

MINUTES OF THE SCA MEETING (SHUTTLEWORTH ALUMNI) – SATURDAY 20th

June 2020

Present via Zoom Call: Tony Abbott, Sarah Perrett, Paddy Godwin, Mike Williams, Nick Drury Charlotte Maynard, Catherine Lloyd (Visitor), Graeme Brown, Mike Williams.

Apologies: Eric Yates, Richard Infield

College Report by Catherine Lloyd: Catherine provided a college report. This year has been unusual due to the Covid-19 lockdown. The College had to close on the 20th March and all College activities stopped and staff and students moved to an online model of learning. Staff still had to work to run the farm, livestock and equine and have been updating students via photos and videos of new arrivals on the farm.

All students will receive an estimated grade for their year as no exams have taken place and the end of year presentation and ball had to be cancelled.

Recruitment for September is strong particularly in Equine, Agriculture and Animal studies and the College is looking forward to September and hopefully the students returning to what will be the new norm.

Minutes of previous meeting: The previous minutes were accepted and approved.

Matters arising – There were no matters arising.

Chairman's Report: Tony talked about the reunion and how disappointing it was that we had to postpone due to Covid-19. We intend to potentially hold this again next year but the date will be agreed once we know what is going to happen with Covid-19 and the corporate hospitality side of things. It was noted we had 70 people who had purchased tickets for the reunion and we are holding their money until next year. A refund has been offered but no one has requested one.

Secretary's Report: Charlotte had nothing to report.

Treasurers Report:

We have a total of £23,500 in our accounts. £10,000 of that is in our Lloyds bond and £13,500 is in the current account, Mike has put £10,000 of the £13,500 in another Lloyds bond though the interest is not that great. It was agreed that would be a good plan and any interest is better than no interest.

Newsletter:

Paddy reported – we have had 3 / 4 enquiries via the web site over the past few weeks from people wishing to subscribe to the newsletter.

IT/Web Site and Database Report:

No progress made on the facebook page. – It was agreed we need to try and focus on this a bit more this year and try and update on a regular basis.

The web site also needs some regular attention and we are still paying Richard Emery to upload the newsletter to the site. He will change and add things to the web site if we ask him to. Richard has uploaded all the old newsletters on but we should make an effort to add additional news on there. Paddy suggested we add our plans for a 2021 reunion.

Fundraising

We have not had any requests from the College.

Reunion

The reunion was postponed due to Covid-19. It is hoped to rearrange this for 2021 – date to be confirmed.

Any Other Business

There was no further business.

Date of Next Meeting – Sat 26th Sept 2020 at 11am – at Shuttleworth College (if allowed) or alternatively via Conf Call or Zoom.

Charlotte Maynard (Scott)
20 June 2020