

**MINUTES of the SaMS AGM Meeting**  
**Held on 21 April 2012 at 12.30pm Ariel Centre, Totnes**

**present:** Jill Bird (chair), Sue Snell (secretary), David Blood (treasurer), Lewis Riley (administrator), Rachel Lester, Jane Lopresti (tutor rep), Sam Massey, Fiona Senior, Helen Hannaford, Peter Scott, Phill Eccleston, Emma Trend, Carol Ballenger, Steve Verge, Claire Gribben (friends of SaMS), parents and pupils

**apologies:** Kath Banks, Louise Appleby, Cathy Quinlan

**welcome** Jill Bird welcomed everyone and introduced the committee

**minutes** minutes from AGM January 2011 were presented  
*Sam Massey proposed adoption of minutes / Fiona Senior seconded*

**administrator's report**

**success** SaMS has been heralded for its excellent practice, which is in part due to tutor expertise and the commitment of the trustees, volunteers

**attendance** 110 children attending from a variety of educational backgrounds : state and private primary and secondary schools, feeder schools, home educated

**funding** Lewis Riley talked of the new funding of SaMS through

- membership
- donations from a anonymous giver and the Meadowbrook Charitable Trust
- KEVICC £3000 per year and the use of premises every Saturday morning, without which SaMS would not be able to fund itself
- other forms of income would come from Tuck shop . . . gift aid . . . concert collection

The trustees have employed an independent fundraiser, Anna Leatherdale, as requested as a good use of the Meadowbrook donation  
Anna leatherdale made one application to Youth Music in October, which was unsuccessful, but after considering the feedback it was decided to re-apply in April applications . . . the outcome should be know at the end of May  
*David Blood proposed adoption of administrators report / Jane Lopresti seconded*

**constitution** DB presented the amended constitution, which is taken from the standard format held by the Charity Commission  
*Rachel Lester proposed adoption of the amended constitution as presented/ Peter Scott seconded*

**treasurer's report** DB presented Annual Report and Financial Statement (attached)  
*Rachel lester proposed adoption of accounts as presented/ Carol Ballenger seconded*

**election of officers** Lewis Riley informed the meeting of the resignation of the Chair Jill Bird and welcomed the new trustees Helen Hannaford and Fiona Senior

**trustees** chair . . . *David Blood proposed Sue Snell . . . Fiona Senior seconded*  
(no other nominations)  
secretary . . . *Fiona Senior proposed Helen Hannaford . . . Sue Snell seconded*  
(no other nominations)  
treasurer . . . *Rachel lester proposed David Blood . . . Fiona Senior seconded*  
(no other nominations)

**Jill Bird** talked of her vision when she first started SaMS 11 years ago and her pride in the way that it has benefited so many children over the years

**thanks**

the trustees thanked **KEVICC** and **Kate Mason** for their continuing support, both financially and the generous use of the premises  
also thanks to the volunteers without whom SaMS would not be able to function

admin assistant ... *Rachel Lester*

Friends of SaMS ... *Clare Davies and Claire Gribben*

tutor reps ... *Jane Lopresti, Kath Banks, Sam Massey*

parent reps/concert organiser ... *Fiona Senior*

SaMS desk ... *Rachel Lester*

Tuck shop ... *Jackie Gould*

publicity ... *Sue Snell*

KEVICC Music Dept ... *Emma Trend*

The trustees emphasised their belief in consulting all members, parents, tutors and volunteers as being so important to the success of SaMs, especially in the economic climate

**friends of SaMS**

**Claire Gribben** reported on the progress of the friends, asking for more assistance, so far there has been no offers of help

- on list of the Seven Stars charitable events for an auction of promises
- organising a 'bag pack' at Morrisons

*Fiona Senior is to act as main contact for the friends*

**aob**

**discussion on the future of SaMS**

**Emma Trend** offered to act as schools liaison to promote SaMS

*Fiona Senior to follow-up*

**Parent** suggested that families receiving family credit to be given a discount

*trustees to consider this for the coming year*

**Sue Snell** thanked the parents and tutors present for their support and closed the meeting

**next meeting**

to be advertised