

Present: Robin Knight, Ian Williams, Pip Smitham, Mark Dumas, and Steve Davis.

Matters arising.

HSMT - College has agreed and PS today instructed solicitors to proceed with the new arrangements. OP trustees and the OP Society need an indemnity. Once agreed then the trust can be transferred with its future management. Names of the new trustees will be required.

Action: PS

IW reported that he wrote to **LCS** confirming Steve's resignation as Hon Sec at the AGM this September. The committee hope that he will want to be a conduit for the many OP's who correspond with him and other general news relating to the College and former staff etc. We would like him to keep the office (LH) updated so that she can inform the Society and the note information on the OP web site.

The Chairman said he had subsequently spoken to Steve about arrangements for 6th September.

OP Scholar – name needed and then LH will post it on the website. Action: LH/RK

Arrow trophy – OP Details required from John Fisher. Event details on Internet. See below discussion about sporting clubs.

Magazine and newsletter. The committee reiterated its previous decision that RK produce a 16 page newsletter to appear early in 2010. IN future this might be incorporated into a College production in which case the PA would have some input. We will have to see how things transpire.

Action: RK

Advertising income on our various productions needs addressing. SD reported ad rotator not good enough - complication with website advertising apart from which concept of “selling space” very much a thing of the past. Could charge fees through business directory.

Action: SD

AGM and OP day will be on **Sunday 6th September 2009.**

IW reported that the current plan is:

1030h Arrive for Divisions

Drake – buffet lunch

Library – coffee

LCS picture hangs next to HS's portrait – unveiling in the yellow room in Devitt House in front of LCS's family.

AGM – Hon OP's to be invited. Formal presentation of ties/pins

Sport – tennis and hockey (Tony Hart) are proposed. MD to coordinate the sport and keep the committee updated..

Action: MD

RK – will get this announcement on the website.

Action: RK

Ties

New tie (£30) is very popular and should be available on the web. OP burgees are available from John Fisher.

Hon OP's

The OP Committee agreed to ask Lindsey Hughes to become a Hon OP in view of her great contribution to OP affairs in the last couple of years. IW to write to her inviting her also to the AGM. Possibly include Mrs Bond. Action: IW

Pangbourne Association. Request yearly dates. Need a meeting in September.

Action: MD

Constitution. The OP's and the PA's constitution needs addressing. The two need to dovetail. Suggest RS become Hon Sec pro tem until we agree on the new constitution. IW to speak to RS. Action: IW

Current budget is £25,000. OP Soc will look at 2010/11 requirements in February 2010.

OP Soc General Fund stands at £13,596 at 29 June 2009.

Bart Simpson. Dinner/drinks and buffet options to be considered. Should be self-funding and held this year. Crispin Reed-Wilson is an Hon OP who has helped support sailing at the College and could be very helpful in identifying guests. MD will contact Robin Paterson to get some ideas.

Action: MD

Hall of Fame. David Rendell produced the original list with LCS. We want this to go up and be updated and amended as a living document on the web. Action: IW/LH

OP's needing work. New page to be added to the website.

Action: SD

Web – loading pictures was difficult. Founders Day pictures need to have captions. Being managed.

Action: RK/LH

Funding of OP Activities.

We want the Societies to be self-financing in the future. Initially funding might be needed to start a new club. Generally we felt subscriptions should be raised from its members for each sport.

Golf – PS to discuss with Charlie Parry.

Sailing - MD to follow-up Robin Paterson re the Arrow trophy.

Action: PS & MD

Next Committee meetings to be agreed at the September AGM taking into consideration the OP social calendar for the autumn.

Dinner 2010 is likely to take place at the College in April. We are waiting a suitable date from the College. The Guest of Honour also needs arranging. The committee was not keen on the idea of OP's staying off the campus. Accommodation appears limited to 110. Action: MD

Future structure of committees needs consideration. Action: MD

AOB

Teleconference Meetings– deemed to be a success. Saves time and seems very user friendly. SD suggests it always needs an agenda, participants need to be disciplined and only speak when necessary, a positive Chair and participants should call in on the landline, as Mobiles are expensive.

RK reported Steve's portrait being delivered to his home on 7th August