



Aldryngton PTA

Minutes of PTA Annual General Meeting Friday 24th September 2010 Revision 0

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1. Present

Peter Kemm
Helen Kemm
Stephen Lee
Elaine Stewart
Janette Bushnell

Graham Begg
Simon Windisch
Pergiang Wang
Cathy Begg
Tony Hanson
Sarah Hanson

Emma Dunn
Siama Butt
Melda Baxter
Gavin Murdoch
Suzana Murdoch
B & H Grieves

2. Apologies

None

	Action
<p>3. Chairs Report by Simon Windisch</p> <p>The past year has been a mixed year: On the positive side we've been very active, organising many successful events including the circus and Christmas fayre, as well as the bingo, quiz, three discos and providing significant help to the sports day, leavers BBQ and the country dancing.</p> <p>The swimming pool has been a success yet again, even though Wokingham provided free swimming this year, it shows the true strength of the PTA.</p> <p>Funding has been provided by the PTA for the gazebo to be rebuilt, a climbing wall, new pool boilers, a wireless microphone system and funding to pretty much every classroom and area of the school.</p> <p>There has also been a decline in the numbers on the PTA committee; in the last year our numbers have dwindled to a handful of parents and teachers, and our big events have been severely hampered by the lack of people coming forward to help. The commitment to the school and the PTA shown by parents seems to have diminished. We need to reinvigorate grass roots support and get people involved with the school again.</p>	
<p>4. Treasurer's Report by Stephen Lee</p> <p>The accounts prepared by SL were reviewed and accepted. SL made the follow key points:</p> <p><i>Pool</i> - fee was reduced from £63 in 2009 to £50 for 2010, this resulted in a drop in income but an increase in numbers. PTA is subsidizing the pool to cover the running costs but not the capital equipment.</p> <p>Need to increase the voluntary donations for school swimming lessons as 30% of parents are not contributing. For offsite visits the contribution is 90%.</p> <p>Future action:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - place reminder in newsletter, and avoid confusion over school and PTA pool letters. - To increase usage of the pool and avoid parents being put off by duties, make more of the swap and duty selling facilities, and that no new person is on duty without experienced person. <p><i>Disco</i> – cost of DJ is steadily increasing.</p> <p><i>Purchases</i> – Justine Bark makes the bulk of the purchases and our thanks go to Justine for the buying, smooth running of events and feeding the 2p machine.</p> <p><i>Circus</i> – was extremely successful; booked for 2012.</p>	Action

<p><i>Cakes</i> – Our thanks to Helen Grieves.</p> <p><i>Special Project Fund</i> – In 2008 a £1600 plus gift aid was raised; spent on the library and contributions to the garden.</p> <p><i>Commitment to the School</i> – school make purchases against PTA promises, this avoids the PTA having to pay VAT. School cuts will result in the PTA having to provide the school with more funding, leaving little surplus for the “extras”. So we need to keep raising money.</p>	
<p>5. Head Teachers Report by Elaine Stewart</p> <p>The PTA makes a significant contribution to the school; it provides a sense of belonging and makes good use of peoples skills. The PTA has provided an extremely successful traversing wall, it gives parents and children a voice, and provides people with the opportunity to meet others and have fun.</p> <p>However, it is noted that prior to big events tension develops as insufficient parents have been showing interest. We need to spread the message to other parents to contribute to the PTA.</p> <p>Our thanks go to SW in his role as chair and for making events such a success.</p> <p>Education is no-longer protected, and budget cuts will occur. We need to ensure that the children do not notice the cuts.</p> <p>ES looks forward to working with the PTA in the year to come.</p>	
<p>6. Questions to PTA</p> <p>How to raise interest in the PTA among parents?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - send “interest” letter to parents out at least twice per year, e.g. before xmas and summer fayres; - arrange for parents to sign up on a board and then send out reminders; - place names on PTA website to act as a reminder; - advertise at parents evenings and at events; <p>Prepare Newsletter stating:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - what PTA money is being spent on; - detailing where parents can help; - be specific on what help is required. <p>Use texting to greater extent.</p>	

7. Election of Officers

SW is stepping down as chair.

Position	Proposer	Second
Chair – Graham Begg	Simon Windisch	Helen Kemm
Vice Chair – Peter Kemm	Graham Begg	Emma Dunn
Treasurer – Stephen Lee	Graham Begg	Elaine Stuart
Secretary – Simon Windisch	Peter Kemm	Elaine Stuart

New committee members:

Siama Butt

Melda Baxter

Pergiang Wang

Gavin Murdoch offers his assistance in managing the PTA website.

Roles of Pool and Cake Sales Coordinators are available.

Pool committee to be set up – discussion at next meeting.

8. Up Coming Events

Mr Vacher's Cake Sale - 30 Sept. 2010

Disco – 21 October 2010 and 20 February 2011

Quiz night – 12 November 2010

Christmas Fayre – 4 December 2010

Next AGM – 22 September 2011

Next committee meeting – 3 November 2011

Post meeting note: additional committee mtg to be held on 7 October.

9. AOB

Our thanks to Simon Windisch, Helen Grieves and Sue Beasley for all their hard work in helping the PTA.

Great British Elm Experience – Sarah Hanson asked if the school can provide a site for an elm sapling. Protection will be needed from footballs etc – protective fence may require PTA funding.