

MINUTES OF THE SCA MEETING (SHUTTLEWORTH ALUMNI) – SATURDAY 31st

Oct 2020

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

Apologies: Eric Yates, Graeme Brown, Richard Infield

College Report by Catherine Lloyd: Students are back, its strange times due to Covid and nothing education has experienced before. Classroom sizes have been halved so students are able to socially distance and students are studying from home via Microsoft Teams and only attending college for some of the week. The advantage of studying at Shuttleworth is the campus is large and so students can spread out and work outdoors etc. Despite the college closing in March the majority of students still successfully passed their courses.

This year there are approx. 700-750 full time students studying a number of courses including Equine, Agriculture and Animal Care.

The farm has been running throughout (business as usual) and 23 red poll calves were born during April, May of this year. Harvest was a success and the farm is also continuing with its Countryside stewardship schemes.

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

Matters arising – There were no matters arising.

Chairman's Report: Due to Covid we are still unable to make arrangements for the reunion (postponed in June of this year). 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 and two have been made.

Secretary's Report: Charlotte had nothing to report.

Treasurers Report (Mike Williams):

We are still holding £1,035 of reunion money and have sent back 2 x refunds. Interest on savings is still very low.

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 (0.2% interest).

Newsletter (Paddy Godwin and Graeme Brown):

Paddy reported – we have lots of items for the newsletter however more is always welcome. Could Tony please send over a Chairman's report to Paddy. All newsletter contributions to be sent to Paddy by mid November for the December publication.

Catherine will send Paddy a college report and photos for inclusion in the newsletter.

IT/Web Site and Database Report:

Paddy has been chasing up debtors and has three or four payments due in. Mike has received £30 from Nigel Papworth. The Web site needs changing as it still says Shuttleworth College Association - Paddy/Sara will speak with the web site man to get this amended to Shuttleworth College Alumni.

A discussion was had about how we can make use of the social media. It was agreed we need to keep these running to let people know we are there. Paddy spoke with Tim Durrant recently and it was agreed we should approach him to ask if he would be willing to stand on the committee as he is local to Shuttleworth. Paddy will contact him.

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

The committee has been invited to attend the Bedford College Achievements Ceremony which is being held online on Thursday 26 November 2020 at 7pm. Tony has responded to say he will attend. Charlotte has forwarded the invite to the committee

Date of Next Meeting – Sat 27th February 2021 via Zoom.

Charlotte Maynard (Scott)
31 Oct 2020