Somerset Alumni Association
Annual General Meeting
Tuesday 2 June 2015
Alumni Association Room, within the Knowledge and Information Precinct
Somerset College
6.30pm

Meeting Open
President Sally Leslie opened the meeting at 6.30pm, welcoming all in attendance.

1. Present and Apologies

Present: Sally Leslie
Michaela Orsmond
John Bacon, Dean of Admissions
Alethea Campbell, Alumni Association Secretary
Kylie Sherrington, Accountant
Navdeep Pasricha
Laurelei Jennings

Apologies: Craig Bassingthwaighte, Headmaster
Savannah Ray
Arjun Gandhi
Mercedes Wilson
Margaret Kiddle

Proxies: Twenty-one (21) proxies received nominating the Chair as proxy. List of proxies are available at end of minutes.

2. Minutes of the Previous meeting

Moved Sally Leslie, seconded Alethea Campbell, that the minutes of the previous meeting be accepted as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

Passed unanimously.

3. President’s Report

The President tabled her report.
Sally thanked the committee for a successful year, looking forward to an even better year ahead.


Kylie Sherrington tabled the audited accounts for the Association for the year ending 31 December 2014.

Following discussion it was moved Kylie Sherrington, seconded Sally Leslie that the Financial Report be accepted.

Passed unanimously.
5. **Election of Office Bearers**

**President**
Sally Leslie declared all positions vacant. As no nominations had been received, Alethea Campbell nominated Sally Leslie for the position. The nomination was seconded by John Bacon. There being no further nominations Sally Leslie was duly elected, and resumed the Chair.

**Vice President**
Alethea Campbell nominated Michaela Orsmond for the position. The nomination was seconded by Sally Leslie. There being no further nominations, Michaela Orsmond was elected as Vice President.

**Committee Members**
All remaining in attendance were elected Committee Members of the Association, with Navdeep Pasricha and Laurelei Jennings elected for the first time.

6. **Appointment of Auditor**
It was moved Michaela Orsmond and seconded Navdeep Pasricha that the Association use the same auditors as appointed to audit the accounts for Somerset College.

7. **Close of AGM**
There being no further AGM business, Sally Leslie closed the AGM at 7.25pm and opened the table to general Alumni Association business.

8. **Further Comments**
- Navdeep suggested a Bring Your Own Picnic day for Alumni – a possibility for the date set aside in October for an all-Alumni event.
- Sally reported that attendance at the 1st XV Rugby vs All Saints Anglican School Hickey-Fragsley Cup game was good, with a number of Alumni there to show support for the team. Attendance at the post-game function, sponsored by the Alumni Association, was not as high as expected – possibly due to being on a Wednesday night. Nevertheless, the coaches, players and staff were all very happy to see the Alumni supporting during the game.
- Alethea noted that next year the 1st VII Netball will be held in the new Gym and will be on a Friday afternoon instead, which should show an increase in attendance. The Alumni Association has been asked to again sponsor this round of APS Winter Sport against All Saints Anglican School, and all members are happy to see this occur. Michaela thanked Sally, Alethea, John, Shane Lunniss (Director of Sport) and the Sport Department for their involvement and organisation of the afternoon.
- Sally updated the Committee of the Shape Your Somerset initiative – a short-list has been presented to the Headmaster who will discuss the options with members of the College Leadership Team and provide feedback as to what is possible.
- Sally mentioned that there is an upcoming 1st XV Rugby game versus Scots PGC Warwick; Alethea will notify interested Alumni via email.
- Sally recently spoke with Sue Roberts (Director of Music), who has suggested Alumni sponsorship for the Senior School Musical. Following discussions, it was suggested that Sally with speak with Sue again about sponsorship of the programme.
- Lauri suggested a Year 12 and Alumni function to promote the relationships between current students and Alumni, and to act as an induction into the Alumni Association; currently there is only the Investiture Dinner opportunity, which occurs in February each year.
Sally informed the Committee that the use of the Facebook page has been going well. Alethea noted that the Class of 2005 Ten Year Reunion has been created as an event on Facebook and almost every member of the Class of 2005 has been invited to this, and so are aware of the date and event information. This is the first time a reunion has been promoted in this way and is proving to be a fantastic resource. Lauri suggested asking Alumni to post photos from their school days and tagging friends to draw more interest to the page.

9. **Close of Meeting**

There being no further business, Sally Leslie closed the meeting at 7.45pm.

The next meeting of the Association will be held in the Alumni Association Room within the Knowledge and Information Precinct on Tuesday 18 August 2015.

**Proxies Received:**

- Allie Bailey
- Darren Bridges
- Julius Frangos
- Heidi Fridolf
- Arjun Gandhi
- Kate Grigg
- Anthony Herbert
- Margaret Kiddle
- Drew Jackson
- Casey Linton
- James McCarthy
- Pieta Macri
- Benjamin Merricks
- Rebecca Mills
- Craig Neill
- Paul Neill
- Mary Phillips
- Michael Sims
- Paul Taylor
- Charles Tomlinson
- Mercedes Wilson