

MINUTES OF PTA AGM – Thursday 2nd October, 2014.

Present: Libby Reed, Anna Druce, Mike Fosker, Randall Brook, Andrea Oakes, Adam Keogh, Louise Wylie, Lizzie Hoskins, Helen Bate, Pete Sadler.

Apologies: Verity Howard, Hattie.

LAST YEAR'S AGM MINUTES

Produced by Randall and will be signed.

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

Libby presented her report (attached), outlining the year's activities and the success of the fund-raising drive and the installation of the boat.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Adam presented his report (attached), summarising that the PTA is in a good position at the start of the new academic year. We are hopeful of a good donation for our part in the Mawnan Fun Run. All agreed that the day was a great success – the debrief meeting comes soon.

ELECTION OF NEW COMMITTEE MEMBERS

The committee welcomed Pete Sadler as a new member (proposed by Louise and seconded by Libby). Also Hattie (proposed by Libby and seconded by Louise), and Jude (proposed by Libby and seconded by Louise). Randall will be teachers' representative (proposed by Anna and seconded by Adam) – sharing the role with Louise as work commitments allow.

AOB

On behalf of the school governors, Lizzie thanked the committee for the getting the fantastic new playground equipment up and running. Libby also thanked the committee; Adam mentioned positive feedback heard from parents. Pete expressed his thanks that the new playground equipment had been paid for and installed by fund-raising.

ACCOUNT SIGNATORIES

Adam reported that these need updating. Apparently there should be two staff members and two parents. It was decided that Louise and Randall, Adam and Libby would do this.

Adam suggested that old PTA records/minutes and other old invoices could be thinned down and stored at school – Randall agreed that space would be found.

The AGM was closed.

Report from Libby, Chairperson for PTA 2014.

The focus for this year, no actually it was the obsession of this year was to raise enough money for the new play equipment.

We were all in agreement that we would give ourselves one year to finish the fundraising started several years ago. £12,000 had been raised so far.

After Andrea had spent **many** hours investigating possible options and costs (thank- you) we realised that we needed to raise in the region of another £6000 to have anything like a decent play zone. It was a huge sum but we were on a mission and there was no stopping us, staff, parents and children were encouraged, cajoled and badgered to join in with the various events we arranged, these included, a salsa night, curry evening, clothing sale, the Christmas activities, a crazy but successful 2 hours at Raze the roof, a couple of children took the initiative and ran their own fundraising Charlotte Ahearn organised a photo competition and Kieran had a toy sale, but the most notable for the year was the sponsored bike event, to my mind this defines the spirit of the school, involving staff, children and parents, with incredible support from family and friends. The Children ran stalls; staff and parents took part, truly a team event.

We were helped too by the generosity of the local community, Helford river car parks, the Parish council, Mawnan Church, and the Fire Brigade gave considerable donations and the Panto group gave us the proceeds from the gala night. All this contributed to being able at last to order and purchase the play equipment which

was installed to much excitement during the summer term, none of this could have been possible without the amazing commitment and hard work from the members of the PTA; Andrea, Anna, Adam, Mike, Helen, Verity, Jo, Louise, Randall, and Staff a particular thank -you to Randall who is so supportive, and Ruth who so willingly prints, copies, phones etc and has to put up with my constant interruptions so **thank you all very much**. We have now had a 'grand' opening and Earthwrights have been paid so we achieved our objective and are free to raise money for something else..... watch this space.

Libby Reed

Treasurer's report for the year ended 31 July 2014.

This has been an incredible year for the P.T.A. We have held a varied range of events which has enabled a healthy income stream. By holding events which are slightly different to the norm we have managed to increase the level of income far above a usual year.

The bike event was the main earner of the year and there is in fact a small sum which will fall into the 2015 accounts. This event alone has generated a surplus of over £2,000 (including the overlap element).

The panto, Bags 4 School, Raise the Roof, salsa and curry nights have also proven that by holding events slightly different to our usual ones has been very successful. This has also proven to be the case in the year to 31 August 2015 where we have already managed to secure donations from the fun run of potentially £1,000. This event alone could enable us to repay the school the loan which they made to us to cover the last part of the boat cost.

The Christmas activities, although very time consuming for those involved, have proven to be a good method of increasing the cash held at a time when our other events are reasonably quiet.

We have been very lucky this year to have received some great donations from the Helford Passage car park, the parish council, church, Annie Sibert, Trebah Gardens and the fire brigade for which we are very thankful.

Our biggest expense of the year as always is the cost of providing the swimming lessons.

As at 31 August 2014, we had funds available of £18,928.08. After the payment of the new playground equipment there is only a small sum left. Hopefully we can continue to build up the cash reserves to enable us to pay for the swimming lessons again and also to repay the loan back to the school within the one year agreed time.

Adam Keogh