The Petrean Society

Peterhouse Group of Schools

The 66th A.G.M of the *Petrean Society* will be held in the
Music Centre, Peterhouse Girls
Starting at 8.30 am (Zimbabwe Time) on **Sunday 24th March 2024**

MINUTES

Welcome

Matt Hosack opened the meeting by welcoming all those present both in person and online. He also thanked Peterhouse Girls for hosting the Petrean AGM and Petrean Sports Day.

Attendance: in person

M Hosack E/99; J Trafford; A Moore G/07; C Greeff; A Cloete PHG/07; B Mullen G/07; G Simpson S99; J Hough PHG/14.
T Wessels PHG/10; N Nyeke PHG/94; D George M/03; F Mbofana S/15; N Bamhare G/99; T Chinyadza P/13; U Hamudikuwanda P/14; M Lampen S/15; M Mudawarima S/14; S Carlisle P/92; A Lowe P/89; T Chinyadza P/94, M Mutsai G/93, D Charters E/98,

Attendance: online

Isabel Samkange; Victoria Arkell, Amanda Mudege-Fleischer, Wisdom Setlhako, Munyaradzi Bamhare, Derrick Sanyahumbe, Maria Mackenzie, Trevor Cliffe, Nadeema Jogee, Wade Mann, Mychael Pryke, Edwin Ukama, Donald Tabvuma, Richard Sugden, Sitabile Hove, Tashinga Chavarika, Isheanesu Chikoto, Anthony Fletcher

Apologies:

List at the end of the minutes

Rectors Report:

Petrean Chairman, Mr Matt Hosack, Standing Committee members, Members of the Peterhouse Board of Governors and EXCO members, Members of our non-Zimbabwe branch Committees, Petreans both here at home and internationally

It is my considerable pleasure to welcome you to the 2024 Annual General Meeting.

Overview

2023 / 24 has been a good year for both the Society and Group of Schools.
Much progress has been made in the wake of the Covid pandemic.
We started 2024 with "full Schools". PHB / PHG and SVH have had full intakes at D Block / Grade 1 level. There is pressure on places in all three schools. PHB started the year with 502 boys – the 500 barrier a first for many years.

The schools also welcomed a number of new staff. Staffing has become more complex with growing academic specialization and a shrinking number of quality teachers in Zimbabwe who understand independent boarding education. We need to look wider for emigrants wanting to return, or for teachers

wanting to move to Zimbabwe (this comes with immigration issues). A current risk is UK schools who are recruiting in Zimbabwe for pupils and teachers – put pressure on the school in late 2023.

Academic

2023 Cambridge results were, in the main encouraging. PHG produced another set of outstanding IGCSE results. PHB IGCSE results were better than in 2022. A Level results were also better that 2022. Disappointingly there were fewer A Grades at A Level.
School continues to understand the importance of our academic ethos and with Michelle Scott Elliott as Head of Academic Advancement she has revisited staff development and is working on an academic strategic plan.

Sport

- All three schools continue to remain very competitive.
- PHG has a new Director of Sport – "Taps" Pongweni.
- PHG Girls won the Golden Girls Trophy in 2023.
- A number of teams toured in 2023. Cricket and Hockey (PHB and PHG) to SA.
- Plans for a number of tours in 2024 – Hockey (PHB and PHG) to SA; Soccer to Germany; Basketball to Germany and Rugby to Portugal.
- Dave Kirkman is heading to Falcon. Mr Winston Holman assumes Director of Sport from April 2024.
- Mr Robbie du Rand to Head Rugby at PHB in 2024.
- Rowing enjoyed a successful SA Championship returning with a Silver Medal in the U17 Doubles. Kerrie Zaal has been appointed Head of Rowing.

Culture

- The school continues to produce some outstanding results in the NIAA Eisteddfod. This at a Music and Drama level.
- Our association with the London College of Music continues to flourish and once again our Music candidates have gained excellent results.
- Debating, chess. MUN, WSC to name but a few continue to produce excellent results domestically. In 2023 our debaters participated in an international competition in Dar-es-Salam.

- The diversity of our curriculum offerings is the envy of many schools, and we continue to reinforce the importance of our holistic approach to education.

Development

- Astro turf completed and opened in 2023
- New waterpolo / 25m short course pool completed in 2023 – took 2 milliom litres of water to fill.
- Upgrades in Tinokura and Snell completed.
- Classroom upgrades are continuing.
- Feasibility study on solar power, for the Group, has started. Implementation scheduled for late 2024.
- Work to start on upgrades of Williams Field Cottages.
- Two new staff houses on PHG / SVH site completed.

Petrean Business

2023 was a significant, if not milestone year, for the Society. The **Crown Foundation** was launched with considerable fanfare in July. This offers the Group a new model to increase financial sustainability. Building the notion of "third stream" income. Three pillars to funding;

- Scholarships
- Development – Infrastructure.
- Staff Welfare and Development.

The year has seen a growth in activity in our international branches.

Petrean Functions

- The Annual Golf Day was, again, a resounding success. Thanks must go to the Organising Committee for their incredibly hard work.
- UK Branch Annual Dinner in London. Attended by over 100 guests this was a fine event at the Cavalry and Guards Club in Piccadilly. The UK Branch has led the way in terms of building a successful international branch.
- Harare End of Year Function. This was an outstanding event with about 100 attendees.
- During the course of the year there has been, around the world, a host of other smaller and less formal Petrean functions. A European Branch is emerging as is one in Australia.

Conclusion

Petreans continue to "champion" the school. From Marondera we continue to be incredibly grateful to the Petrean Community for the support they offer. Petreans will be key to the school's future success. It is important that Petreans remain in contact with the school. They are, in essence, the guardians of the schools' traditions, ethos and culture. They remain fundamental in our desire create a school that educates young men and women to be the leaders and role models of the future.

Special Thanks

Corralee Greeff in her role as Head of Development.
Matt Hosack for his incredible commitment to the role as Chairman of the Society and for being instrumental in driving the Crown Foundation.

Conditur in Petra.

Jon Trafford
Rector

Chairs Report, by Matt Hosack (HOS/E/99)

Good Morning Ladies and Gentlemen!

I would like to extend a warm welcome to all of you attending this year's Petrean Society's AGM. Special thanks to those of you who have physically come out to Peterhouse Girls, and also to those who have joined online. It's very much appreciated.

As has become tradition today's Petrean Society's AGM is being held on the same day as the Petrean Sports Day. We are most grateful to Peterhouse Girls School for hosting this year's Petrean Sports Day and the AGM. Thank you.

As you heard from Jon's report, the Peterhouse Group of Schools has had another positive year, which is most encouraging. Well done to you and your team of staff, Jon and Claire, I know it's been an extremely busy term for you both and by all accounts the Peterhouse Group of Schools is going from strength to strength.

2023 was another very busy year for Petrean Society, and I'd like to thank each member of the Petrean standing committee here in Zimbabwe, as well as the leaders of the international chapters for all their outstanding efforts during the course of the year.

Later on today, various Petrean teams are taking on the Peterhouse boys and girls in hockey, soccer, basketball, touch rugby, tennis and cricket. One of the key mandates of the Petrean Society is to connect with Peterhouse and there's no better way of doing this than playing sport with and against the boys and girls.

The Petrean Calendar was active in 2023, with the following events carried out:

1. SA branch – Social - Johannesburg Country Club, 3rd March 2023 as well as one at the Waterfront in Cape Town, Thanks to Bruce Kay and Thoko Malaba.
2. Australia - Establishment of the Petrean Branch in Australia [July 2022] and a number of socials were held throughout 2023 in Perth, Sydney and Brisbane, Thanks to Victoria Arkell, Wade Mann and Brian
3. UK Branch – Held four Quarterly socials, an incredible expedition run by the Shoesmith summiting the 3 Peaks in the UK call 'rock & reconnect'. Finishing off the year with the annual UK Formal dinner in London in November.
4. Zimbabwe – Petrean Sports Day – March 2023.
   We had a very well-attended and fun filled Petrean Sports Day in March 2023, with over 100 Petreans making the trip to Marondera and spending the day at Peterhouse.
5. Zimbabwe - Petrean Golf Day 9th June 2023
   Once again I would really like to thanks Stu and Tracey Carlisle, and Rich Linnell for their ongoing and tireless help in arranging yet another fantastic Petrean Golf Day in 2023. We had a full field of teams at Royal Harare, and we are looking forward to another successful day in May this year.
6. Zimbabwe - Launch of the Peterhouse Crown Foundation - 27th July 2023
   Huge thanks to the whole committee for their help in making this a successful event.
7. Zimbabwe - The Petrean Day and Classes of 1993 30 year and 2003 20 year reunions and 2013 10 year reunions held at PHB in July at the Peterhouse vs Falcon home game. This day included Hockey vs Falconians, and a Tug of war vs them too.
8. Zimbabwe - End of Year Christmas cocktail evening
   I would also like to thank Isabel Samkange and Ang Cloete for organising the end of year Petrean Cocktail evening, and Gordon Simpson for hosting the evening.

The Petrean committee supported the school in a number of initiatives in 2023, most notably the PHB and PHB leaver's services. This was an incredible opportunity for us to engage with the PHG and PHB leavers of 2023 and to welcome them in the Petrean Community. I'd like to thank Ang Cloete for kindly giving up her time to address the PHG leavers and welcome them in to the Petrean Society.

Peterhouse Crown Foundation
A highlight of this last year's calendar was the launch of the Peterhouse Crown Foundation

On the 27th July the Petrean Committee launched the Peterhouse Crown Foundation. The Peterhouse Crown Foundation was set up in early 2023 by Petrean with a vision for it to operate as a long-term, compounding, and sustainable endowment fund that will provide strategic support to the group of schools, focusing on three key areas:

1. Staff Welfare
2. Capital Infrastructure
3. Student Scholarships

Why was the Peterhouse Crown Foundation set up?

- Peterhouse aims to be a **world-class institution**
- Leading educational institutions around the world are supported financially by their alumni
- Operating in an uncertain economic environment, Peterhouse needs active support to ensure that it can continue to provide pupils, from a wide range of backgrounds, with a competitive all-round education.
- We are in an **extremely fortunate position** that now after being founded nearly 70 years ago (1955), the Peterhouse Group of Schools has a diverse and global Petrean alumni, who are looking to **"give back".**
- Establishing the Foundation provides the **appropriate vehicle** to ensure their contributions are accounted for, recognized and the Peterhouse legacy is maintained.

We are at a crucial point now for the Peterhouse Crown Foundation, as the focus is now on fund raising from amongst the Petrean community, far and wide, in order to build up the fund. Next year is Peterhouse's 70th Anniversary….it will be a significant milestone for the school, and we are hoping to really engage the Petrean community over this time.

Fellow Petreans, it is with great sadness that we had to say goodbye to a number of Petreans that left us since our last AGM.

2023
Andy Graham [M76]
John Dawson [F62]
Sue Davidson [staff]
Mike Seeley [E68]
Peter Duffy [M76]
Philip Pascal [E65]
Ryan Collett [E94]
Tendai Madzikanda [P08]

2024
Tafadzwa Ukama HOHG06
Tashinga Choga S16DHOH

Ladies and gentleman, this will be my last AGM as chairman of the Petrean Society. I step down as my tenure has come to an end, but it has been a huge honour to represent the Petrean community in this capacity. I would like to thank the standing committee team who have really supported me over the last few years, and made it a pleasure. However, I would like to make a special mention of Corralee Greeff, who has simply been incredible

in her support, efficiency, passion and professionalism in the way she interacts and supports the Petrean, and certainly her support of me during my tenure as Chairman. Thank you Corralee.

I really hope that I leave the Petrean Society and importantly the relationship between the Petreans and the School in a stronger and more positive state than I found it. I wish the incoming chairman, Gordon, all the very best…and Im fully confident that Gordon will be a wonderful Chairman. Mr Trafford, I thank you for your support as well, and for those many trips you had to make to Harare to meet with us Petreans for our meetings and updates. Im truly grateful.

On behalf of the Petreans, I would also like to thank Claire Hough for her incredibly valuable and dedicated service to PHG over a 20 plus year period. Claire is going to be stepping down at the headmistress of PHG later this year and filling her shoes will certainly be no easy feat for her successor. Claire thank so very much from all of us in the Petrean Society.

Thank you very much, once again, ladies and gentlemen for your time today and here's wishing you all a wonderful, loving, productive and healthy year ahead.

God Bless you, Conditur in Petra.
Matt Hosack

Financial Reports - 2023-24
Highlights, by Treasurer - Andrew Moore

a. Many thanks to Richard Linnell and the Petrean Golf Committee for organizing yet another successful golf day held in June of 2023. The golf day raised a profit for the committee of $1665.00
b. In addition to the golf day, we received $1,005 from the sale of Petrean memorabilia.
c. Additionally, Petrean's Donations to form the newly established Crown Foundation amounted to $8,657.
d. 2023-24 was largely a year of giving back to the committee and investing in the future of the school and Petreans alike, including:
    i. Formation costs and ongoing administration fees of the Peterhouse Crown Foundation which was funded by donations for this purpose, as mentioned above. Special mention to Matthew Hossack who has spearheaded this initiative and has freely given countless hours into making this a reality. Also to Dustin George who designed the logo and corporate imagery for us at no cost.
    ii. The Petrean Society funded the launch event of the Peterhouse Crown Foundation held at Mulberry Restaurant in Borrowdale Brooke in July of 2023 which played host to over 150 Petreans, partners and friends of Peterhouse. https://petreans.co.zw/peterhouse-crown-foundation/
    iii. The committee donated new cricket sight screens on the Greenacre oval (field 5) for the 2024 season.
    iv. In December 2023, the Society hosted a Zimbabwe-based, Petrean End-of-Year Social at Oak Tree Restaurant in Harare. Hosting 100 Petreans and partners.

Profit & Loss – FY2024

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Profit and Loss

For the 12 months Apr 01, 2023 to Mar 24, 2024

	FY2024		FY2023	
	ZWL	USD	ZWL	USD
Income				
Petrean Donations		8,657.00		
Golf Day Net income		1,665.00		7,220.00
Golf Day Long Drive Auction		0.00		2,700.00
Memorabilia Sales		1,005.00		
Total Income	-	**11,327.00**		**9,920.00**
Expenses				
Crown Foundation Setup and Management (2023+2024)		8,657.00		
PSSC Meetings Costs		0.00		140.00
Crown Foundation Launch Event (Catering, Venue, Entertainment)		4,547.00		
Crown Foundation Marketing Collateral (videography and photography)		2,780.00		
Zim Petrean End of Year Social (Oak Tree)		3,280.00		1,750.00
Donation of Sight Screens – Greenacre Oval		1,580.00		
Total Expenses		**20,844.00**		**1,880.00**
Profit/(Loss)		**(9,517.00)**		**6,525.00**

Balance Sheet

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Balance Sheet

As at March 24, 2024

	FY2024		FY2023	
	ZWL	USD	ZWL	USD
Assets				
Cash and Bank				
CABS Checking Account	0.00		13,038.83	
Cash in Hand		38.00		2,380.00
Peterhouse Group Safe		8,145.00		15,320.00
Total Cash and Bank		***8,183.00***	***13,038.83***	***17,700.00***
Other Current Assets				
Total Other Current Assets	-	-	-	-
Total Assets		**8,183.00**	**13,038.83**	**17,700.00**
Liabilities				
Current Liabilities				
Long-term Liabilities				
Total Liabilities	-	-	-	-
Equity				
Initial Capital from Petrean Fund (2015)	1,500.00	-	1,500.00	-
Accumulated Profit	0.00	8,183.00	11,583.83	15,320.00
Total Equity	**1,500.00**	**8,183.00**	**13,038.83**	**17,700.00**

Petrean Constitution

The Rector proposed the following changes to the Petrean Constitution to better align the Society with the more inclusive structure of International Branches.

All proposed changes were approved by the Society Members present.

Point 4.1 The Rector of Peterhouse, for *his/her* time in office, shall be the President of The Society. *He/she* shall not, however, be thereby excluded from ordinary membership.

Point 7 (a) ***A Chair**, being a member of The Petrean Standing Committee, based in Zimbabwe, over the age of 21, shall be elected at an Annual General Meeting. No person shall serve as Chair for more than three consecutive years.*

i. The Chair is an ex-officio member of the Peterhouse Group Executive Committee (EXCO)

ii. The Chair sits on the Peterhouse Crown Foundation Committee.

iii. The immediate past Chair shall remain on the committee for at least one year following their tenure.

Point 7 (e) ***The International Branch Chairs,** as part of the International Branch Sub-committees, will be invited to attend Petrean Standing Committee special general meetings.*

Point 8 There shall be a Standing Committee, which shall consist of the **Chair**, the **Vice-Chair**, the **Secretary**, and not less than five (5) nor more than seven (7) members of The Society. *International Branch Chairs will be invited to attend Petrean Standing Committee meetings.*

NB: the changes made are italicised and underlined above

Election of Office Bearers

Petrean Standing Committee – Chairman Appointment

The current Chairman, Mr. Matt Hosack, has stepped down from his role. At the beginning of the year, the Petrean Standing Committee met and invited nominations from within the committee for a replacement.

Gordon Simpson was the sole nominee for the role. We extend our appreciation to Gordon for volunteering to take on this position.

New Chairman Elected: Gordon Simpson (S/99)

- **Proposed by:** Angela Cloete
- **Seconded by:** Brynn Mullen, Dustin George, Tamuka Chinyadza, Stuart Carlisle

As the year progresses, **further vacancies will open** within the **Petrean Standing Committee**. We encourage anyone interested in volunteering for an upcoming position to reach out to the **Petrean Development Officer**.

Any other business

- Staff applications to the Petrean Society – CG

Applicant	Date Started	School	Job title / Description	Approved
Kudzai Tasa	Jan-10	PHB	Sports Coach Cricket U14A, U15A, U16A Hockey 3rds, 2nds, U16A IC Cricket Pitches & Nets Grinham House Tutor	YES
Samantha Satumba	Jun-10	PHG	Teacher, 14 years	YES
Fortune Mukucha	Jan-06	PHB	Teacher, 17 years Head of both History and Global Perspectives. House Master for Malvern 2015 - current	YES

- No other items have been tabled.

Meeting Closure – 9.30 am (latest)

Yours sincerely

Corralee Greeff
Secretary Petrean Society

Apologies Registered:

Adrian Peech, Alan Bedford-Shaw, Alan Watkins (E63), Alex Singleton, Andrew Mattinson, Andy Holdernes, Anthony Morris-Osborne, Ayla Skye Greef, Beaven Gane, Bevil Conway, Bill Nairn, Bob Jones-Davies, Brendan Kitcat, Brent Eastwood, Brian Harker Bruce Freer, Bruce Travers, Carla de Klerk,Caroline (Kew) Osborne, Chris Sladden, Christopher Cragg, Christopher Dziwa, Christopher Glyn SNR, Clark Pegg, Cliff Lonsdale, Craig Mirams, Dan Knight, David Candy, David Denning, David Little, David Peech, David Reid, Dean Lemmer, Diane Riddle, Dirk Moore-Gordon, Ed Holme, Elliot Munjoma, Enos Mbofana, Gary Balarin, Ginny Sinclair (nee Dobb), Gordon Brown, Gordon Craig, Graeme Jackson, Grant Hofmeyer, Guy Mattinson, Howard Barnes, Hunter Derek Greeff, Ian Bruce-Miller, Ian McGill, Jamie Lamb (M59), Jeremy Kileff, Jo Cocker, John Burdett, John Sheppard, Jules Thomas, Julian (Vant) E78, Keith Nicholson, Kelly Bennett, Kevin Coughlan, Kudzai Nyachiya, Lucia Guerrero, Lynette Windell, Martin Cross (M66), Martin Emslie, Mbongeni.Malaba, Meghan Havercroft; Michael Denenga, Mike Adams, Mike Hess, Miles Carter, Nick Mills, Nigel Baden-Clay, Oscar Johnson, Paul Davies, Pavlo Pilakoutas, Pete Saywood, Peter Allin, Peter Carpenter, Peter Fynn, PhD, Peter von Seidel, Primrose Matembo, Richard Lowe, Robert Standish-White, Robin Black, Rod Monteith, Roger Eriksson P/63, Rory Young, Roy Sinclair, Rufaro Mapanda, Sarah Langerman, Sarah Shoesmith, Shelley Nicholls, Simon Gibbs, Simon Hammond, Sinks Hone, Stace and Phil Partridge, Stuart Mattinson, Susan Davies (Buckland), Takomborerwa Makiwa,Tawanda Mdawarima G81, Thoko Malaba, Tom Stubbs, Tony Henchie (G60), Tony Stewart-Garden, Vuyisile Ndlovu Nigel Weller, Sean Davy, Stephen Morgan, Bret Connor P89, Barry Fletcher.