

**Minutes of the BWSPA meeting held on
Wednesday 8th May 2024 in the Sixth Form Study Room, BWS**

Present: Tom James (chair), Bea Longthorp (secretary), Sarah Robertson (treasurer) Zainab Syeda (assistant treasurer), Nicolette Beardsmore, Onur Gunce, Katharine James, Kirsten Webber, Oliver Popham, Dr Smallwood.

Welcome and Apologies

Apologies received from Charles Tavener, Kenecki Nduka-Richard (Assistant Secretary), Kate Doyle, Rob Jones

School Update and Funding Requests (SDS)

- Year 11 and Year 13 Leavers – have now departed, and GCSE exams began 9 May.
- Choral Concert 4/5/2024 – for BWS and Godolphin singers was an outstanding success. A wonderful setting in Wilton Church, fabulous music and amazing performances from the boys and girls throughout
- New Head – Matthew Morgan will visit the school periodically for a total of 5 days during the course of the term, including talking to the incoming Year 7 parents on 26/6/2024

Postscript – this may have been my last BWSPA Committee Meeting, so I should of course say a HUGE thank you for the companionship, hard work and imagination of parents over the years. BWSPA has achieved so much, and made so much of a difference for generations of students at the school.

No new requests for funding.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting held on 16th January & Matters Arising

Accepted.

Forthcoming Events/Activities

- Rain or Shine June/July. Booked for 28/6/24. Flyers and Posters handed out for distribution locally. Nicolette, Sarah, Kirsten and (?) Kate will volunteer. A request for bakes will need to go out closer to the time. No bar, just hot and soft drinks plus cakes.
- Big Bash Cricket. Booked for the 29/6/24. All proceeds to go to the MUGA. BWSPA have been asked to run the bar. Rob and Oliver have offered to run it though they'll need another 2 volunteers. Emma Jones has a WhatsApp group of volunteers for the 2nd Hand uniform sales, request made to tap into them to see if they can help at the Big Bash.
- Skittles evenings for the incoming Y7 parents and boys. Dates set as 20th, 21st, 27th, 28th Sept and 7th Oct. Tom will inform Nikki Miles. Pub confirmed.
- Incoming Y7 evening 26th June. Bea & Katherine will run the bar, Tom will chat to the incoming parents, Bea will look into sourcing Smartie tunes to hand out to all the incoming Y7s as a fundraising opportunity (to fill with coins – the most in the tube/most amount raised in the form will get a prize.)

1000 Club Update

- This month's winners' were drawn at the start of the meeting.
- Cash on Hand @30-04-24 : £2,729.00
- Free Cash to BWS : £1,006.00
- Total #Tickets April 248
- Return to BWS £158
- Total# of parents 103

Finance Update

Currently there is a total of £21,550.80 in all accounts.

£5000 paid across for the Y11 Prom for outgoing payments.

£1074.53 at most recent 2nd hand unfirm sale. Great success.

Zainab has said she can get up to £500 match funding from her work (Waites) and another parent has emailed in to say that she can get up to £1000 match funding from her work (Aviva). Tom and Nicolette suggested requesting her help on a stall at the Christmas Fayre which is likely to raise £1000.

AOB

- Annual report needed for the Charity Commission by 31/5/24. The CC needs updating to add Tom and Bea as trustees. Sarah and Zainab to prepare the accounts and send to Martin Smith in August ready to sign off in time for our AGM in Nov.
- Information packs for incoming Y7 parents discussed. Decided we need to inform them but not overload them! Information on Skittles evening, uniform sales, Rain or Shine Theatre, 1000 club and a link to the BWSPA website.
- Website discussed. Kirsten has offered to talk members through the website (features, codes, guides, passwords etc.) on 22/5/24 at Bea's house.

Meeting closed at 20.40.

Next meetings: 19th June.