



**Minutes of the OWBA Committee Meeting  
Monday 24<sup>th</sup> August 2015**

5.30pm, Downward Room, West Buckland School

**Present**

Neil Kingdon (President)	Adam Crispin
Jamie Conchie (Vice President)	Stuart Smith
Bill Geen (Chair – WBS Foundation)	Peter Williams
John Vick (Headmaster)	

---

**5.30pm, Downward Room, West Buckland School**

**1. Apologies**

Received from David Cummins, Andrew Broggio, Mark Baglow, David Walker.

**2. Minutes of the last meeting**

The minutes of the last meeting were reviewed, agreed and signed by Neil Kingdon

**3. Matters Arising**

- i) Regalia – is now held at the School and is insured under the Schools contents insurance.  
**Action Could office please ensure regalia is photographed.**
- ii) Events- Next London Reunion. **Action - Ian Blewett will be attempting to confirm a date for Rifles Club, Davis St at the beginning September.**
- iii) Careers – NK has not had opportunity to attend a lunch.

PW commented that the Reunion Dinner had been a great success and reiterated the value of past teaching staff attending such events. SS agreed and believed that the formula should continue. AC thought that a similar event targeted at past pupils from the 90's would be particularly significant as they were the age group most likely to have children of a school age.

NK supplied and we reviewed a list of OWBA Honorary Members. JC enquired whether all on the list knew they were such. JV suggested that Roger Jackson be considered. After some discussion he was proposed by JV and seconded by AC.

**Note: Roger is already an honorary member**

iv) constitution - NK clarified a couple of constitutional matters relating to the election of the President, Vice President & Treasurer.

SS suggested that Parents of leaving Pupils should receive a letter to encourage them to proactively stay in touch and become part of the Association

**Action: NK to check with VB to ensure that all existing members of WB Staff are on the mailing list for all OWBA events.**

#### **4. Finance & Events**

NK gave a summary

A discussion ensued around the funding of Reunion Dinners and whether it was appropriate to ask those who attended, to pay. The possible options of paying in advance or collecting money on the night were considered. The views of the Committee differed and no conclusion was made but felt it would benefit from the comment and thoughts of VB.

**Action: NK to consult VB on the need, viability and potential reaction of doing this for future events.**

#### **5. Strategy for next 3 -5 years**

NK commented that the plan created by Chris Boulden had now been completed with much of what had been laid out in the document, achieved. It was felt that a strategy plan be developed for the next 3-5 years and that it should have the input of VB.

**Action: NK to consult VB on the best way to go about this.**

#### **6. Sports Teams & availability of players**

NK gave us an update on the availability of players for the forthcoming matches at the OWBA weekend. He felt that there was high pledged interest from past pupils to take part and that the OWBA Rugby XV had close to a full team. NK also confirmed that it was the Master in Charge of each Sport's responsibility to identify & nominate a Captain to generate a team for the following year.

#### **7. AROPS Membership**

The committee had little or no knowledge of this organisation and didn't feel it necessary to continue to subscribe to it. If there was a worth beyond what the Committee could see, then this should be the decision of VB.

**Action: NK to seek VB thoughts and for her to make a final decision on whether we continue to be members.**

#### **8. Headed Paper**

Should be get more OWBA logoed Headed Paper printed? It was felt, after discussion, that this would be a waste of funds and that we use in-house resources to set up a dedicated template for this purpose.

**Action; NK to ask VB to arrange**

#### **9. Nomination for Election of Honorary Members**

NK felt that we had covered this sufficiently in **3. Matters Arising**

## **10. AOB**

JC had noticed that the NDJ had recently reported the deaths of 2 OWBA members; Martin Seymour (previously known as Fry) c1967- 72G and Richard Crick c1972-74.

JV commented that NK had been nominated as the OWBA representative on the Governing Body and NK confirm that this was for a period of 3 years.

JV was going to review how the President of the OWBA name appear on the Honours Board to ensure it wasn't duplicated in display terms as Presidents were likely to serve a 2-year term in the current era.

NK mentioned that there had been a requested from a OWBA Member to place a funded advert for his business in The Buckland Brief

**Action; VB to consider the viability and appropriateness of this with input from AC on pricing & positioning**

**The meeting closed at 18.57hrs and it was agreed that the next OWBA Committee meeting will take place on 4<sup>th</sup> March 2016 at 17.00hrs in the Downward Room.**

*JC/25/08/15/OWBA*