

St Matthew's Collegiate School Old Girls' Association

Annual General Meeting

17th November 2024 @ 4pm

Held in the St Matthew's Main House Dining Room

Present: Amanda McLeod, Adie Long, Bridget Mathewson, Elsje Neal, Sandie Sherwen, Elizabeth Lincoln, Kiri Gill, George Orsborn, Lousie Gibson, Amber Greenfield, Lila Handyside.

Apologies: Steph Haworth, Lucy Thorneycroft, Pip Olds, Gabe Read.

Minutes of the 2023 AGM: Copies of the 2023 AGM minutes were distributed to those present and the minutes had also been emailed previous to the meeting.

Matters Arising: No matters arising.

Amanda McLeod moved that the minutes of the previous AGM held on the 12th November 2023 be accepted as a true and correct record. Seconded: Bridget Mathewson.

Correspondence:

Toni Finkle emailed to say that she had a linen tablecloth to donate and will send it to the school
Lucy Thorneycroft has officially resigned as Secretary.

Elizabeth has had a few emails via the SMOGA email re: notification of change of addresses, a deceased member and a suggestion to make the Ezine a one pager at a time, which we will change for next year's one.

President's Report: Amanda McLeod read her report. Report attached.

Amanda moved that her report be accepted. Seconded: Louise Gibson

Financial Report: Bridget Mathewson read her report, and copies were distributed to those members present. Report attached of Financials to 31st August 2024.

In summary: SMOGA has had another steady year financially.

\$6,000 received from our anonymous benefactor, the McKenna Family of \$23 and the Austin Family of \$48 donated due to overpayments in the school accounts.

47 new life members with \$9400 received .

There was a profit increase in our Nikau fund of \$15427. We have a grant amount of \$3635 available for distribution which will be put into the Term Deposit account at the next maturity date.

Our major outgoings for the year were the Database and Website of \$4278, Magazine \$2979, Reunion \$2761 and scholarships at \$2750.

In summary at the beginning of our financial year SMOGA's overall assets sat at \$160 936.00 and finished at \$167 621.00. This is primarily due to the growth of the Nikau Fund account.

At the end of our financial year the amounts in each account as of 31 August 2024:

ANZ \$36,748

ANZ Term Deposit \$13,569

Nikau Foundation \$118,156.00

Thanks to Clare Jacobson from Sellar and Sellar for again doing our annual financial reviews pro-bono. It is very much appreciated.

Bridget Mathewson moved her report be accepted. Seconded: Amanda McLeod.

School Report: Kiri Gill read her school report. Report attached.

Kiri Gill moved the report be accepted. Seconded: Louise Gibson

General Business:

Magazine: Elizabeth has done a great job of the magazine this year. Stats from the Ezines show that due to reunions and getting personal emails from new members rather than parent emails, the stats of opened via the Ezine are increasing year on year.

2024 1380 emailed 1008 opened (73%)

2023 1278 emailed 842 opened (66%)

2022 1275 emailed 781 opened (61%)

Discussion around posting the magazine on the FB page for all to read. This has always been reserved for members only, but it was felt that due to most students signing up now, it would be beneficial to the Assn to putting it on FB for all to read. Amber and Elizabeth will do this.

Database/ Website: Elizabeth is working on updating and improving the website. Adie has done work on ensuring that the Database is in order and is updated when required to future proof it for further use by the Committee and Magazine Editor .

Archives: Elsje presented her report. Elsje asked if the committee was approving of The Wairarapa Archive to hold a collection of the "To the Stars magazine" which would be accessible to the public, if requested. It was discussed that there hasn't been any indication of someone not wanting their information in the magazine that it was probably not going to be viewed by masses. The committee approved that The Archive were able to hold the magazine and allow public to access them if requested. **Approved: Amanda McLeod, Seconded: Adie Long**

Grants/Scholarships: Lousie reported that the Spirit of Adventure and Outward Bound Grants are gathering momentum. The Spirit of Adventure cost has increased to \$2995. Lousie proposed that we increase the amount from \$2500 to \$2995 to tidy up the increase by the SOA Trust. Outward Bound will remain at \$2500 for now. **Moved by Amanda McLeod, seconded by Louise Gibson.**

The new Gretchen Williamson Financial Scholarship attracted a high Calibre of applicants, the winner of this scholarship will be announced in final assembly. Louise is working with George to put the application for this online next year. Gretchen will also come at some stage to talk in assembly.

The Endeavour (Financial assistance) Grant has had no applicants for 2 years. This Grant will be reviewed next year as to its viability and justification going forward.

Amanda will ask Tracey to pull it off the website so that it can be reassessed.

Reunions: Decade reunions at King's Birthday weekend in June 2024 was another successful year with 166 Old Girls and Old Boys attending the Friday night Cocktail Party.

New Members: 38/51 signed up so far. Amanda will follow up with members who haven't signed up yet and send the final numbers to TSTB. Thank you to Lila Handyside for all your work as Service Prefect and ensuring that Leavers are signed up.

Subscriptions to remain the same at \$200 for a life membership . \$150 for an Old Girl who has left school for more than 20 years ago. **Moved: Adie Long. Seconded : Amanda McLeod.**

Amanda will follow up with Ed Cox at ROBA re: any updates for the way members join the Assn.

Leavers' Breakfast: Will be held on the 7th December, 8:15am-9am. SMS Prizegiving will be held at Rathkeale at 1pm. Adie will organise as Lucy has a leaver this year.

Bridget would like account from last year queried as we were not charged for the breakfast by Alliance, but we may have been overcharged the previous year so were not charged for 2023, Adie to follow up with Lucy.

New Parents 2024: Will be held of Sunday, 26th January 2025.

Other: Gwen Levick Music Suite – Amanda to contact Gwen to advise her that the new photo is up in the music suite

New Business:

Facebook: Amber has done some research on moving the SMOGA FB page from personal one to a Business or Community Page. There are pros and cons of both, and it would be beneficial for the Assn to have both a Business page for members but also a Private Group page for events and community info with limited accessibility for non-members. Amber will work in setting one up and get back to the committee when she has set up a draft.

Election of Officers:

Chairperson: Amanda McLeod. Moved: Bridget Mathewson. Seconded: Adie Long

Secretary: Charlotte Gibson. Moved: Lousie Gibson. Seconded: Adie Long

Treasurer: Bridget Mathewson. Moved: Amanda McLeod. Seconded: Amber Greenfields

Magazine Editor: Elizabeth Lincoln. Moved: Amanda McLeod. Seconded: Bridget Mathewson.

Grants/Scholarship Convenors: Louise Gibson, Amber Greenfield.

Independent Grants Committee: Charlotte Gendall, Melissa Clark-Reynolds, Tina Tylee.
Moved: Amanda McLeod Adie Long. Seconded: Adie Long

Committee: Adie Long, George Orsborn, Rachel Bell, Kristy Broderick, Amber Greenfield, Louise Gibson, Pip Olds, Gabe Read, Lucy Thornycroft, Deb Clinton-Baker, Steph Haworth.
Moved Amanda McLeod, Seconded Bridget Mathewson.

Helpers, when required : Georgie Shaw, , Emma Hepburn, Kate Williams , Anna Waddell, Kathryn Percy.

Auditor/Independent Financial Officer: Clare Jacobson. Moved: Amanda McLeod. Seconded: Adie Long. Carried.

Constitution: The constitution is to be updated to add:

4. OFFICERS: Added Grants/Scholarships Convener, Magazine Editor (The Magazine Editor does not need to be a member of the Association)

10.0 FINANCE.

10.6 Two of the Trustees of the Association, eftpos, internet banking, ~~cheques, withdrawal forms~~ and transfers.

12. SMCSOA INTO RECESS If at any time the Association should go into recess all funds held by the Association shall be added to the SMCSOGA Grants/Scholarships Fund. The Grants/Scholarships are then to be administered by the St. Matthew's Collegiate School Board of Trustees, under its present name.

The Board of Trustees will continue to file a return with the Charities Commission, even if the return is nil so that the Association can still remain under the same name: SMOGA but run under a different group with St. Matthew's Collegiate school.

Next meeting: AGM 2025, Sunday 16th November at 3pm.

Meeting closed at 5.33pm.