

Minutes of the Aldryngton PTA meeting 12th June 2014

1. Present

Simon Feist; Anna Neffendorf; Elaine Stewart; Julia Franks; Kay Blackaby; Claire Connell; Philip Byrne; John Thompson

2. Apologies

Stephen Lea; Michaela Thomas

3. Minutes of last meeting and matters arising

- Wokingham do not have a policy for promoting external linked events we can follow, Radstock have a policy we may be able to adapt **JF to chase up again**
- New code for the PTA garage lock – unfortunately as a result of the change in code the lock seized and had to be replaced. **Code reverts to original combination.**
- Michaela Thomas has offered to take this on and has made some positive suggestions for improvements. SF to co-ordinate with SW **in progress**
- Companies that offer matched funding for fundraising – definitely worth further investigation. **Action SF to include in next newsletter**

There were no other matters arising and the Minutes were agreed to be an accurate record of the meeting on 24th April 2014

4. Treasurer's report

The treasurer's report was discussed and will be available on the PTA page of the school website. Pool donations have come in – are we communicating the need for these donations effectively?

5. School funding partnership

There were no new requests at this meeting. ES said that the school is very grateful for the money raised by the PTA.

6. Events this term

Triathlon – Another gas BBQ is needed as the one we usually borrow is broken. The number of entries is up on last year. Set up will be from 10am. Four floats required. Temporary Event Notice is in place.

Happy's Circus – Ticket prices were agreed at £7 (indiv) and £25 (family of 4) as suggested by the circus organising document. The scouts will be running a BBQ, we will be doing a bar and ice creams. Bottle tombola **SF to check if AK can run it as usual.** There will be a staff raffle, possibly Upper school may wish to run a few stalls (**SF check with CM**) Coconut shy / skittles. Ticket sales to take place in the playground before school ASAP.

7. Bingo Evening – feedback and lessons learned

The bingo evening was enjoyed by all who attended, however was not as profitable as we hoped. However the initial outlay leaves us with enough materials to run another evening, possibly after Christmas. Next time we need to open the event up to families (slightly earlier start time?), and get the communication of the event up and running earlier.

8. Offers of help in the PTA box file – follow up

There were a number of returned slips resulting from the PTA newsletter earlier in the year. Unfortunately these have not been followed up, if we do this again either on paper or online via the website it is important to assign someone to follow up responses.

9. AOB

The PTA microphone which was damaged earlier in the year was not able to be repaired. A new microphone has been purchased at a cost of £69 (**approved 14/24**)

Swimming Pool - The pool cover has reached the end of its life and is disintegrating and blocking the pool filters. The purchase of a new cover costing £1370 was **approved (14/25)** Some maintenance work has also been carried out on the pool heat exchangers. SF is looking into getting a large storage shed for the pool area, and a number of storage boxes around the school **JF to get some prices.**

Pool Club – A few early teething problems, including pool club parents entering the pool area before children had finished getting changed after their lesson. Pool club sessions start at 3.30pm **SF to remind pool club members of this as a matter of urgency.**

Christmas cards – we may be able to get more orders if the cards go out a little earlier in the term (late Sept if possible) More helpers are needed with the initial mailshot. **SF to speak to RP to see if she is willing to co-ordinate again this year**

Jubilee – Ideas were discussed for the PTA to make use of the marquee that will be on the field for the Jubilee evening. The marquee is 12m x 33m, and will have seating and tables for 300 people, carpet type flooring, table cloths, a PA system and bar. A number of ideas were discussed: an afternoon Saturday cinema for the children; to be followed by an event to include adults and children – beer/wine tasting; quiz or bingo; cheese & wine with disco/live music; boules; circus skills. **To be discussed further at the next meeting**

Claire Connell informed the meeting that she will be stepping down as Treasurer at the AGM. The PTA is very grateful for all her work over the past two years. We need to let parents know that we would welcome volunteers to take on this post (newsletter?)

10. Date of Next Meeting

Thursday 10th July 2014