

**Balshaw's Association A.G.M. meeting held on Wednesday the 2<sup>nd</sup> of October 2024**

**Charity Number 1176684**

**Present** - Julia Monks, Steve Haycocks, Tracie Vass, Keith Woodcock, Alice Derbyshire, Lucy Lenton and Ann Brown.

**Apologies** - Andrea Coles, Steve Lomax Jamie McGregor and Caroline Burnell.

**Apologies noted.**

**Annual General Meeting**

**Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on the 4<sup>th</sup> of October 2023 were confirmed as a true record of events by Julia and seconded by Steve.**

**Matter Arising from the minutes – None.**

**Chairperson's report – Julia addressed the meeting with her thoughts regarding the 2023/2024 school year. (Please see attached report).**

**Headteacher's Comments – Steve thanked the members of the Association for their unwavering help and contributions to the various school events, He said the school is working hard to help the students of various academic levels to achieve good standards of education, as shown in the recent excellent exam results. He said one ongoing problem was Mental Health Issues which is of growing concern for school. He said he is looking forward to the new school year with enthusiasm**

**Election of Chairperson 2024/2025 - Julia was nominated as Chairperson by Steve and seconded by Tracie.**

**Treasurers Report – Steve L submitted the latest Bank Statement to the meeting. (Please see the attached statement).**

**Please note an accrual of £2,500.00 in the bank statement, this money is to be used as a contribution agreed in 2022 for the renovation of the Memorial Garden, the repairs are on hold at the moment due to problems with the school roof that needs to be actioned first.**

**Balshaw's Education Foundation – Steve H asked members present at the meeting if a donation of £10,000.00 could be deposited into the Association Account, the money is a donation for the Education Trust, and will be transferred in due course, members present agreed to this request.**

**Election of the Treasurer 2024/2025 - Steve L was nominated as the Treasurer by Julia and seconded by Ann.**

**Election of the Secretary 2024/2025- Ann was nominated as the Secretary by Tracie and seconded by Julia.**

**Election of the Additional Committee member 2024/2025 – Tracie was nominated as the additional committee member by Steve and seconded by Julia.**

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1. **Matters Arising from the minutes of the meeting held on the 11.9.24 - None.**
2. **Attracting new members to the Balshaw's Association** – Members at the meeting discussed various ways of attracting new members to the Association by attending Parent Evenings, via social media etc, holding meetings virtually was thought a good idea because some Parents are unable or unwilling to attend in person, Steve will explore the possibility of holding meeting via Microsoft Teams.
3. **Balfest 2025** – Members present at the meeting discussed Balfest and decided more preparations are needed regarding items required for the day and where they will be sourced from, to save money on food supplies and prevent wastage. Tombola prizes also need to be acquired earlier in the year and more Stall Holders would also increase the total in the day.
4. **Halloween Silent Disco** – Members discussed the possibility of holding the event on Wednesday the 30<sup>th</sup> of October, Steve will check with SLT, if this date is acceptable members will then begin the preparations Steve also explained to the meeting that funding has become available and the purchase of headphones for the events in the future is being considered.
5. **Christmas Family Fun Night** - The date of Thursday the 5<sup>th</sup> of December was discussed for this event Steve will check the date and advise at the next meeting, The night will be a mixture of items including Horse Racing, Bingo and Quiz Questions, Details and arrangements to be discussed at the next meeting.
6. **A.O.B. - None.**

The meeting closed at 900pm.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday the 6<sup>th</sup> of November 2024 starting at 7.30pm.