

St. Matthew's Collegiate School Old Girls Association

Annual General Meeting

3:30pm Sunday 22nd November 2020

Held in the dining room, Main House SMS, Masterton.

Present: Adie Long, Amanda McLeod, Kiri Gill, Sandie Sherwin, Diny Dexmer, Elsje Neal, Bridget Mathewson, Stephanie Haworth, Nicola Hewitt, Erik Pedersen, Mary Perry, Lynn Lamb, Jillian Williams, Robyn Prior, Deb Clinton-Baker, Annette Parry, Mary Perry.

Apologies: Sarah Harris, Lucy Thornycroft, Georgie Shaw, Bev Armistead, Inga Ward, Judy Young, Sonia McKenzie, Josie Broad, Nicola Jefferies, Kathryn Percy, George Vincent.

Minutes of the previous AGM: Adie called for someone to move the minutes of the 2019 AGM be accepted.

Stephanie Haworth moved that the minutes of the previous AGM held on Monday 18th November 2019 be accepted as a true and correct record. Seconded Bridget Mathewson.

Matters Arising: see general business below.

General Business

Database/Website: Both going well. George Orsborn has a good hold on it and loaded the magazine and wine form without help of Expert Services. Adie, George and Elsje had a training day on the database/website earlier in the year. Ongoing costs each year, annual fee \$1035 (annual lease), \$69 annual domain name registration.

Magazine: 600 printed, about 550 posted. Put a label on back re: emails – a lot of replies from this. Not too many returns 10 so far. Adie has done a lot of behind scenes work to get as many on email as possible. Thanks to Georgie Cox for designing. Mary Perry commented that the magazine is very good.

Archives: Elsje Neal reported that she has been visiting Old Girls. Some good items have been donated and lots of photos.

Leavers breakfast: 8:30am Saturday 5th December. Nicola Hewitt and Sarah Harris will be the Old Girls organisers of the breakfast. Nicola Hewitt reported that 55 have replied, we normally cater for 100. Those wanting to attend the Rathkeale prize giving at 9:15am will need to make sure they come into the breakfast first. Sandie Sherwin will organise an email to be sent to notify those who want to leave early, to be there by 8:20am. SMS Prize Giving to begin at 12 noon at Wairarapa College.

Leavers 2020: 40 out of 50 leavers have signed up to SMOG. A big thanks to our Service Prefect, Ellie Boyce for her hard work on this. Adie reported that the service prefect has made a huge difference to the feedback for the Old Girls on recent leavers for the magazine. She is also hugely influential on getting the Year 13 girls to sign up to the Old Girls.

Scholarships: Endeavour Scholarship: This is currently held by a year 10 girl and so will be held by this student for a further 3 years, due for renewal end of 2023. Needs rewording re: Trusts. Jo Hosking, (an Old Girl and a lawyer), has been advising Adie on this. Adie asked for feedback from the committee around this. General discussion was had.

Deb Clinton-Baker moved that trusts be investigated as being included in the questions in the Endeavour Scholarship. Seconded Kristy Broderick. Carried.

To the Stars Scholarship: The current recipient is in year 10 and has one more year on this scholarship. Due for renewal end of 2021.

Membership fees: Adie Long moved that the membership fees be as follows, \$200 for life, \$150 if have left School over 20 years ago. Seconded Stephanie Haworth. Carried.

Adie Long moved that we give the 2020 service prefect Ellie Boyce a free life membership to the Old Girls in light of her contribution to the Old Girls during 2020. It was also agreed that we continue to do this for future Service Prefects to thank them for all the work they do for SMOGA. Seconded Amanda McLeod. Carried.

Presidents Report: Adie Long read her report. Attached.

Adie moved that her report be accepted. Seconded Nicola Hewitt.

Financial Report: Georgie Vincent sent in her financial report which Adie read out to all present, (attached).

Current amounts in each account: WBS call account \$8,322.84

ANZ General \$16,988.58

WBS Investment \$103,794.11

Richard Toovey to be asked to continue as the Auditor/Independent Financial Advisor.

Adie Long nominated that we purchase a voucher for Richard Toovey and a voucher for Georgie Vincent who has resigned from the position of Treasurer after many years. Thank you, Georgie. All agreed.

Adie Long moved that the SMOG accounts be accepted. Seconded Bridget Mathewson. Carried.

Speakers in Assembly: No speakers this year, a bit of a disrupted year due to Covid-19. Adie will ask Kate Sims and Macy Ngatuere for next year. Natasha McKay, (Kristy's Boderick's), cousin, has offered to come and talk Natasha is a doctor and is a consultant in Emergency at Hutt Hospital, she also is often in the Westpac Helicopter and is the doctor on field for any Hurricanes or All Blacks games at the Sky Stadium in Wellington.

It was suggested that the speeches are recorded live so that other members could watch and also for the archives.

Wine Fundraiser: Another exclusive offer from Paddy Borthwick of Borthwick Wines for the Old Girls Association, for every case purchased, Borthwicks will donate \$40. This is being organised by Bridget Mathewson. The wine purchased will be delivered by courier free of charge. Ends 30th November. Bridget asked that we all share the facebook posts and spread the word that we are offering this wine.

Reunions: A few were held despite COVID-19. Talk of leavers of 1990/91 to join force with the Rathkeale decade Reunion to be held at Queen's birthday weekend 2021. Annual luncheon usually held in the Manawatu was to be held at SMS early in 2020. Adie did a database of all emails she could find, gave to Selena so that an invitation could be sent out. Lynne Lamb reported that Inga Ward no longer wanted to be the contact for the Manawatu and Lynne no longer the contact for Wairarapa so it may not go-ahead next year unless someone else offers to organise it.

New Business: None.

Constitution: Adie moved that an amendment to clause 5.1 (Honorary Officers clause) to align with 10.7. Seconded Stephanie Haworth. Carried.

The following to replace existing clause 5.1

5. Honorary Officers

5.1 An Independent Financial Officer will be appointed by the Annual General Meeting. The Independent Financial Officer will not be a member of the Association.

Correspondence: Letter from Warwick Marsh last year informing SMOGA of the passing of his wife, an Old Girl, Glenys Marsh (Sandman), Adie sent him a 2020 magazine with a piece about Glenys in her school days in "We Remember". Glenys was a very accomplished sportswoman.

Election of officers

President

Adie Long nominated by Stephanie Haworth. Seconded Nicola Hewitt. Carried.

Secretary

Amanda McLeod nominated by Stephanie Haworth. Seconded Bridget Mathewson. Carried.

Treasurer

Bridget Mathewson nominated by Adie Long. Seconded Amanda McLeod. Carried.

Magazine Editor

Adie Long nominated by Amanda McLeod. Seconded Nicola Hewitt. Carried.

Committee

Stephanie Haworth, Sarah Harris, Bridget Mathewson, Nicola Hewitt, Nicola Spencer, Georgie Orsborn, Rachel Bell, Deb Clinton-Baker, Kathryn Percy, Kristy Boderick, Lucy Thornycroft, Georgie Shaw, Georgie Vincent.

Adie Long moved the above are elected as the SMOG committee, seconded Amanda McLeod. Carried.

Auditor/Independent Financial Officer:

Richard Toovey to be confirmed.

Scholarship Convenor and Scholarship Committee:

Adie Long nominated Steph Haworth continue as the Scholarship convenor. Seconded Nicola Hewitt. Carried. The other panel members are Charlotte Gendall, Tina Tylee and Melissa Clark-Reynolds.

Sandie Sherwen will write a report for the scholarship convener and President for both recipients:
The grant holder must receive a favourable report from the Principal of St Matthew's Collegiate School to ensure the continuation of the grant.

Stephanie Haworth would like to acknowledge the contribution of Adie Long towards the Old Girls.

Erik Pedersen thanked the Old Girls for having him here and also how privileged he felt to be invited back to the school and how much he enjoyed the tour of the school today.

Sandie Sherwin reported on the re-naming of the four SMS Houses. The Old Girls will be asked for their input via a survey which will be sent out through the membership database. There was discussion around the names.

Meeting closed at 4.24pm.

What	By Whom	When by
Old Girls Speaking in Assembly		
Kate Sims/Macey Ngatere	Adie to contact	Term 1 2021
Natasha McKay	Adie to contact/ Kristy help coordinate	Term 1 2021
Constitution		
Update point 5	Amanda	2021 AGM
Scholarships		
Update Endeavour to include Trust disclosure - confirm with Jo Hosking still relevant	Adie	2021 AGM
Report to Scholarship Convener and President re: how the recipients are going at school with attitude/school life etc.	Sandie	Term 1 2021
Wine Fundraiser		
Advertising on FB and encourage members to share	Adie/Bridget	Immediate
Thank you to Richard and George vouchers	Adie	Immediate

Leavers Breakfast		
Helpers email	Adie	Immediate
Notification to parents who are going to Rathkeale prizegiving to arrive at Breakfast at 8:20am	Sandie	Immediate
House Name Changes		
Survey to send out to SMOGA members	Sandie to send to Adie	When Required