

WBHS Old Boys' Association Committee Meeting Minutes
Held on 2 November 2020 at 5:30pm at Yovich & Co, 23 Rathbone St, Whangārei

Present:

Jarrold Goodall, Lauren True, Steve Gillingham, John Barber, Hans Brits

Apologies:

Al Kirk, Alex Thorne, David Templeton

Previous Minutes:

The minutes from 28th September August 2020 committee meeting were taken as read and approved.

Moved – Jarrod

Seconded – John

Matters Arising from previous minutes

True Tales

Don Goodall was invited to speak to the committee on the structure and expectations of the book 'True Tales'. He encouraged the committee to involve their network of Old Boys' to get their stories written and sent in. Nothing is too short and any story from way back up to yesterday is history. Any story – from students, cleaners, tuck shop staff, teachers etc. will be good to have. The book is beginning to happen but ideally we need 70 to 80 stories but 100 would be great. He thought the timeline for the book would be that it is ready by the time of the opening of the museum. He then spent some time retelling a few very good stories that have so far been received – to give the committee an idea of what is expected. Don said there are a number of famous Old Boys' that would require some research but he is feeling frustrated that the editorial committee need to be more enthusiastic and find people and stories. He is currently working on a list that Lauren will format and get out to the editorial committee – so they can get going with this task! Jarrod thanked Don for his time.

TO ACTION

Committee

Don
Laureen

Data base – calling

Jarrold divided this list of subscribers and pledges into groups of about 50 names. These were then divided between the committee members:

1917 to 1944	Alex	1962 to 1967	John
1945 to 1951	Hans	1968 to 1979	Steve
1952 to 1957	Al	1980 to now	Jarrold
1958 to 1961	David		

Laureen to sort out the 'blank' years on the spreadsheet then she will forward these lists on, to enable the committee to start to make contact with these men. Steve is to draft a document that can be used when making these calls – so that everyone will cover the same aspects and information to each person called.

Laureen
Steve

WW1 Project

Unfortunately Josh could not make the meeting – so Hans passed on his instructions (also emailed these to Lauren for filing) but it was felt that it would be best to get together with Josh in the new year so he can show the committee exactly what is required. Hans also shared the contact details for the Wooster family who are very willing to share any information on their family member on this list. (Orira Orchards). In the meantime, Josh's current information is going to be forwarded to Quinton Randal, Herb Farren (specialist in historic data) to see what they can add. John also showed the work he received back from Keith Sloan and the few additions he has provided can be added to Josh's data when formatting into Word docs is done. Jarrod to forward the email from Quinton to Josh asking him to send Quinton the spreadsheet. Jarrod confirmed that he is very committed to finish this for Josh and get it up on the website as Josh has devoted so much time into this project.

Laureen
Steve

Jarrold

Auckland Event

Travel details are confirmed for this coming Wednesday evening (4th) with around 18 attending and 6 hosts. Don Goodall will be going as well to encourage attendees to get their stories written for the book. It will be a low key evening and planning on making this an annual event.

Golf Day

Jarrold has spoken to Kevin Salmon and the team entries this year are nearly double on last years (15 teams) – which is very good and it is looking like it will be a great event. Don has been asked to attend at prize giving time to tell a few tales and broach the book topic with another audience. David was to ask Karen to come and speak too. David was not at meeting to confirm that he has approached Karen yet. Jarrold to confirm with Kevin - what time this part of the afternoon it will be.

David
Jarrold

Reunions

We have 10 confirmed attendees so far. Jarrold is aware that the year 2000 have planned to have a catch up after this event. As this is the first one and due to Covid etc. it is unfortunate that it has also fallen in November. Next year this needs to be planned at a better time – maybe an event every second month instead of them all falling in one month like Golf, Auckland Event and Reunions.

Leavers Dinner

Hans said that this was a great evening and the speaker Ian Holdaway, who was head boarder at Carruth inspired the boys by saying that his education at WBHS was what help him outperform students from other school when he went to Med school. Hans had all the boys who attended sign up to the OBA, with Ian also adding his name to the list at the end of the evening.

OBA Scholarship

Hans showed the committee a photo of the trophy (an elegant piece of kauri) he has had 'laser' engraved for the award. The student was chosen on many merits and firstly nominated by their peers, then final decision was made by the staff – so the student who will be awarded this is one who fits the criteria for good attendance, attitude, contributed to the wider life of the school, etc. Jarrold asked if he was a student who would walk away with many awards and Hans explained that the Deputy Principal Allister Gilbert had made sure that it is a boy who would normally not receive many. Laureen will print his name in the next Old Boys newsletter.

Laureen

General Business

Laureen's Resignation

Jarrold thanked Laureen for what she has achieved for the OBA in the past year. He said that knowing that she is going to still be working with the archives is good to know as this is a corresponding area. Laureen will be employed until the end of this school year in December 2020. She has also offered to help her replacement in whatever way she can. He said that David, himself and Karen had met today with Treena Shrimpton (who is a current employee at WBHS) and she will be taking on this role from Laureen. It was important to have a person who works in the school and who is familiar with the schools activities. As it has been realised that the committee are the ones who should be contacting fellow Old Boys this will be less hours than Laureen currently does. It therefore means that the funding for this role will last longer.

Badges and Pins

Jarrold asked Hans about the badges Karen had handed to him. Hans explained he had given some to the students at the leaver's dinner. Laureen explained she had found the 'Life Membership' and Venerable Old Boys' badges. Jarrold felt that the Venerable OB's ones should be given to those who have helped/ contributed to the OBA for 2 years or more. Laureen to get the badges from Hans and to leave some pins at reception for Jarrold to collect.

Laureen

Meeting closed at 7:30 pm

Date of Next Meeting
MONDAY 15th February 2012
VENUE – TO BE CONFIRMED