

Aldryngton PTA

Minutes of PTA AGM 3 October 2008

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Present

Graham Begg, Peter Chamberlain, Ian Head, Stephen Lea, Usha Mistry, Alice Sibulinjase, Elaine Stewart, Simon Windisch, Sue Beasley and many others.

View from the top

Elaine gave thanks to the new parent attendees at the meeting, explained the purpose of the PTA and gave some examples of recent fund raising events. Special thanks were given to Sue Beasley for her work running the school pool, to Usha for organizing cake sales noting that proceeds go direct to the class, and to outgoing committee members Linda and Rebecca for their support over the years.

Elections

Ian proposed the names for election to the PTA committee as outlined in the previous meeting of 16 September. There were no objections or challenges so the committee members were duly elected as follows...

Chair: Ian Head

Vice chair: Simon Windisch

Secretary: Graham Begg

Treasurer: Stephen Lea

Swimming Pool: Sue Beasley

Disco events: Justine Bark

Cake sales: Usha Mistry

Newsletters/Website: Simon Windisch

Publicity: Year 6

Role and aims of the PTA

Ian gave an introduction to the work of the PTA and gave some additional examples of PTA-funded equipment and activities, all designed to make our own children's experience of school life more positive. Ian then explained he wished to effect a change in the way the PTA is run by forming a core steering group who will help promote and run events, led by special event coordinators. Invitations were made to those present to consider helping to run one or more events in the coming year.

Treasurer's Report

Stephen presented the statement of accounts which were approved without exception.

Open Forum

- Alison Tomsett suggested we collect the names and contact details of all people present willing to help the PTA in some form. This was carried out during the meeting.
- Usha suggested the list of events organizers and contact details be available on the PTA website.
- Ian talked about the building extension and that the PTA would prefer not to fund the work directly. It was suggested that sponsored (named) bricks or similar may be a way to encourage additional funding. Graham mentioned the Oracle Global Volunteer scheme which might be a useful way to get help with the refurbishment after the building work is completed.
- Cathy Youngs asked for more events specifically for children, e.g. film evenings by year group. She also request more information on planned capital purchases; Ian mentioned the table tennis tables, and other general suggestions were that the pool should have a roof and/or the toilet in the pool changing building should be brought inside the pool area to make it easier for swimmers to use.
- Alison Tomsett suggested another fashion show, but this was not generally favoured as the takings were not sufficient last time.
- From the floor, it was suggested that local businesses be encouraged to sponsor events, perhaps through advertising in event programmes. "It All Helps" online shopping portal was mentioned as one way to raise money. Other suggestions included more Bingo Nights (one per term), that the PTA website should be able to contain password-protected information for PTA members.

AOB

- The PTA would like to thank Jane Edmunds for her excellent work and support for "Wrap a Present".
- Thanks go to Jane Westwell who has volunteered to help with the next event - Quiz Night. Please call her on 0118 9265978.
- Graham to prepare the contact details collected during the evening (see separate sheet)