

SACA Annual General Meeting.

21st October 2024.

Library St. Andrews College.

MINUTES

Present: Graham Weir (**chaired**), Wesley Hudson (Hon Sec) -**WH**, Philip Corrigan (Hon Treasurer)- **PC**, Niall O’Hagan **NOH**, Ulla McCarthy **UMC**, Paul McClatchie **PMC**, Neil Brady **NB**, Finn Walker **FW**, Rian Geraghty McDowell **RGM**, Sarah Brownlee (**SB**)

1. **APOLOGIES:** Philip Balbirnie, Louise O’Brien.
2. **MINUTES:** The Minutes of the committee meeting of the 30th of September 2024, were adopted.
3. **PRINCIPAL’S REPORT:** Louise Marshall attended the AGM and reported to the SACA committee, all notable matters from the last school year.

Group acknowledgment that John Hemmingway (RAF officer) (105 years of age) visited the school- it was a really positive visit for the students etc.

LM advised that they are restoring a WW2 plane which John Hemingway would have used.

There are proposals to fly the restored plane over of St Andrews college.

LM noted the leaving cert results for students at the college and commented that they were outstanding, across the board.

Evaluation visits for the IB are proposed.

There are proposed exciting international travel opportunities (and CPD) for the teachers in the college, connected with the IB programme, for a broader outlook with international schools for benchmarking purposes.

Sports successes were outlined by LM.

Music and artistic success and annual reporting are on the college website, as noted by LM.

LM outlined all of the highlights for the year and also thanked the SACA committee for their work.

Q and A with Louise Marshall then took place.

The SACA committee thanked LM for attending the AGM and reporting to the SACA committee.

1. SACA Treasurers report.

Current balance- €7580

Payment in for the Clayton Hotel for the annual dinner, which was then discharged.

GW explained the opt out/opt in for the SACA levy/contribution- €10 goes on the fees, which very few opt out, in reality.

GW queried, as to whether there any events losing or making- it was confirmed that all events are making small losses.

GW commented that SACA do need available funds, for past presidents' badges, also for the Presidents centre piece and also funding is required for the following.

- a. Expenses for TY lunch
- b. Sponsorship for the sailing event prizes- €500
- c. Trip to Argentina- rugby lunch
- d. Contribution to TY Uganda project- table quiz

The reconciled accounts for year-end are now complete.

Thanks to Charlie Taffee (class of 2004) for completing this – a copy is enclosed.

Mail chimp payments/subscription- discharged. A direct debit set up for mail chimp.

PC also expressed his thanks to Adrienne Ryan for all her assistance, through out the last year.

2. SACA Presidents report.

GW went through his Presidents reporting for the year and events that happened.

GW of the strong view, that the annual dinner format, may need to be reviewed or overhauled.

GW commented that three/four-year groups were polled their year and decided they did not want to go.

Feedback, from Sarah, Ulla, Finn on annual dinner- they commented that it requires some change.

GW commented that the remembrance service was a highlight for him during the term/year.

GW commented that he really enjoyed the business evening.

PC suggested that there be WW1 historical speech at Clyde Road lunch 2025.

GW is going to speak with Nikki Carter.

GW commented that the highlight of the year, for him was the trip to Belgium/Alumni who died during WW1.

GW generally paid thanks to the SACA committee for their support through out the year.

3. Election of Officers and Committee Members

The below is the list of SACA committee members and officers as voted in for 2024/2025.

The SACA committee wished Finn Walker every success on his term, as the new SACA President.

Role	Name	Proposed By	Seconded By
President	Finn Walker	Graham Weir	Wesley Hudson
Hon Treasurer	Phillip Corrigan	Wesley Hudson	Paul McClatchie
Hon Secretary	Wesley Hudson	Ulla McCarthy	Neil Brady
Member	Louise O'Brien	Philip Corrigan	Paul McClatchie
Member	Paul McClatchie	Neil Brady	Ulla McCarthy
Member	Ulla McCarthy	Rian Geraghty McDonnell	Finn Walker

Member	Graham Weir	Wesley Hudson	Niall O'Hagan
Member	Neil Brady	Niall O'Hagan	Paul McClatchie
Member	Niall O'Hagan	Paul McClatchie	Philip Corrigan
Member	Rian Geraghty McDonnell	Graham Weir	Neil Brady
Member	Sarah Brownlee	Graham Weir	Wesley Hudson

4. AOB

Sarah Brownlee proposed for the committee by GW and seconded by WH.

DIARY DATES:

Golf Event 2024 -TBC

Rugby Lunch- 31st January 2025.

Business Event February 2025 –Venue to be confirmed.

Sailing Event 2024 – 12/10/2024- Royal Irish Yacht Club.