

## WBHS Old Boys' Association Committee Meeting Minutes

Held on 31 August 2020 at 5:30pm

### **Present:**

Jarrold Goodall, David Templeton, Lauren True, Karen Gilbert-Smith, Steve Gillingham, John Barber, Hans Britts

### **Apologies:**

Al Kirk, Alex Thorne

### **No matters arising**

Jarrold started by saying that he feels that things of the past are now behind us, he has met with Karen and a positive approach by the committee will make progress happen. Positive events/ items which are identified will need to be split amongst the committee members. We need an action plan, then with this in place, we can move forward – 'shoulder tap' fellow Old Boys to help. Committee can't do it all, we need another layer of people to help.

### **Reconnecting**

Steve – Old Boys' are weary and some are not wanting to engage (due to past actions). Are some willing but need a reconnection. What are the barriers? What can we do to make this relevant. How do we rebuild the trust?

Jarrold suggested having positive words that are used to promote the OBA – reconnect, relevant, trust, fun...

Talk around a method of obtaining feedback from Old Boys' – what is our purpose, understanding what drive the members, not dwelling on the negative but the positives, maybe a SWAT analysis type survey?

David raised the point that there money available that can be used to fund some events. Currently there is between \$14 000 to \$18 000 of unallocated funds. OBA funds - to support the school and networking events for OBA. Need to look at opportunities for Old Boys' to meet, have a plan of action to build momentum. Karen should be made aware if there is funding for enterprise boys to apply for. David said there is an existing application form which should be located.

This year \$7000.00 to be reserved for spending for next 12 months.

Moved - Jarrold

Seconded - David

Karen shared her concern of the most recent Old Boys' (the past 10 years or so) not being caught and motivated to get involved in the OBA.

Some suggestions –

Finding ways to include the 'younger' Old Boys' (True Tales may not be relevant to 30 yr. olds and younger) using the time that we have left with the current Y13's to get contact details and use the leavers dinner as a platform to present the Association. Offer a scholarship – get boys themselves to choose a 'good guy' use the prize giving platform to award this. Invite all Duxes or all head boys to an event – across all age's not just reunions. Need strategies for each target group – for example not everyone plays golf.

Karen spoke to the new archives program. School is funding \$30 000 for the base of this project and if the Old Boys want an enriched archives then funding would be necessary. Takapuna Grammar have just implemented it and she would send Steve and John the links to the program. This offers searchable photo's, Fideliters magazine and then next step you will need a log on to access more, then leading to a payment to access in depth data. Database is created and grows - with moderator checking and implementing the stories, tags and photos that are added. Also the current information such as school newsletters, Facebook posts etc. are added as they are released to the school community.

TO  
ACTION

David  
(Lauren)

Karen

## General Business

### Upcoming events

#### Auckland Event – Thurs 22 October 2020

To rebuild connections, introduce Jarrod and promote the 'True Tales' publication. Plan to leave mid-afternoon and return 10:30 - 11 pm. Don Goodall going to promote 'True Tales', Murray, David, Al and Jarrod - space for one more. About 100 names were extracted from the database - John would like to see a list of the names for the Auckland event – Jarrod to send this to him.

Allowance of \$200.00 catering.

Moved – Jarrod

Seconded – Hans

Jarrod

#### Reunions

Emails have been sent to all the Old Boys' from the years 1940, 1950, 1960, 1970, 1980, 1990, 2000 & 2010. A visit to the school (with Karen) and morning tea is planned for the Saturday morning after the Golf Day (Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> November). Good way to promote this is the fact that there is only a year to see the school as it currently is before the new build is complete and is relocated. Lauren is working with Old Boys' in these years with class information from the Database.

Laureen

#### True Tales Book

The trip to Auckland is to also promote this and Jarrod has received about a dozen tales so far. Jarrod has approached a few people who are willing to help with the editing, collating etc. Hoping in 2 years' time there will be 40 plus stories to make this possible.

Jarrod sees this as a great way to broach conversations with Old Boys and reconnect. It is non-threatening and not a request for money but engaging with them (see Database details below).

#### Golf Day

Al and Kevin are in charge of this event and everything is still on track for Friday 20 November. It was suggested maybe funds from a future golf day could be ear marked for a project in the school.

Al

### Other Networking Events

#### Leavers Dinner and Scholarship

##### **Scholarship (at Senior Prize giving)**

Committee will be offering a \$1000.00 to this year's Y13's. This will be presented at the Senior Prize giving with a trophy which will be reissued annually. Important to get their current contact emails NOW before they leave. Hans will work with David to set up meeting Y13's, trophy ideas, getting email addresses.

Hans to find out how to engage Y13 boys to be more involved as they move on.

Hans  
David

##### **Leavers Dinner (30 October 2020)**

Dinner is in the hall and funded by the sale of tickets (parents and boys) - {in 2019 about 80 students attended with parents}. OBA presence at the dinner with each boy getting an OBA pin and sign up to OBA. Karen to ask Lisa Ross about the acquisition lapel pins (cost etc). Hans will have some spare to give to students who want one but didn't attend the dinner. David will look into acquisition of merchandise.

(\$1000.00 Scholarship + pin costs + trophy)

Karen  
Hans  
David

#### Database – Pledge/Subscriptions

Laureen is currently working through the database list of names who have donated or pay subscriptions in the past. Once this is complete it will be good if committee members take a group of names from the lists and make initial contact with these men using the book as a conversation starter - building relationships from there. Laureen will distribute the list to the committee when list when it is ready. Some committee members would like access to the database – Laureen to contact Murray for access rights.

Laureen

WW1 Project

WW1 is 99% complete and Josh did so much that it is important to finish it and for it to go live just details that need to be checked.

Steve and John have contacts who are historians and may be willing to help with fact checking – they will make contact. Jarrod to send them more information and the list of names of these soldiers. There are 34 plaques that will be needed – Hans is to ask Karen about the plans for this avenue of trees regarding continuation with the new avenue into the new build (types of plaque displays etc) Jarrod to talk to Rob Kerwan about plaques.

Jarrod  
Steve  
John  
Hans

**Old School Visit Next Year**

Rebuild could be a reason to promote a gathering as there are only 12 months left for seeing the existing school as it was before it is relocated.

**OBA Rugby Day**

David spoke to this event that was arranged a few years back at the Semenoff Stadium to attend a rugby game together. He will investigate this opportunity further.

David

**Meeting closed at 7:10 pm**

**Date of Next Meeting**

Monday 28 September 2020