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Present: Leigh Bissett, Stuart Hill, John Sutherland, Stephen MacKinnon,
Jennifer MacKinnon

Membership:

There had been a debate online as some members were concerned that their life membership was being withdrawn, and memberships had to be 'renewed'. Leigh asked what our feelings were on this matter and the main items identified were:

1. Should membership be linked to the 200 club
2. Should we/could we cancel life memberships
3. New members would not be life members
4. Payments for life membership have not been collected by the school since approx 2008. John advised that payments were received in 2009 and 2010, but the list had 52 names and only 41 had paid but were not identified!
5. Where is the original list of Life members – held by the school?

After much discussion it was decided that:

- a. Life members will continue to hold that membership and have a vote.
- b. School leavers will have the opportunity and be encouraged to pay £10 for Life Membership on Grand Day – this will give them a vote.
- c. Work will be done to try and identify those who paid in 2009 & 2010 and those who didn't, also those who did not get the opportunity to join in recent years.
- d. Active membership of the 200 Club to be encouraged at all opportunities.



Treasurer: Balance: £15556.57 which includes £9521.70 for Help for Heroes.

Stephen advised that an OV has also promised £500 to make up to £10K.

200 Club: 154 members at present. 73 signed up in March, but payment dates were made between April and December, so not all will take effect immediately. John makes sure that all those entered in prize draws are paid up to date. Donations online will be made a lot easier once we get Charitable status. In the meantime Direct Debits are the best way to collect monies. Hopefully, income from the 200 club will be £2500 + per annum.

6th Form: Leigh has been in touch with Jill Adams (6th form co-ordinator) about 2/3 of the committee visiting them for an 'information' afternoon/evening in June. It was agreed that we could spend £50-100 on some form of tea/supper. Date to be arranged.

Grand Day: We will have a stall on Grand Day with an OVA Banner (Stephen to arrange). Other things to be available:

- Hard Copies of Newsletter
- Slide show
- Membership sign up forms
- 200 Club forms
- Badge pins – Stephen to look at designs within 2 weeks, committee approval and John will arrange production. Minimum order is 500 @ £1.19 each.
- Ties – Black silk with gold logo (OV emblem when decided). These are available from a company in Portobello @£12 each, minimum order 40.
- Raffle, advertise in Newsletter. John and Stephen to see if they can get 'special' prizes. Draw to be made on the day and winners' names to be announced in next newsletter. (Since the meeting thought, if we have the draw early enough, we could have a large board that we can put the winners' names on in the hope that people would see their name before they leave on Grand Day.

Leigh arranging drink/nibbles for after parade?



Secretary: What happens to post that is sent to QVS? Need to make arrangements for it to be sent on to Jennie.

Membership cards – John advised that most life members should have cards – do we want to issue new ones? Jennie thought 'credit card type' cards may be acceptable. Stephen thinks they are reasonable priced and will look into prices. We could then supply them each year to new members.

Letter heading paper – good idea, but may be costly. Jennie will look into prices and in the meantime Stuart will send a logo which can be used.

Drop box folder could hold things like letters etc. All committee should have access. Stuart will send instructions to share it.

Internet: Stuart has been working to get the Database up and running and this should be done within the next month. Then members will have access to their own details and will be able to update them as necessary. An e-mail will be sent to everyone on the list giving them the password. They will also be able to publish their own news items.

We will be able to filter the list according to school year, school number, location etc.

Phil Couper has intimated that he would be happy to help with this and Stuart asked Stephen to send his number.

Contact can be made via email, social media, telephone or letter if necessary.

Leigh is in the process of dealing with the application for Charitable Status and filling in the necessary forms.

Many 'displaced' OVs would like to take part in AGM, but unable to attend. Once website is completely up and running they should be able to forward motions for discussion and/or vote on said motions, committee etc. It may be possible to outsource this.



Supporting the School:

This was left to the next meeting due to time constraints.

Date of next meeting: Sunday 10th June @ 1900.

J. MacKinnon 16/05/12