

MINUTES OF THE SCA MEETING (SHUTTLEWORTH ALUMNI) – SATURDAY 27th

Feb 2021

Present via Zoom Call: Tony Abbott, Sarah Perrett, Paddy Godwin, Mike Williams, Charlotte Maynard, Richard Infield and Catherine Lloyd was present for first part of the meeting to provide a College update.

Apologies: Eric Yates

College Report by Catherine Lloyd:

The second lockdown has meant that the college has had to revert to on-line learning again. The only advantage this time is that the lecturers (having done it the first time) have experience in operating via this method and there was therefore a smooth transition.

A number of lessons have been ‘live’ from outside (e.g. lambing).

The college will re-open partly on the 8th March with some teaching at the college and some still done on-line.

New on-line courses were started on-line this year in floristry and RHS (Royal Horticultural Society).

The lambing is almost complete (as of today there are 4 ewes left to lamb). Arable work carries on apace (especially with the drier weather these past few days).

The Countryside stewardship scheme continues.

The college has erected a new weather station and the readings are used by themselves and also forwarded to official meteorological institutions.

Minutes of previous meeting: - The previous minutes were accepted and approved.

Matters arising – There were no matters arising however the following actions are still outstanding from the last meeting:-

Paddy will contact Tim Durrant to see if he would like to join the committee again.

Paddy will also speak to Richard and ask him to amend the Web Site name to Shuttleworth College Alumni (Shuttleworth College Association).

Chairman’s Report: The last few months have been very quiet and this is probably due to the on-going Covid situation. Tony thanked the committee for their continues support.

Secretary’s Report: Charlotte has received a letter and some photos from David Maxfied (1953-1955). She will look into getting these photos digitised or alternatively send them to Paddy who can get them done when he gets the others done.

Treasurers Report (Mike Williams):

This update is the same as the report from the last meeting. We are still holding £1,035 of reunion money and have sent back 2 x refunds. Interest on savings is still very low.

We have a total of £23,500 in our accounts. £10,000 of that is in our Lloyds bond and £13,500 is in the current account, Mike has put £10,000 of the £13,500 in another Lloyds bond though the interest is not that great (0.2% interest).

Newsletter (Paddy Godwin and Graeme Brown):

Paddy reported – We intend to produce a newsletter for the end of 2021. An email will be sent out mid year asking for contributions to the newsletter.

We hope to have some photos from Catherine of the College to include.

IT/Web Site and Database Report:

Paddy will ask Richard if he knows how many hits we get on the web site and if its possible to put a counter on the site. Paddy will also speak to Richard to find out if we can put the photos already on the web site into a menu so they are easier to search on.

Paddy will forward Charlotte Richard Emery's email address so she can email the Minutes of each meeting to him for upload to the Web Site.

We still have some outstanding subscriptions on the database however the ones which are overdue are all subscribed to the email copy of the newsletter so do not cost us anything.

Paddy and Sarah have all the College Photos (long ones of the whole college) which were removed from the old Snooker room). Paddy will investigate the costs of getting these scanned so they can be digitised. Some of the years are missing so we could put a shout out for the missing years to see if anyone has one we can borrow to digitise.

Charlotte will contact Margaret Curry to find out if she has any old articles or photographs which we could also digitise.

Fundraising

Catherine confirmed there were not any fundraising requests from the college at present but she will put her thinking cap on.

Reunion

If all goes to plan everything will be open from the 21st June 2021. Tony has suggested we either plan the reunion for later this year (Sept) or we plan it for June next year. The committee agreed it would be better to hold off and host it next year when people are more confident about socialising in large groups.

It was mentioned that the Trust may be planning a Centenary celebration which the College may be able to tag the reunion onto. Charlotte will speak with Amanda Done at the Trust and find out when the Centenary celebration is planned for.

Any Other Business

There was no other business to report.

Date of Next Meeting – Sat 22nd May – 10.30am AGM and committee meeting.

Charlotte Maynard (Scott)
27th February 2021