

BALSHAWS ASSOCIATION PTA – CHARITY NUMBER 1176684

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD VIRTUALLY ON Wednesday 7th October
2020 at 7.30pm**

PRESENT ONLINE: Julia Monks, Nicki Crompton, Steve Haycocks, Ann Brown, Tim Callaghan, Sue Crompton, Debra Delaney, Andy Hargreaves, Sharon Haworth, Heidi Thomas, Katrina Merry, Keith Woodcock, Ginny Woods, Steve Lomax

1. WELCOME AND PRAYER – Welcomed on zoom by Julia. Meeting opened in prayer by Steve Haycocks (Head)

2. APOLOGIES Tracie Vass, Gill Hargreaves, Vicki Lansdowne, Jamie Macgregor, Jonathan Morgan, Michelle Riley, Cheryl Walmsley,

3. Reminder to re-login to Zoom after 40 mins

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

4. MINUTES OF AGM HELD ON 2ND OCTOBER 2019

5. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE AGM HELD ON 2ND OCTOBER 2019

None

6. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT – JULIA WILL SEND A COPY

7. HEAD TEACHER'S COMMENTS – bids agreed during the last academic year are very current as many just implemented. Julia Steve and Steve have discussed fund raising and how it can be done for the foreseeable future and what this might look like. Remote quizzes etc can be quite difficult. The Education Foundation - Steve advised the legacy foundation may bring some charitable donations. IN 2032 the school will be 250 years old and perhaps we look at specific monies raised for this (a kind of target). What we do is about social enrichment and this is a really important function of the PTA. The connection with people and bringing people together. This is a challenge as it is our strength but we will try to find ways to overcome it

8. ELECTION OF CHAIR 2020/2021

Julia nominated by Steve H

Nicola and Keith seconded - Carried unanimously

9. TREASURER'S REPORT

Steve has circulated the report. Note that there was no quiz in October 2019.

Income 3114.28 including miscellaneous £30 cash. A number of uncashed cheques were discovered also. Expenditure £8900. Closing bal £27,050 Statement a couple of months ago.

The Balshaw's foundation has £2000 invested by the church. Fund balance from this is now £2631.

Funds currently available are approaching £29,000. This is the amount to be submitted to The Charities Commission. We currently have a commitment of approx 12,000.

10. ELECTION OF THE EXEC COMMITTEE

Treasurer. Steve Lomax – Proposed by Julia, Seconded by Steve H

Secretary. Nicki Crompton – Proposed Keith, Seconded Tracie

Tracie Vass and Steve Haycocks were also voted onto the committee

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11. MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 4TH MARCH 2020

Deborah asked to clarify CLIMBING WALL Issues relating to Covid discussed. Steve H advised the process by which this equipment can still be used at this time

12. PLANNING FOR THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR

Discussions were held about the difficulties of the coming year, in terms of fund raising, events etc This need to be discussed more fully at next meeting.

Steve H advised we had look at Gift Aid previously. This was before we were a charity. The Balshaws Foundation invested £2000 AND IS under the Trust docs of the education foundation. The ed foundation has a different remit of where monies there can go. That account has been discussed and it has been agreed to close that account. This money will be put back into the PTA. We will have a working account and a Gift Aid account. The key thing is we have HMRC approval to claim Gift Aid (a 20% increase in giving) we can also make one off claims for Gift Aid from the revenue we make. This would have been the Spring Fair but this unfortunately cannot go ahead. It is foreseen that this will be a significant amount of money.

Thanks to Steve Lomax for his work on this and all the background work he has done to enable us to do this. Just Giving to be discussed further at the next meeting and put on the agenda.

Legacy payments were seen as a possible main source of funds. A number of possible options were suggested, none discussed in any great lengths. Giving, Donations etc may have to be our focus. NC suggested Christmas Raffle – problems could arise with keeping prizes safe. Virtual Bingo could be something to think about. Monthly giving could be a way forward to raise money potentially up to £20,000.

SH - Usually our events are there to look at community and social events however the focus will change with how things are at the moment. We can raise monies and look at the events not necessarily being about raising money

J – Balshaws in the Community – we have an opportunity to support the community

Jamie – A Go Fund Me page

Tracie – More input from parents if we work to support the local community and not necessarily the school.

Steve H discussed supporting SLEAP which supports young people.

Deborah D – Virtual Talent Show for children Debbie asked to look into this and how it is sorted.

Tracie – Christmas hampers.

Julia mentioned Paypal and will discuss further with Steve L

Steve mentioned safeguarding with regards to talent show.

Steve L 100 or 200 Club as Hutton used for Fund Raising. A 1 off payment of £12 per month gets you 1 number per month. More than 1 number a month could be bought. This can be done through ParentPay

The PTA can run it as a fund raiser alternative to our usual events. It would also get parents into the idea of monthly paying.

Steve L advised communication about this came from the school on behalf of the PTA.

Julia asked if we can all bring ideas to next meeting to advise how to raise funds and how the money is going to be used. Next meeting to discuss this specifically

13. 200 CLUB PROPOSAL – Steve Lomax. Briefly discussed as a source of income. This seems to have been done previously at Balshaw's and other schools. It was viewed positively and should be discussed further at the next meeting.

14. AOB

15. DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Wednesday 3rd November 2020 via Zoom

The meeting was concluded at 20.50