



PETER BLUNDELL SOCIETY
Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Trustees
Held on 13 October 2018 at Blundell's School

Present: Robert Horsey (RH - Chairman), Jonny Ison (JI - Treasurer), Bart Wielenga (BW), Amber Oliver (AO), Ben Boswell (BB), and Chad Murrin (CM)

Action

1. **Chairman's report.** RH welcomed Bart Wielenga, who started as Head in September, having been Second Master for six years. He also welcomed Ben Boswell, who is joining to replace Amber Oliver as Development Director. Ben is an OB, who served in the Army and then worked as a fundraiser for help For Heroes. RH noted that AO is leaving to accompany her husband on his posting in the USA for the next three years. He thanked her for her valuable support of the PBS over the years she has been at Blundell's.
2. **Background on the PBS.** In response to BW's request, RH summarised the history and activities of the PBS as follows.

The PBS was established by Old Blundellians in the 1950's. It is a registered charity, whose objects are to provide funds for the maintenance of and additions to the buildings and land of Blundell's School, for the education of pupils attending the School through the award of bursaries or scholarships and for the furtherance in other ways of the charitable objects of the Founder of the School.

Originally, the PBS made periodic fundraising appeals on behalf of the School. However, nowadays the School (itself a registered charity) has a Development Office with a full time professional staff, which conducts these activities. As a result, the PBS does not actively seek to raise funds but works closely with the Development Office. The PBS continues to receive some covenanted income and the occasional legacy (unrestricted funds), and importantly it has managed the ER Crowe Memorial Fund (which began in 2008) and Colin Beale Centre Improvements Fund.

As far as the PBS's unrestricted funds are modest, we have supported a number of smaller educational projects and initiatives at the School.

3. **Approval of accounts for the year ended 31 December 2017.** These were tabled by JI. He noted that during the year, the PBS had income of £12k and made charitable donations totalling £15k. At the year end, we had net assets of £14k. These were made up of unrestricted funds of £4k and restricted funds of £9k.

JI added that he expected the final payments to be made towards the cost of the Colin Beale Centre improvements to be made in the coming year.

CM proposed and RH seconded the formal approval of the accounts, which was agreed unanimously. JI will now file the accounts with the Charities Commission. He was thanked for his work as usual.

4. **Election of officers for 2018-19.** RH thanked the existing trustees. He noted that Nicola Huggett has been replaced by Bart Wielenga and that Ben Boswell will replace Amber Oliver. It was proposed that Messrs Horsey, Ison, Murrin, Giles and Portsmouth were re-elected. This was approved.
5. **Any other business.** None.