



ST PETER'S  
CAMBRIDGE  
ALUMNI

**Minutes of the St Peter's School Alumni Incorporated  
Annual General Meeting  
Held at the Functions Room  
Saturday, 28 April 2012 at 10.00am**

**Present:** Quentin Allan, Richard Baker, Karen Brock, Philip Coles, Noel Dwan, Ross Duder, Tim Fookes, Craig Gerzon, Julian Hughes, Vic Jamieson, Bill Johnston, Nitin Khare, Bex McGuire, Raewyn Nel, Steve Robb, Jack Yates

**In Attendance:** Diane Baker (Development Manager), Peter Fulton, Thomas Wood

**Proxy Votes:**

**FINANCIAL MEMBER**

David Heald  
Michael Fleming  
David Nicoll  
Nicholas Robb  
Stephanie Robb  
Michael Chapman  
Deanna Bayley  
Owen Woolley  
Fiona Groves  
Craig Hobern  
Nicole Clements-Stewart  
Simon Fookes  
Matthew Fookes  
Aimee Fookes

**ASSIGNED PROXY**

Raewyn Nel  
Quentin Allan  
Quentin Allan  
Chairman  
Chairman  
Chairman  
Philip Coles  
Philip Coles  
Karen Brock  
Karen Brock  
Tim Fookes  
Tim Fookes  
Tim Fookes  
Tim Fookes

Kane O'Donnell	Tim Fookes
Linda Pelham	Invalid
Campbell Stent	Invalid
Ian Lackey	Invalid

Voting Strength: 31

### **The meeting commenced at 10.20am**

Formal welcome and opening of the Annual General Meeting by the Chairperson, Philip Coles.

#### **1. Apologies**

Apologies were received from Vishan Appanna, Deanna Bayley, Keith Budd, Tim Calder, Craig Brock, Michael Chapman, Nicole Clements-Stewart, John Coles, Robert Cox, Warwick Dowse, Joseph Edmundson; Michael Fleming, Aimee Fookes, Matthew Fookes, Simon Fookes, Fiona Groves, Alastair Hart, Ross Harvey, David Heald, Anthony Hewlett, Craig Hobern, Anna Hughes, Helen Hughes, Bill Johnston, Ian Lackey, Anna Libeau, Katie Libeau, Thomas Libeau, Robert Miller, Glenn Morgan, David Nicoll, Kane O'Donnell, Graeme Page, Linda Pelham, Graham Reeves, John Snell, Allan Spence, Simon Stammers-Smith, Campbell Stent, Victoria van der Spek

**Moved** *"that the apologies be accepted."*

Brock / Fookes (Carried)

#### **2. Previous Minutes**

##### *Amendments to Minutes:*

Julian Hughes would like the Alumni support to present a cup for the Bevan Cup competition for a student who has the ability to lead the school in song (probably a piano player) for the school song and the national anthem (both God Save the Queen and God of Nations).

**Moved** *"That subject to the above amendment, the minutes of the previous AGM meeting be accepted."*

Fookes / Brock (Carried)

#### **3. Matters Arising**

Alumni is supportive of Julian Hughes' proposal to present a cup to the school. Julian will need to present his proposal to Patricia Steel.

#### **Correspondence**

Letter received from Alastair Hart tendering his resignation from the Alumni Committee.

#### **4. Chairperson's Report**

Philip Coles spoke to his report.

### **Presidents Report 2012**

Firstly welcome back to your school and for making the time to attend this years AGM, I think you will all agree that the grounds are looking amazing, and on behalf the committee and the members we thank everyone involved with their ongoing work.

We are a relatively new committee therefore we have been learning the ropes, there have been a few projects completed that were started from the previous committee, the first was of the course the Slave clock which many of you attended the opening of this morning, the other project was the sundial which is within the rose gardens just outside the Chapel, the sundial is also complete with a plaque that has operating instructions, a

overhaul of the fountain pump is fixed and the fountain runs thought-out school hours and important occasions.

Last August the Parents Association and ourselves visited National Park, the purpose of the trip was to getting a better understanding of this school facility, the School has recently purchased 100 acres and is in the process of a creating a environment for the children to learn and appreciate the great outdoors along with housing more specialized school groups such as snow teams and out door education groups, we as a committee support this project and wish to work with the other committees to help fundraise this project.

The website is a ongoing project along with Face book and other social medias, we are very grateful for the time and effort that Raewyn Nel and Quentin Allan, for all up coming events please refer to these sites and links,

Talking of events The National Fielddays as many of you know are held at Mystery Creek just outside Hamilton in June, are pleased to inform you that the school will be having a site which can be found in the main pavilion which will be manned by your committee, this is a great opportunity for you to come and see what's happening at school and to talk with other Alumni, we see a lot of value in having this site, everyone is welcome. Also that week we will hosting the Hamilton Reunion (June 14) held at the Bank Bar and Brassier, other reunions this year are Wellington (Sept 21), Auckland (May 16) and Dunedin (Sept 20), please RSVP to Di Baker

Another event held in the winter is our Sports day, traditionally the turnout for the boys soccer team has been strong, we wish to grow the girls hockey and netball team, this is an occasion and we want to see this grow. Family open days are another event we wish to introduce, allowing Alumni members to bring their young families back to school, so watch this space.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the committee, Raewyn Nel, Rebecca McGuire, Ross Duder, Nitin Khare, Tim Fookes, Karen Brock and Linda Pelham, the committee are very passionate about our school and find valuable time to promote and represent you the members, with AGM there is a change around, Alistair is standing down, he is not here today but I would still like to acknowledge his contribution. Also like to thank Di Baker the Development Manger and her team along Sandra Morrison and her finance team.

Thanks once again for attending todays AGM, thank you also for having confidence in us representing you as members of the Alumni and we hope to work together again positively over the next 12 months.

**Moved** *"that the Chairperson's report be accepted."*

Fookes / Duder (Carried)

#### **5. Treasurer's Report and Financial Statement**

Financial Statement prepared by Sandra Morrison.

Karen Brock presented this report.

**Moved** *"that the Financial report be accepted"*




Hart / Fookes (Carried)

#### **6. Principal's Report**

Steve Robb spoke to his report.

### **2011 Principal's Report to Alumni**

#### **Start of the Year**

-  The School year has begun smoothly.
-  Marked increase in roll from 1,040 to 1,102 in early February, (1,104 in April).
-  287 new students.

- ↗ Boarders 432, Day 670, including Prep 150.
- ↗ 11 new teachers (six Long Term Relieving with several on leave in 2011).
- ↗ Inaugural School Kaumatua welcomed. The Reverend Haki Wirihana.

### 75<sup>th</sup> Jubilee – 2011

A huge thank you to all involved in the 75<sup>th</sup> Jubilee celebrations. It was a wonderful year of celebrating events throughout the year and we were delighted to see so many alumni and friends of the School here.

The highly successful year was capped off by outstanding academic results.

### Major Projects

#### Home of Cycling

After a nationwide search, St Peter's has been selected as the favoured site for the world class Home of Cycling, to be built 2012 – 2013.

The \$28 million project is externally funded.

St Peter's has gifted the two hectare site for the project and will have access for its students and staff.

#### National Park Outdoor Education Learning Centre

Resource Consent for the 100 acre site is due soon.

The goal in 2012 is to build two chalets sleeping approximately 25 people each.

We are grateful to the Parents Association for their on-going financial support to this project, and look forward to our community supporting this further.

#### Prep School, Swimming Pool

The Trust Board is considering an upgrade/replacement for the Prep School and covering/extending the highly successful Brock Pool.

### School Goals for 2012

- Body be engaged and have a part to play
- Mind commit to improving academic learning and achievement
- Spirit practice random acts of kindness.

### Academic Results 2011

#### International Baccalaureate

I.B. Diploma 100% Pass rate

#### Cambridge International Exams

C.I.E. Maths and Business Studies 100% Pass rate

NCEA Level 1 96.4% Pass rate

NCEA Level 2 98.1% Pass rate

UE Level 3 + I.B. Diploma 87.5% Pass rate

### 13 Scholarships attained

- ↗ 5 Geography
- ↗ 3 English
- ↗ 1 Classics
- ↗ 1 Art History
- ↗ 1 Dance

- ↗ 1 Physical Education
- ↗ 1 Mathematics with Calculus

Three students honoured at I.B. Diploma Awards at Government House.

Top Scholar Awards – Meher Saini 42, Shreeja Mehotra 41, Max Hay 40, out of possible 45.

### **Staff**

At the end of 2011, we farewelled two long serving staff – Mr Gardner (and Mrs Gardner) 27 years, and Mrs Callis, 20 years.

On 29 February, we officially opened and blessed the Year 13 Common Room as Gardner House, in honour of their outstanding service to Boarding and to School.

### **Highlights 2011**

#### 1<sup>st</sup> XV Rugby

The team won the Waikato Premier competition, Foster Cup and Tricolor Trophy. Beat St Paul's Collegiate in the semi and Cambridge High School in the final.

#### Co-ed Tennis

The team won gold at the New Zealand Secondary Schools Tournament, 2012.

#### Girls Tennis

The team won bronze at New Zealand Secondary Schools Tournament, 2012.

#### 1<sup>st</sup> XI Cricket

Won in Term 4, 1<sup>st</sup> XI competition unbeaten.

Won 1<sup>st</sup> XI final, Term 1, Waikato 1<sup>st</sup> XI cricket competition.

#### Mixed Touch

Won third place in New Zealand Touch Mixed Team tournament.

#### Rowing

New Zealand Champion School 2012, winning the STAR trophy for the first time. Again top New Zealand sculling School at New Zealand Secondary Schools Rowing Championships. Again won U18 Girls Four won the Dawn Cup (cf Boys Springbok Shield). Our best performances ever. Won four gold, five silver, two bronze at New Zealand Secondary Schools Rowing Championships. Also won North Island Secondary Schools Rowing.

#### Swimming

Our team came second overall in the New Zealand Secondary School Swimming Championships.

#### Girls Soccer

The team won the New Zealand Secondary Schools Premier Tournament. Won Waikato preseason, Premier and Knock Out Cup. Unbeaten season.

#### Boys Soccer

The team won the Knock Cup over Hamilton Boys High School. Beat St Paul's Collegiate four times out of four.

#### Equestrian

New Zealand reps, North Island and Waikato titles.

### Cycling

New Zealand reps, New Zealand placings.

### Athletics

Ariana Lord won gold in New Zealand Secondary Schools Athletics Junior Girls 1,500m.

### Squash

Our teams won the cup for top co-ed School at the New Zealand Secondary Schools Tournament.

### Global Maths Competition

Hayley Haskell, Year 10, won a gold medal as top New Zealand achiever in her year level.

### New Zealand Science

Hayley Haskell won the Waikato Science Fair and, as her prize, toured scientific sites in New Zealand on the Field of Dreams event.

### School Production 2012

Elton John and Tim Rice's "Aida". A modern version.

### Music

Gold medals were awarded to Orchestra, String Orchestra, Jazz Band.

### Dance

Eight different options available to students – Hip Hop, Tappy Feet, Jazz, Cheerleading, Gymnastics etc.

### Music Tuition

More than 400 students learn musical instruments.

### Speech and Drama

Approximately 150 students learn Speech and Drama.

### Choir and Orchestra

Camps were held for these groups. The choir was invited to the New Zealand finals in Wellington, "Big Sing".

### All Blacks and Wales Train

During the 2011 World Rugby Cup, we hosted the All Blacks (once) and Wales (four times). An exciting time for students and, OK, staff too.

### Scholarships

Thank you for your continuing support for Scholarships.

There has been a huge demand for financial assistance during these tough economic times, and School very much appreciates this support for students from the Alumni.

### International

We now have 60 international students.

We now have ten exchanges for our students to experience life and Schooling abroad, in six countries.

### **Conclusion**

Our School continues to go from strength to strength. The 75<sup>th</sup> Jubilee year was a standout and set the bar high in all of the School's endeavours.

The year can be seen as a major step up for St Peter's as a leading New Zealand and global Independent School.

We continue to strive for excellence in everything we do.

**SF Robb**  
**Principal**

**Moved** *"that the Principal's report be accepted"*

Coles / Khare (*Carried*)

## **7. Trust Board Report**

Raewyn Nel spoke to her report.

### **Trust Board Alumni Representative Report 2012**

Welcome and thanks our members who have attended the AGM today and ensure we have a quorum.

For me, it has been a pleasure to serve as the Alumni's Representative to the Trust Board and I certainly appreciate the belief shown in me by electing me to this position again. The Trust Board has continued to provide strong governance of the school, once again chaired by Arthur Bryan and with Alumnus David Heald as Deputy. The upcoming Trust Board AGM in May will see the retirement of longstanding trustee and current Chairman Arthur Bryan who has served on the Board for 12 years. But there remains a great stability in the governance of St Peter's with all the other trustees continuing in their positions. Karen Blue has also been reelected as the Parents' Association Representative. The Trust Board will be looking to add a small number of trustees to ensure that the St Peter's Trust Board continues to be a strong and effective governing body.

Planning for further development of the Outdoor Education Centre at National Park continues. Over the past summer the Trust Board funded some simple improvements at the Centre. Although at this stage the facilities there remain basic, the success of the camps being held there for the Year 7 and 10 students is enormous. These students are no doubt having experiences that they will remember for their lifetime. Over the coming years the facilities at National Park will be developed, as the funds become available, in a way that will allow St Peter's to expand the range of experiences that the students will have there. This is certainly a project that the whole school community is passionate about and is eager to support.

As I come through the gates and up the drive of the school I always notice how fabulous the school looks. And I believe that you will agree with me that all the planning and hard work put in to the running and maintenance of St Peter's certainly gives us a school that we are proud of. I think that we should commend the Trust Board, Management, Staff and students on how well the school looks.

We have also heard from Steve some of the magnificent accomplishments of the students. St Peter's continues to provide a wide variety of academic, cultural and sporting opportunities at all levels for students. It's not at all hard to feel very proud of these young men and women whose successes are often at national and international levels.

It is very pleasing that the Alumni supports students through the scholarships that we provide. It is gratifying that the Alumni is able to provide assistance to students of the school and I hope that we are able to continue to do this in the future.

I am pleased to be able to report to you that St Peter's continues to grow and develop as an outstanding school. A school that can be recognized to excel not only at a national, but also an international level. Thanks to the strong foundations put in place by Arthur Broadhurst and which continue to be carried out by the Trust Board today, St Peter's is our school and we can be very proud of our association with it.

## END REPORT

**Moved** *“that the Trust Board report be accepted.”*

Fookes / McGuire (Carried)

### **8. Election of Officers**

<b>Officer</b>	<b>Nominee</b>	<b>Nominated by / Seconded</b>	<b>Elected</b>
Patron	Steve Robb	Coles / Fookes	
President	Philip Coles	Duder / Fookes	Philip Coles
Vice President	Ross Duder	Coles / Fookes	Ross Duder
Secretary	Raewyn Nel	McGuire / Fookes	Raewyn Nel
Treasurer	Karen Brock	Khare / Gerzon	Karen Brock
Trust Board Representative	Raewyn Nel	Coles / Fookes	Raewyn Nel
Foundation Representative	Tim Fookes	Khare / McGuire	Tim Fookes

<b>Committee</b>	<b>Nominated by / Seconded</b>	<b>Elected</b>
Linda Pelham	Fookes / Khare	Linda Pelham
Rebecca McGuire	Fookes / Hughes	Rebecca McGuire
Nitin Khare	Fokes / Coles	Nitin Khare
Deanna Bayley	Coles / Allan	Deanna Bayley

**Moved** *“that the nominations be closed.”*

Duder / Fookes (Carried)

### **10. Appointment of Auditor**

**Moved** *“that the St Peter’s School Alumni appoint the school Auditor to review the Annual Financial Statements.”*

Coles / Brock (Carried)

### **10. General Business**

#### **Scholarship Fund**

The Scholarship fund is currently \$150,000.

**Moved** *“that the St Peter’s School Alumni add \$10,000 to the Alumni Scholarship Fund.”*

Brock / McGuire (Carried)

#### **National Park Outdoor Centre**

Worthwhile cause. Put money towards a chalet. Can croup together with other school groups and fundraise together.

**Moved** *“that the St Peter’s School Alumni make a contribution of \$10,000 towards the National Park outdoor Centre.”*

Fookes / Khare (Carried)

#### **Rules Updates**

Due to an incorrect procedure in the past the previous rule changes were not registered with the Incorporated Societies Office.

**Moved** *“that the St Peter’s School Alumni updated Rules be accepted, pending approval by the Companies Office.”*

Hughes / Duder (Carried)



A suggestion was made to recognise the Old Boys' Association in some way. Can the Committee explore making all past students Financial Members. All past students of the school are recognized as Alumni, however there are special benefits to those past students who are financial members of the Alumni. Refer to incoming Committee.

**Alumni Website Update:**

Quentin Allan updated the meeting on the Alumni's website and social media. Quentin to present this information at the regional meetings.

A thanks was given to Quentin Allan and Raewyn Nel for their work.

**Feedback Survey:**

A survey is currently being conducted to get feedback from Alumni, both financial and non-financial about how what activities they would like to see the Alumni providing for members. The survey is available at the regional meeting and will also be put online. Will run for most of the year. Members were encouraged to complete the survey.

**Slave Clock Restoration:**

Restoration of the Slave Clock is complete and was it was dedicated today in a short ceremony preceding the AGM.

Peter Fulton spoke to the meeting about being privileged to be involved and the joy the project gave him. Peter is enthusiastic to be involved in similar projects.

Quentin Allan asked for a vote of thanks to Peter Fulton for all the work he did in restoring the Slave Clock. Julian Hughes seconded this.

**Organ Scholarship:**

Alumni would like to promote the recipients of this scholarship. There is currently an organ concert being organized for June 10 with the proceeds going towards the organ restoration. Alumni are likely to be interested in attending this concert.

**School Production:**

Aida is being held May 5 to May 11.

**St Peter's News:**

A school publication, but Alumni makes available to financial members.

**School Feedback:**

Julian Hughes spoke to Sir Anand Satyanand in Taupo, who said the school has a wonderful environment.

**AGM Attendance:**

Now to increase numbers of attendees at the AGM and interest in the Alumni in general? Currently running survey, may provide some insight into what interests people. Refer to incoming committee.

The Chairman thanked the members for attending the meeting and their input.

**The meeting concluded at 12:00pm**

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Chairperson

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Date