

SMUS Alumni Minutes

- **Call to Order**
- **Establish Presence of a Quorum (20) (Met)**
- **Approval of Agenda (Approved)**
- **Approval of Previous Minutes – AGM October 3, 2020 (Approved)**
- **Head of School Report – Mr. Mark Turner**
 - Thank you to SMUSAA
 - Highlights:
 - Challenging year for the school, but we have shown remarkable flexibility and resilience
 - Both SMUS and SMUSAA have done well and have emerged strong
 - SMUS has been able to continue with 100% of students in school 100% of the time – with minimal COVID exposure or risks to students or staff
 - There is a record alum children in school (~100) and the school has a strong waitlist
 - There are plans to refurbish junior school and we are moving ahead with campus master plan
 - The master plan includes three main focuses:
 - Focus on current
 - Restore heritage:
 - Heritage building of focus would be Brown Hall, but all will be considered.
 - Discussion on relocating archives (John Wenman)
 - Build for the future (STEAM building)
 - EDI agenda is a priority (Dr. Moussa Mugasa (sp?)). Have also brought in a resident indigenous artist.
 - For next September we are aiming to be in “Stage 1” of BCHS plan (live sports and the ‘usual’ school activities)
 - Next year is the jubilee year (50-year anniversary) of SM and US coming together. To honor this there is an ongoing effort to document the history of SMUS in 50 objects.
 - Next alumni event will be suitably BIG given jubilee plus end of COVID. SMUS is looking for SMUSAA support to ensure that event and weekend is a success.
 - Joint MOU will be signed as well between school and SMUSAA to support positive symbiotic relationship moving forward.
 - **Discussion/Questions:**
 - EDI:
 - Responding to global movement around diversity and equality issues
 - Opportunity for the school to catch up
 - Dillon Thomas – Artists in resident. Carver.
 - Opportunity to take a leadership position in this space – can always be better.
- **President’s Report – Samantha Stone ‘87**

- Thank you to Neil
- Challenge given COVID – but a very strong year and response. Example in the COVID response fund. Which helped to support enrollment.
- Cricket – Have been able to take over a refurbishment of facilities and grounds. Lots of work, donations, and support from Alumni community.
- Virtual wine tasting was a success
- Finalized the MOU – working relationship between SMUSAA and SMUS.
- Thank you to Chris Devlin. And welcoming new members to the board.
- **Question around alumni gatherings for milestone years:**
 - Doing what we can but will be looking to coordinate something for everyone who missed milestone years
 - FOLLOW UP: Denise to reach out to Stacy to see what could be coordinated for her year
 - FOLLOW UP: Matt A (SMUSAA) and Denise (SMUS) to post MOU.
- **Treasurer's Report** – Tom Erlic '88
 - Review of financials
 - Cricket program review:
 - Over \$20,000 in donations with ~ 40 donors
 - Jim Wenman – expressed his thanks for support
- **Committee Report**
 - Distinguished Alumni Henry Frew
 - Still trying to arrange a distinguished alumni date for Steve Nash
 - Winner has been chosen for this year 2020
 - 2021 nominations to open soon
 - Cricket Philip Woodcock
 - Jan 15th a fund-raising effort kicked off to support and 'resurrect' cricket at SMUS
 - 40 ppl contributed to \$14,000 – with matching this is now up to over \$28,000
 - Looking to get up to 100 donors, not only for \$\$ but also for weight of involvement
 - Have done paving – but need to do some work around wickets
 - Incogs have been running since 1912. Longest running committee or club at the school.
 - Incogs are putting together a youth cricket team and will be starting season soon (June 5th) and group is looking to spend some money on more equipment for the team – especially important given COVID (cannot share as easily)
- **Roles to fill**
 - Treasurer
 - Archives Committee
 - Class Captains
- **Election Results Matt Ashton '13 (all were approved)**
 - Matt Adey '87
 - Marina Uzelac '93
 - Jason Dearborn '90
- **AOB**

- Opportunity to improve communications about AGM meeting – acknowledging challenges of COVID
- Opportunity to focus on some things other than cricket
- Philip W comments:
 - Build on mentorship program
 - Need to focus on heritage piece
- Need to re-register for association
- Meeting Conclusion