ill health. I would personally like to thank Mike for his efforts over many years and the Old Students were always reassured that the association's finances were in safe hands. Luckily Sarah Perrett stepped into the position and is now our treasurer – thanks Sarah.

I would like to thank all the members of the committee for their outstanding support and efforts during the past year and would finish by asking all you students, once again, to send any articles for the newsletter to Paddy Godwin.

Treasurer's Report: Sarah Perrett

Sarah circulated the statement of revenue and expenditure, capital account and bank accounts. Expenditure over income has not really changed since last year. 2021 Expenditure was £2,618.40 against Income of £4,695.00. Excess revenue over Expenditure is £2,774.41. The reason for this was receipt of £2,000 in ticket sales for the reunion which was postponed until 2023. The Capital account contains £30,069.32. We made approx. £400 profit despite lottery and newsletter income decreasing slightly. We have quite a few debtors who owe in excess of £20, approx. 60 people. However we have around 50 people who have paid in advance.

Secretary's Report: Charlotte Maynard

Charlotte thanked Tony and the rest of the committee for their efforts in planning the reunion and agreed that it was a success as evidenced by all the thank you's we received following the event.

IT Manager's Report and Editors Report: Paddy Godwin

We will be putting some photos from the reunion on the website so please send any over, some of these will also go into this year's newsletter.

The printer company who we have asked to digitize all the old college photographs is very slow so we need to pester him to get this completed.

We are always looking for photos and snippets to publish on the website and in the magazine. Paddy tries to keep everyone in touch via mail chimp (those we have email address's for). The newsletter is published electronically once a year and a small amount are printed (approx. 70) and sent via post.

Please forward any contact information to Paddy (Patrick.godwin@btinternet.com) so he can ensure the database is up to date.

We are always looking for subscribers so please put them in touch with Paddy and he will show them how to join.

Note the Alumni web site address is www.shuttleworthcollegealumni.co.uk. We picked up some new subscribers to the newsletter at the reunion.

Students College Report: Catherine Lloyd

Catherine was not present but provided a report which was read out at the meeting. (See the College director's report earlier.)

Election of Officers for the ensuing year:

Chairman: Tony Abbott – proposed by Charlotte Maynard, seconded by Mike Laflin

Vice Chairman: Richard Infield - proposed by Charlotte Maynard seconded by Paddy Godwin

Secretary: Charlotte Maynard – proposed by Sarah Perrett, seconded by Richard Infield

Treasurer: Sarah Perrett – proposed by Charlotte Maynard, seconded by Paddy Godwin

IT Manager: Patrick Godwin – proposed by Sarah Perrett, seconded by Mike Latfin

Editor: Graeme has resigned from the committee. Paddy is happy to continue with the Editing role. This was proposed by Charlotte Maynard and Seconded by Tony Abbott.

Committee members: Eric Yates, Mike Williams, Mike Laflin, Claire Van Leersum, Bruce Ashworth (HND 79/82), Tim Durrant (OND 76/79), Robert Cowper (70/72), Nick Badger (HND 92/95). Proposed by Mike Lafin and Seconded by Garth Drury, were re-elected 'en bloc'.

Reunion: Mike Latfin mentioned that last Oct they had a separate 62/64 reunion at the Swan in Bedford which was attended by approx. 40 people, he also attended the SCA reunion in May and thanked the committee for organizing it.

The committee discussed when/how often we should hold the reunions. It was agreed we should host one every three years and we would need to bear in mind we need to book the venue, bar and hog roast at least 2 years in advance. It was agreed we would host the next reunion on Sat 9th May 2026. It was agreed we would have a similar format to this year – marquee on the north park, with a hog roast and we will increase the cost of the tickets to cover the costs. Charlotte will speak to Hannah to book the parkland, Richard will book the hog roast and Tony will book the bar.

Auditing of Accounts

We are required to have the accounts audited. Tony will speak to his contacts in Rotary and see if we can find someone to audit them for us.

The annual draw then took place:

1st prize (£250): No 113 – Mark Snoxall (OND 73/76)

2nd prize (£150): No 110 - Mr Ray Watts (NDA 64/66)

3rd prize (£50): No 119 – Chris Webb (65/67)

It was agreed we will revamp the advertisement for the lottery to encourage more subscribers. It is only £10 a year to join and you can win up to £250. Charlotte will ask her friend to design a page which stands out so people notice it when reading the newsletter.

Any Other Business: There was none.

Next Meeting: Next Committee meeting – Sat 7th October 2023 via Teams

This concluded the Annual General Meeting. **Charlotte Maynard 3rd June 2023**