

Minutes of BHSA Meeting (via zoom)– Thursday 13th May 2021

- 1) Welcome
- 2) Apologies: Kelly & James Benns
- 3) Approval of the minutes from the last meeting on 24th November 2020 – Minutes approved by attendees
- 4) Review of Activities since last meeting
 - a. **Christmas Trail** – thank you to Liz Pratt-Mclean, Kate Chandler, Julia Scoble & Jane Carter for the excellent planning and organising of this new event. The trail was very well ‘attended’ and we received very positive feedback. It was great to still provide a festive treat for the girls and their families. It would be lovely to keep this on the BHSA events calendar.
 - b. **Christmas Virtual Music Quiz** – another great festive event to bring the school community together virtually. Thank you so much to Tom Stone for organising and hosting.
 - c. **Christmas Trees** – thank you to the great organisation of our annual Christmas tree sale. It was a bumper year in sales! Thank you to Jarlath Pratt who once again organised this delivery and collection of the trees. Thank you to all who bought trees too.
 - d. **Zoom Quiz Night** – another great BHSA event that was seamlessly taken online. Thank you to our host Nick Hobson and to Tom Stone who help host the quiz via zoom. It was great fun – and worked brilliantly online.
 - e. **2nd Hand Uniform** – having the ability for parent to buy online has really helped keep the uniform sales going and adding to our fundraising totals. Just a reminder to email your uniform requests to the BHSA Chairs including your daughter’s name and form. Please check stock levels on the Old School Uniform website.
- 5) Financial Update – Simon Chambers, BHSA Treasurer update:
- 6) Future Events
 - a. Comedy night – this event was sadly missed last year and so far this year. We had thought that we could try and run the event in the summer term, and whilst trying to follow covid rules for keeping everyone safe, thought it could be held at the school playing fields. But we have decided that noise levels could upset our ‘neighbours’ and weather unpredictability meant we have once again had to cancel this event once again. Michelle Chambers suggested to Mrs. Skevington about having Comedy Night as welcome back event in

September. Some attendees did not agree that comedy night was a good event to use as a 'welcome back' event, as not everyone likes comedy, and it doesn't allow chatting and getting to know new parents etc. A welcome back drinks event was suggested as a better option.

- b. Camp Night – Mrs. Skevington has given us the go ahead to plan camp night for Saturday 3rd July. Kate Chandler has kindly offered to oversee the organisation of this event. As many of parents understand these types of events require lots of volunteers to ensure it is a great event. Please either contact Kate Chandler directly or email BHSA Chairs if you can help with camp night. Nicola Hill offered during meeting. Chloe Stone confirmed that Tom Stone can offer his Silent Disco for camp night. Kate Chandler has said that the Hive can provide activities for the children.
- c. Coffee Shop – back in Sept; Becky Glossop is our coffee shop guru and has kindly offered to continue running coffee shop next year. She will need lots of volunteers to sign up to help her each week. Stephanie Carbonneil has offered to volunteer. You don't have to be available every week. For any new parents – Coffee Shop runs every Friday during term time, after drop-off, in the dining hall. It's a great place to meet other parents and enjoy teas, coffees, toast & cakes. Younger siblings are very welcome.
- d. 2nd hand Uniform – Michelle Chambers to continue to manage the sales 'online'.
- e. Year 6 party – approval of BHSA £750 contribution to party. All attendees approved the contribution. Nicola Hill running the party organising team.
- f. AmazonSmile & Easyfundraising – would be good to have a volunteer dedicated to encourage parents to sign up and use these easy ways of raising money whilst online shopping...at events, coffee shop etc.

7) Volunteers

- a. New Co-chairs required asap – Nathalie Renaud kindly offered during the meeting that she would like to volunteer as new co-chair.
- b. Camp Night volunteers
- c. Bar volunteers – James Benns no longer able to run the bar at future events. Please let the BHSA chairs know if you can help.

8) Spending Plans:

Slide project – unfortunately it has been decided that the slide project can longer go ahead. Due to the steep terrain of the upper part of the playground, the project was going to be very expensive 'wow' factor was going to be limited. Attendees were very keen that the playground be updated in some way, whether it be with new equipment that the girls could play with or perhaps a new climbing frame.

No other spending plans requested.