



In Summer 1978, finding that BSBC's success was no longer coming so easily, I decided to tap into the expertise of successful OBs. After a series of working party meetings in the early part of 1979, the Buffaloes were inaugurated at a Leander Club dinner on 27th April 1979. Our first President was The Rt. Revd. Launcelot Fleming, Dean of Windsor, Governor of the School and our most enthusiastic supporter. The first Chairman was Tony Wober, 1st VIII 1957 and member of the England VIII in the Empire Games of 1958. I became Secretary, and have remained so ever since.

Initially, our purpose was to raise the standards of Bryanston rowing. Social events and fund-raising were secondary. As time has gone on, though we have not lost sight of the prime purpose, we have had to admit that OBs are unlikely to be able to come and coach in Dorset for significant periods.

Social Events include (a) the annual dinner at Leander - at which 1st Vllls from 70, 60, 50, 40 etc. years ago are invited to enjoy reunions, and our guests include OBs who have distinguished themselves in rowing in the past year; and (b) the annual buffet supper in the School. This originally developed around the Autumn Term OBs' Race, now defunct. Currently, buffets are used to introduce parents of junior members of BSBC to the Buffaloes. (c) Also under this heading comes my presence at Henley Royal Regatta - keeping in touch, supplying lunch for wandering 'Buffaloes', receiving and distributing badges, etc. Fund-raising is largely through subscriptions from generous OBs (see Membership & Donations).

Our income covers the twice yearly mailing of Buffalo Bulletins to these members and to current parents, expenses of Buffalo support at Heads and Regattas (See Racing Support), and (mainly) the purchase of equipment for BSBC that is not likely to be affordable from their school budget. We try to supply the 'icing on the cake'

The Buffaloes contribute to BSBC's higher standards by sending me to take video film of national squads in training, attend Coaches' Conferences when the coaching staff are committed to work at Bryanston, etc.

OBs and parents are welcome to suggest other ways in which we can enhance our bulletins, social events (e.g. revival of the OBs' Race), fund-raising, and input to the coaching profile. Alan Shrimpton (1st VIII '54 & '55, staff from 1964, i/c Rowing 1977-86)

Some recent membership records have been lost due to a computer glitch. ANY SUBSCRIBING MEMBER who does not receive their postal copy of the Bulletin should let Alan Shrimpton know.

Current officers and committee: President - Bob Allan (Staff 1960-89, i/c Rowing 1963-69); Chairman - Michael Sydney (1st VIII '53); Secretary - Alan Shrimpton; Treasurer - Mike Adams (F '67 and staff since 1977); Graham Elliot - Master i/c Rowing; the Boys' and Girls' Captains; Geoff Hoyle (1st VIII '59); and parents Mr & Mrs Catto, Mr Richmond-Coggan, Mr & Mrs Roberts, Mr & Mrs Turnage, and Mr & Mrs Vidgeon.

The committee meets twice a year, in the Autumn and Spring Terms, to decide on the organisation of the social events, and to allocate funds to BSBC and to Buffalo support activities.