

## **Monkton Bluefriars Charitable Trust**

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting 14<sup>th</sup> November 2021

Held online via Microsoft Teams starting 3.00 p.m.

**Attending :** Fergus Murison; Toby Saunders; Julius Caesar; Julian Bewick;  
Steve Williams; Alex Leflaive-Manley; John Clark; Simon Brown

- 1. Apologies :** The following did not attend – Alex Partridge; Rowley Douglas;  
Genevieve Bailhache  
Peter Bossom has resigned as Trustee and Secretary
- 2. Review of Minutes :** There were no matters arising from the minutes of the AGM held on 25<sup>th</sup> October 2020.
- 3. Trustee appointments :**
  - a)** Fergus and Toby were unanimously re-appointed Chairman and Treasurer respectively. John Clark agreed, for this meeting only, to act as Secretary.
  - b)** It was felt that some new, active, and perhaps younger Trustees are needed. John Clark had contacted Chris Cook – an O.M. and current parent – and proposed that he be invited to join the Board of Trustees. This was unanimously agreed.
  - c)** A number of Trustees, for understandable reasons, have been unable to attend meetings and it was agreed that they would be asked if they wish to continue as Trustees. Fergus agreed to talk to Genevieve Bailhache  
Alex agreed to talk to Alex Partridge and Rowley Douglas.

Under clause 9 of our Trustee Deed the Trustees can appoint Patrons or Vice-Patrons of the Charity and Trustees may like to consider such appointments for former Trustees distinguished in rowing.
- 4. Membership :**
  - a)** After considerable discussion it was agreed that a view of a fallen tree on the Dundas stretch of the Avon would not be a suitable cover for the last Bluefriars newsletter.
  - b)** Simon agreed to up-date and improve the website.
  - c)** Discussion on recruitment of new members was postponed to the next meeting.
- 5. Events** The Monkton Head will no longer be held. Simon suggested that a “Boat Club Dinner” should be held annually. This was felt to be a good idea by a number of Trustees and concrete proposals would be considered at a future meeting.
- 6. Rowing club membership for OM’s / parents** The Trustees can only consider this when a formal request for funds has been made. Should a request be made this would need examination to ensure such funding is allowed under the Trust’s aims.

- 7. Finances :** a) The Treasurer tabled accounts for the year from 1<sup>st</sup> September 2020 to 31<sup>st</sup> August 2021 and a budget for the year 2021/22 (Copies of which will be attached to these Minutes). Both were approved by the Trustees.  
The accounts show a 15% increase in the value of the Trust's portfolio to £233,737 but a loss of £3,799 in current operations for the year, with dividend and interest income of £4,322 making a small net profit of £523 for the year.
- b) The Trustees' Annual Report to the Charities Commission will be produced by the Treasurer in the near future and circulated to the Trustees.
- c) The Trustees considered the request for a grant of £2,300 from Sam Ford; it was agreed to pay 100% of the fees making up this total as and when they fall due.
- 8. Strategy :** The Trustees postponed discussions on future grant strategy between the School, individual current pupils and OM's and other recipients until the next meeting. In the meantime Fergus agreed to contact the new Director of Sport to discuss rowing at Monkton, the School's commitment to rowing and what part Bluefriars can/should play.
- 9. Future Meetings :** The next meeting was set for 7<sup>th</sup> January 2022 and provisional dates of 8<sup>th</sup> April, 8<sup>th</sup> July and the AGM on 7<sup>th</sup> October 2022.
- 10. Any Other Business :** a) The Trustees wish to thank Peter Bossom for his commitment over a number of years to the Bluefriars Charitable Trust and his sterling assistance as Secretary and to wish him all the best for the future.
- b) Most Trustees do not appear to be aware of the Bye Laws which were adopted at the time the trust was formed. Our current operations do not fully comply with these so they need to be changed. John will circulate a copy of the Bye Laws with suggestions for updating them for discussion at the next meeting.

Post Meeting Chris Cook has agreed to join the Board of Trustees.