

WBHS Old Boys' Association Committee Meeting Minutes
Held on 28th September 2020 at 5:30pm at The Orchard, 35 Walton St, Whangārei

**TO
ACTION**

Present:

Jarrold Goodall, David Templeton, Alex Thorne, Laureen True, Steve Gillingham, John Barber

Apologies:

Al Kirk, Hans Britts, Karen Gilbert-Smith

Previous Minutes:

The minutes from 31st August 2020 committee meeting were taken as read and approved.

Moved – Jarrod

Seconded - John

Matters Arising

True Tales Book

Laureen spoke to this – a meeting of the editing committee was arranged at Don's request and even with just 3 people being able to come along Don wanted to go ahead with it. His suggestion is to keep the momentum of getting stories recorded and saved for now. Use any means to get Old Boys' to contribute tales.

Ideas: Committee members submit stories, use a 'challenge your mates' scenario to motivate Old Boys' to write, reach out with email reminders, sending out the stories we have received as examples and motivation. Jarrod would like a further meeting of full editorial committee so they can get motivated to contact people and help record these if necessary. David can organise a Zoom meeting for people outside of Whangārei (Russel Smith – Dunedin). Jarrod/Laureen to arrange meeting.

Jarrold
Laureen

Database

Jarrold had a zoom meeting with Trent, Murray Holdaway and Marko (Murray's developer) to discuss merging and going live with the database. The committee looked at the list of all who have shown an interest in the Association by way of pledges or subscribing (full list has 510 names with around 50 deceased – so +-450 potential contacts). Laureen to continue with entering the payments from old files on spreadsheet.

David has accessed the database and updated some Old Boys' contact details. As the general emails go out to via Mail Chimp this is not linked to the database email system (they are working on trying to link the 2) but for now when any email address is updated, notification should be sent to Laureen so she can change them on Mail Chimp – make sure you have the persons permission to add them to the mailing list.

Committee

Alex will need access to database – Laureen to arrange this.

Laureen

Jarrold to look into splitting this into 'decades' and distributing these lists to committee members, to make contact with these Old Boys'- touching base, thanking them for their support in the past, and asking about a story or two for the book. Possible split – Jarrod (90's), John (60's), Steve (70's), Alex (2000's), David (80's) also Al & Hans - with these being confirmed and split by Jarrod.

Jarrold
Laureen

Laureen to send Jarrod the raw data she received from Murray.

Archiving Project

The school has already invested in this project (basic framework) and the Association is going to add value (enhance the archives). All the OBA can do is raise funds as it is a school asset. Jarrod would like to have a document from Karen – to be used as a promotion of this project and outlining the reasons and explaining how their (the Old Boy's) contribution will benefit this.

It would be good to have an outline on the expectations of both the school and the Association around the museum, archives and the memorabilia from Karen. These tools are needed to promote this project. David to communicate with Karen.

David

WWI Project

Both Steve and John have been in touch with their historian contacts. John raised a concern and asked where did this list of men come from? His contact highlighted that one of the men on the list wasn't killed in the war but a few years later. This information needs to be accurate. All the information found needs to be collated, missing information needs to be added and the project uploaded. Suggested that next meeting we all meet at The Orchard and have a longer meeting to work on this and invite Josh to come along.

Jarrold said that Josh had a vision of an interactive plaque (with QR code linked to website) being available for all 31 names alongside the pohutukawa trees in the lane. He has spoken to Rob Kerwan and Rob will follow this up to give an idea of the costs involved to see what fundraising will be needed.

Upcoming events

Auckland Event – Wednesday 4th November 2020

Date has changed from October to November. Committee is encouraged to reach out personally to Old Boys' you know in Auckland and encourage them to attend. Going down to the event at the moment are: Jarrod, Al, John, David & Don Goodall. Reminder to be sent out again to Auckland contacts. Jarrod to look at the (pledge/subscription) list for Aucklanders.

Committee
Lauren
Jarrod

Golf Day

Major sponsor again this year is Yovich & Co. Suggestion for this year is that the teams are 3 players and not 6. Last year teams of 6 took too long for play. Jarrod suggested that something be arranged for the end of the event after prize giving. Possibility to get Don to read some stories and promote this and Karen to talk about the school and current/future projects.

Jarrold
David

Jarrold to contact Don. David to contact Karen.

Reunions

First email was to 'Save the Date', second Mass email will be sent out shortly to all those we have contact details for from 1940, 50, 60, 70, 80, 90, 2000, 2010. Committee was encouraged to use their networks and find friends who may be from these years and get them to set up private functions for their year, after the school visit.

Lauren
Committee

Leavers Dinner & Scholarship

Hans has approached the school regarding this award (Old Boys' Fine Young Men Trophy). It will be presented at senior prize giving annually. Peer group nominations with staff making the final selection. Criteria: good attendance, punctuality, polite and respectful, commitment, good all round relationships, well presented. He is still waiting for feedback on the lapel pins for leavers' dinner.

Fideliter Fellowship Award

Dr Trevor Worthy and John Bell are both in Australia and are keen to come over to accept their award. Karen is flexible with timing of this and the presentation will take place when they are able to come over. Open for new nominations – David mentioned Michael Hill (further investigation on how to approach him is needed. Maybe from the music angle and through Karen instead of from the Association). Timing for nominations is best to do so in the 2nd newsletter of the year, before the AGM.

General Business:

OBA Rugby Day

David is arranging an OBA rugby afternoon to watch the Vikings play at the Semenoff Stadium. There are 2 home games left in the Mitre 10 Cup – 31 October and 14 November. He has spoken to Jock Finlayson and waiting for a reply.

David

Life Membership Fees and Annual Subscriptions

Jarrold proposed that the fees for both annual subscriptions and Life membership be increased to Life Membership = \$500

Annual Subscription = \$60

Moved – Jarrod

Seconded – David

This matter will be brought to the AGM in 2021 for ratification.

Alex needs access to PayPal – Jarrod to arrange this.

Jarrod

Subscriptions

The Association is committed to \$2000 to the school a year. Funds need to be generated. Steve suggested that using an incentive – if you pay now you will be invited to an exclusive Old Boy function (old school visit next year, official opening of new school, etc.).

Look at publishing the names of members who have paid either on the website or in the newsletter once payments are up and running again. Lauren to send Steve the drafts she made on payment requests at the beginning of the year.

Laureen

Give something away to get payment – Steve to talk to Karen about what exclusive things could be offered and possible revamping old tiles or bricks from the old school buildings. The school students could prepare these and the school could use this as a fundraiser but the Association could promote it and give 3 away in a draw for those who have paid their annual subs.

Steve

First communication of the year should be about payment of subs. Items should have a timeline - subs are always raised in the first newsletter of the 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.

*(refer back to Database – contacting subscribers – this is the place to start)

Meeting closed at 6:50 pm

Date of Next Meeting

Monday 2nd November 2020

VENUE – The Orchard, 35 Walton Street.

BRING YOUR LAPTOPS and meeting will be slightly longer due to WW1 work after committee meeting