

Ribston Hall Association Minutes

7th January 2016

In Attendance: Amanda Chong, Julie McClean, Liz Good, Ann-Marie Karadia, Wendy Hiemae, Oliver Dyer, Lisa Westmacott, Michelle Thomasson

- 1. Apologies:** Julie Paveley, Iain Williams
- 2. Minutes of last meeting 11th November 2015** were checked, there were no matters arising
- 3. Treasurers Report** Iain was not able to attend and had only just received both relevant bank statements so had had no time to send the Michelle an overview of the accounts, with the total taken at the Christmas concert and no information on the simplification of the Gift Aid form via an online process. If there are any financial matters that do arise Iain could send us the necessary information / interim figures before the next meeting.
- 4. RHA Events: School quiz on 29th January 2016 doors open at 6.30pm for a 7pm start.**

Mandy had the quiz prepared, there would be various themed rounds (7 in all) e.g. sports, science, general knowledge. There will be 15 questions per round with a 10 minute time slot, 5 of the questions would be suitable for children. There would also be an opening picture round for participants as they arrived. Nick Frall will kindly be the quiz master again but this time Nick will only read the answers (after the completion of each round) and the questions will be presented on sheets for each team table to read for themselves. There will be a £5 table fee for each family, with a maximum of 6 people per family team.

Question markers: Mandy, Michelle and Lisa

Food options were discussed, Anne-Marie suggested a fish and chip delivery, bowls of chilli were another suggestion with a vegetarian choice. Food to be served in disposable cartons at the beginning of the evening. Mandy to discuss the viable options and costs per head with Sara who organises the in-house catering. We would encourage parents to pre-book so that we can ascertain numbers in advance by Monday 25th January. Prizes: wine for the winner (from the RHA cupboard), a booby prize (large bar of chocolate to be purchased) and boxes of chocolate for the children (Roses to be purchased). Mandy to organise a microphone and a laptop to project team results on a screen.

A note to be sent to all parents about the quiz as soon as possible - with a return slip to purchase a family table ticket and the number of people requiring food (tick boxes showing menu options).

Drink refreshments to be served separately, wine, beer, cider and soft drinks (possibly disposable small cartons) Mandy has disposable cups therefore we don't need to purchase any. Oliver will oversee the serving of the refreshments, ***Iain and Michelle to purchase them.*** Michelle will check the RHA cupboard for current stocks. Price list to be drawn up for Oliver.

All willing hands please be at school by 6pm to set up the tables, prepare food and refreshments, thank you!

Other fund raising options were also discussed before the end of term on 24th March. Mandy mentioned that in the past Ribston had held a ball with large prizes e.g. seats at Twickenham (£10,000 had been made). Julie suggested a Battle of the Bands and Oliver a Ribston's Got Talent event - Mandy is able to find an appropriate judge but how do we get to the final scenario with guests and talented acts? It would require heats at school (£2 per entry) which would take some organising from a dedicated parent over a number of weeks. In a previous Ribston talent show there were only 8 acts in the final, each Ribston House had one student representing them.

Mandy suggested that next year from the beginning of the year RHA could sponsor a music competition per house. Mandy said that a couple of Year 12 pupils should join our next meeting to discuss how they could organise students into musical groups, choir, drama or dance performances for an autumnal Ribston Variety Show. It would also be good to have a conversation with the Year 12 students about what they feel the school requires so that we have specific fund raising goals involving the students.

5. It was decided that RHA should run a **Bingo night on Friday 18th March** (suggested by Wendy). Wendy will draw up a poster advertising the event. Michelle to check with Iain to ascertain if we still have a current gambling licence. Further details to be discussed at the next meeting.

6. **School Events:** No productions this term, next week's Year 13 parent's eve to be covered by the Year 12 students. Other parent's evenings this term are also already covered.

7. **100 Club draw** could not be taken as Iain was not present with the participant numbers, we will take a double draw next meeting.

8. **AOB:** As yet Ann-Marie and Wendy had not had the opportunity to meet with the staff responsible for the website to discuss an RHA web page. Wendy to contact aw@ribstonhall.gloucs.sch.uk to discuss.

Other fund raising activities: Ann-Marie suggested a recycle clothes bin at the entrance of the school for parents or children to drop in the clothes as this could generate some funds. Mandy would speak to the site team.

Next Meeting:

7.30pm Thursday 25th February 2016 in the Library