



MINUTES OF BWSPA MEETING HELD ON Thursday 27 June 2019

Present: Jo Woods (Acting Chair), Paul Tayler (Treasurer), Nicolette Beardsmore (Secretary), Susie Andrews, Dr Stuart Smallwood (Headmaster) and Terri Westlake

Apologies: Rob Jones, Iain Oxley, Wijendra Peiris and Lucy Schofield

Action column lists members by their initials

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<p>1. Welcome The Chair welcomed everyone and noted apologies.</p>	
<p>School Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) The new 6th Form Brochure has just been launched and looks very good. Recruitment advertising would be supplemented by video interviews with boys to be posted on the website alongside new photos which would form part of the revised website going live this autumn. b) 3 Open Afternoons were held for year 5 and 320 applicants have been received for the 11+ exam – higher than usual. c) Exams have finished and year 7 students will be going out to Great Yews starting from this weekend. 60 boys went to Pencelli this month although it is hoped that all boys will be able to go in future. d) The School agreed to supply some photos of boys using the ping pong tables to help publicise the BWSPA' investment in additional tabled. 	SDS
<p>2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting The minutes of the meeting held on 6 November were AGREED with a correction to the name of the online raffle company - Zaffo</p>	
<p>3. Treasurer's Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Total funds were around £7,600. This included £70 received in donations at the Year 7 Parents' Evening. b) The online raffle was going reasonably well raising £605 as of the date of the meeting. Nikki Miles, School Secretary, would post reminders this week and again before the deadline. 	
<p>4. Funding Requests Members noted that funding requests should come via the Headmaster so future direct requests would be referred back in future. With regard to the current requests members agreed to find the request from Ben Blackburn in Year 12, Chair of the Debating and Public Speaking Society and the request for sponsorship for Rugby kit from Richard Demain-Griffiths but not the Basketball kit.</p>	
<p>5. Ongoing Fundraising activities - Easyfundraising Business cards for Easyfundraising had been issued at the Year 7 Parents' Evening Day and there was already an increase in subscribers.</p>	NB
<p>6. Review of Past Events</p>	

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<p>a) Rain or Shine (outdoor Shakespeare performance of 'As You Like It') – Saturday 8 June 2019</p> <p>At the last minute BWSPA was informed that there was no wet weather facility available because exams were taking place. SDS arranged for a venue to be reserved at the Cathedral School but fortunately this was not required as the weather remained fine. Numbers were similar to previous years and the performance went very well. The Secretary will write up notes for future reference and attempt to book a later date for 2020 to avoid clashing with exams</p> <p>b) Year 12 Parents Evening</p> <p>Members agreed that drinks would be offered free to parents although donations would be welcomed. Paul Tayler agreed to purchase drinks. The Secretary agreed to confirm the start time and would then seek volunteers to serve drinks.</p>	<p>NB</p> <p>PT/NB</p>
<p>7. Planning for Future Events</p> <p>Last Night of the Proms (Alumni Events)</p> <p>a) Members agreed to sell tea/coffee/soft drinks at a Last Night of the Proms event planned for 14 September. Volunteers would be sought closer to the date.</p> <p>Christmas Fayre 2019</p> <p>b) The BWS Christmas Fayre has been for Saturday 23 November. A sub-committee recently met to discuss the arrangements and an advert had been circulated to last year's attendees inviting them to book early for a discount. Penny has been asked to update the poster.</p> <p>Skittle Evenings</p> <p>c) Volunteers will be sought closer to the date.</p> <p>2nd hand Uniform</p> <p>d) Two sales were planned for July. The first one on 3 July was at the request of the School for the benefit of new boys who would be attending a taster day at the school on that date. The second would be held on Saturday 13 July and open to all parents. Arrangements had been made to hold the sale in the 6th Form Study Room and volunteers would be need on both dates to set-up, sell and take-down.</p> <p>Monthly Newsletter</p> <p>e) It was agreed to defer producing this until next year.</p> <p>Mothers & Sons</p> <p>f) Volunteers won't be needed on the day as noted in the agenda, instead the School Catering Team would be asked to provide a sausage and chips supper. Terri Westlake agreed to help co-ordinate the event with the Secretary.</p> <p>Fathers & Sons</p> <p>g) Members were asked for suggestions for possible speakers for 2020.</p>	<p>NB</p> <p>NB</p> <p>All</p> <p>All</p> <p>NB</p> <p>NB/TW</p> <p>All</p>
<p>8. Fundraising Ideas for 2019</p> <p>The Secretary explored the option of selling luggage tags to replace the Smarties challenge but given that pupils who were issued with free luggage tags by the Sports Dept last year were not using them and the costs being higher than first anticipated, it was agreed to drop the proposal.</p>	
<p>9. Dates of Future BWSPA Socials & Meetings</p> <p>Dates for meeting dates in 2019/20 were agreed as follows:</p> <p>Tuesday 15 October 2019</p> <p>Thursday 7 November 2019 - AGM</p> <p>Tuesday 14 January 2020</p> <p>Thursday 12 March 2020</p> <p>Tuesday 12 May 2020</p> <p>Thursday 25 June 2020</p>	

Appendix: BWSPA Diary Dates 2018/19

Event	Date
1000 Club	<i>Ongoing</i>
Year 12 Induction Evening (Bar)	✓ Friday 7 September
BWSPA Social & Committee Meeting	✓ Thursday 13 September
Year 7 Smarties Tube Challenge	✓ Friday 14 September
Year 7 Skittles Evenings:	✓ 22 September (Saturday) (J) ✓ 28 September (Friday) (M) ✓ 29 September (Saturday) (P) ✓ 5 October (Friday) (O) ✓ 6 October (Saturday) (W)
BWSPA Social & Committee Meeting	✓ Tuesday 16 October
BWSPA Social, AGM & Committee Meeting	✓ Tuesday 6 November
Mothers & Sons Event (LaserTag2You)	✓ Friday 9 November
Christmas Parking	✓ Saturdays 17, 24 November; 1, 8, 15 & 22 December
Christmas Fair	✓ Saturday 24 November
BWSPA Christmas Draw	✓ Monday 10 December 2018
BWSPA Social & Committee Meeting	✓ Thursday 17 January
Quiz Night	✓ Friday 8 February
BWSPA Social & Committee Meeting	✓ Tuesday 12 March
Fathers & Sons Evening	✓ Friday 29 March
BWSPA Social & Committee Meeting	✓ Tuesday 14 May
Year 7 Induction Evening	✓ Thursday 6 June 2019
Rain or Shine Theatre Production <i>As You Like It</i>	✓ Saturday 8 June
BWSPA Social & Committee Meeting	✓ Thursday 27 June
BWSPA Summer Draw	Saturday 13 July 2019
End of School Year Burgers & Hotdogs	TBC – Last week of term in July