



Maidstone Grammar School Parents' Association

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MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
HELD ON MONDAY, 16TH OCTOBER 2017 @ 6.45PM

Present: Sarah Hudson (Chairman), Caroline May (Vice-Chairman), Mark Tomkins (Headmaster), Roger Berry (Treasurer), Wendy Papagno (Secretary), Stephanie Ritchie, Pauline Coppard, Paul Tassell, Clare Attridge, Michael Hall, Steve Batchelor, Karen Shaw, Julie Griggs, Jennie Creasy, Elwira Felgueiras, Charlotte McClymont, Charlotte's Mum, Krystian Szwedziuk (School Captain) and Lex Delamere-Ayling (School Vice-Captain)

Apologies: Emma Foreman and Irene Santineer

The meeting opened with everyone introducing themselves. There were three new Yr 7 parents present.

Minutes of last AGM

These minutes were agreed as a correct and true account. Roger proposed and Pauline seconded these.

No matters arising from these Minutes.

Financial Report and Accounts

Roger ran through the Financial Report and Adoption of Accounts, the Income & Expenditure and the Miscellaneous income for the benefit of those new to the meeting. He explained how the figures were presented in the table. The settled bids were then read out showing what the MGSPA's money had been spent on during the last year. Gross profit for the year was £53,624 against the previous year's profit of £42,403. It was agreed that this was a huge amount to be raised by the MGSPA.

Election of Officers

Chairman – Sarah agreed to stand again as Chairman. This was proposed by Paul and seconded by Caroline. Unanimous vote carried.

Vice-Chairman – Sarah proposed Caroline who agreed to stay on as Vice-Chairman. This was seconded by Roger. Unanimous vote carried.

Secretary – Wendy agreed to stay on as Secretary. Sarah proposed and Pauline seconded. Unanimous vote carried.

Treasurer – Roger agreed to stay on but said it would be his last year. Steve has agreed to take over from Roger and will work together this year. Sarah proposed and Clare seconded. Unanimous vote carried.

The remaining Trustees agreed to stay on for a further term. Steph would resign as Trustee from this meeting.

Executive Committee Members – Steve, Emma, Michael, Irene, Clare and Julie agreed to remain with the addition of Jenni and Charlotte.

Programme for 2017/18

Sarah ran through the events for the rest of this year and those proposed for next year. She would like a Spring Fair but this was date dependent. We would discuss these further in the Committee Meeting following the AGM.

The aim of our events is to put on a selection of different events that would attract different people across the school.

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Change item 4. of the Constitution

Sarah read out the proposed change to the Constitution. Mark explained that the thought behind it was to allow parents who had previously helped the MGSPA and were an asset to them to be able to remain on the Committee after their child(ren) had left. They would, however, not have voting rights at any meeting. The change was proposed and there was a unanimous vote in favour of it.

Work of the Committee

Mark wanted to acknowledge the work of the Committee and the fact that they had raised over £50K this last year. This was a tremendous help to the school. In particular he wanted to acknowledge the work of Sarah Hudson, the Chair, who leads all the events and thanked her for her hard work and determination in getting things done.

Mark also stressed the importance of the other Committee members in helping at the events. It is too much for one person to do and sub-committees should be put in place to help run large events. Karen reminded new parents that they could help without being a Committee member. Help and support at tea and coffee events was a great help and often difficult for parents who work during the day.

The AGM closed.