



PERTH MODERNIAN SOCIETY
MINUTES
MEETING OF THE COUNCIL
14 November 2011, 17:15

1. Present: Ian Jarvis, Sallie Davies, Peter Farr, Eve Broadley, Lois Joll, Alan Porter, Don Cook, Barbara Mallett, Arnold Wong (visitor),

Apologies: B. Baker, D Beresford

Silent: W Dekkers, R Harley, E Lazarus

Present: Ian Jarvis, Sallie Davies, Peter Farr, Eve Broadley, Lois Joll, Alan Porter, Arnold Wong (visitor), Don Cook, Barbara Mallett

Visitor: Permission was sought by the Chair for Arnold Wong to remain for the meeting. That having been granted he was welcomed and invited to introduce himself and his interest in attending.

2. **Minutes** of the Meeting: 10 October 2011
D. Cook moved that the minutes be accepted; seconded I. Jarvis; carried.
Business Arising to be dealt with during meeting if necessary.

3. **Correspondence**

3.1 **Secretary:**

Outward: Letter of appreciation to Stacey Burton
Letter advising School of Insurance Cover

3.2 **Executive Officer**

Outward: Report sent electronically to committee members.
Inward: From the mail out there were still many RTS.

4. **Insurance** for the Society and the Sphinx Foundation
Summary from P Farr was sent electronically to Councillors prior to meeting.

4.1 **Public Liability and Property and Equipment** still to be clarified with School
P Farr reported that all entities (including Sphinx Foundation) are adequately covered for:

1. Public liability
- ~~2. Professional Indemnity~~
- ~~3. Directors~~
- ~~4. Fidelity~~

NOTE 1:(from email sent to Councillors prior to meeting from P Farr)

1. This Fidelity cover covers the theft of either money or insured property.
2. But not the loss by fire of insured property.
3. Someone needs to find out the position of the equipment, goods & chattels that have been purchased by and held by the Perth Modernian Society -i.e. in the event of fire or theft, are they covered by the school's insurance or not??
~~Don, can you attend to this please, so we know where we stand.~~
4. Insurance only covers theft of money or property by OFFICIALS, so it's crucial for Don to find out what coverage if any exists through the school for burglary/theft by others, as well as fire etc.

NOTE 2: Chair advised that H&M inventory and MOSAiC db record furniture and equipment in History Centre and original computer purchase documentation is available

ACTION: D Cook/P Farr ~~are waiting on a response from the still to confer with~~ school to clarify cover for “physical property”.

4.2 Payment

P Farr and E Broadley reported that

~~The full premium of \$1254 \$574.75~~ has been paid to Zenith Insurance Services for General Public Liability and Directors & Officers and Fidelity.

~~Premium \$679.25 remains outstanding as the total premium is \$1254~~

~~Thanks~~ to negotiation on part of P Farr to waiver Broker’s Fee and GST which had not been factored into the initial quotation.

4.3 Letter to School – see Outward Correspondence (above)

5. Communications Report

Report sent electronically to committee members.

5.1 Membership

I. Jarvis reported that there are now 16,500+ names on the mosaic database.

Since 4 October, 69 members have changed to 4 year contributory, there are 24 new registered members and 131 year 12 graduate applications.

5.2 Magazine

Deadline for magazine copy 25 May to publish July 2012.

Priority consideration to be given to publish articles/interviews from more senior alumni.

5.3 e-Newsletter

Deadline for copy 25 February to publish March (*First issue 2012*).

5.4 Marketing

No Report

5.5 Portal

~~Minor g~~Glitches in the “Trybooking” system will be ironed out in time for the 2012 Annual Reunion. A “Paypal” button is urgently required to allow customers to purchase ties and watches and to ~~make donations pay the \$100 contributing membership. Stratatel has recently been asked to quote on this task.~~

5.6 Consolidated Database

I Jarvis reported on the large volume of data that had to be transferred and updated.

It has reached the point where professional IT expertise is required to ensure the future security and survival of the system, especially in connection with allowing the School access to the database.

ACTION: For the next meeting the Communications Committee should come back with recommendations regarding school access to our database.

It was agreed that:

Council agrees in principle that the Society will supply on request by the school Principal an extract from the database of contact details (for name/address etc) in a suitable format, and requiring an -with the-undertaking from the school to respect the confidentiality of this data.

6. Finance and Fundraising

6.1 Perth Modernian Society Operational Finance Report

No report from E. Broadley

6.2 Sphinx Foundation Financial Report

Report sent electronically to committee members.

Foundation met on Tuesday 25 October 2011

- Now sufficient capital is invested to fund a third Sphinx 3-year scholarship (with selection for 2012 to be finalised in December 2011).
- Scholarship appeal booklet is being reprinted with a few modifications.
- Main issue was to define an investment strategy whereby investments would be diversified.
- A Principal's discretionary bursary Fund for students in financial need has been established. adopted
- Special Centenary bursaries covering the school amenity fee were awarded (in January 2011) to the eleven unsuccessful scholarship applicants, so ~~assisting~~ honouring all qualifying applicants.
- Sphinx Foundation will carry the cost (~\$100) for the 173 ~~History~~ Book-plates to be inserted into the History books to be presented to the 2011 Centenary Graduating year 12 students.

6.3 Historical & Museum Committee Financial Report

A. Porter tabled.

D Cook moved reports be accepted; P Farr seconded.

Discussion ensued regarding donations amounting to \$415 received at the Annual Reunion. (This matter was raised by Barrie Baker at the previous meeting and held over for further consideration after all accounts had been received for the event).

ACTION:

D. Cook moved a motion that \$415 should go to the Sphinx Scholarships and be matched by an equal sum of \$415 to the Historical & Museum Committee. P. Farr seconded. Motion carried.

7. Historical and Museum Committee

H & M notes from meeting held on 24 October and Forward Plan 2012-14 sent electronically to committee members.

7.1 Forward Plan

As there will be more regular contact with students, *Working With Children Checks* will be required for volunteers. The school is prepared to reimburse costs for volunteers (\$10) on application.

7.2 Morning Tea

December 12 is the date for the "thank you" morning tea for H & M volunteers and school staff who have assisted.

8. Functions Report

No Functions Report was presented.

There was comment on the success of the Michael Kirby lecture to the school's Sphinx Society members, Politics & Law students, committee and selected alumni. L Joll mentioned that the "intimacy" of the lecture was effective.

P Farr tabled a motion that "The Perth Modernian Society offers to organise, in conjunction with the school, an annual lecture. (Distinguished former student, Kevin Parker, could be the possible speaker for 2012)." Seconded E Broadley.

Carried

9. Executive Officer's report

Report sent electronically to committee members.

9.1 Membership

ACTION: I Jarvis mailing letter from B Baker to all members who have agreed to convert to 4 year membership.

9.2 Paypal

ACTION: Paypal button for \$100 on the membership page urgently required.

9.3 Yr 12 Graduation Ceremony

ACTION: Nobody available to sell merchandise at the Graduation Ceremony on November 19, so D. Cook will approach school to sell on our behalf. *(Note – this did not eventuate)*

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9.4 Interested Alumni from Reunion

David Gresser has declined Barrie's invitation to join the Council.
Annemie McAuliffe (nee Davies) Class of 1959 is still considering.

9.5 Catering

The standard of on-site catering, as evidenced at the recent class reunions, has vastly improved.

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It was agreed that the large number of unexpected attendees at the Sept. 2011 annual reunion added to a once up problem.

9.6 Sundowner for graduates 2000-2009

March 2012

10. Principal's Report

Report circulated and school activities and student accomplishments summarized by L Joll.

- She extended appreciation from the year 12 student body for the Society donation of the History books for their graduation. The Council Executive had revoked its initial decision to decline the donation, as this donation was a "one-off" situation in honour of the centenary.
- With the transition to "independent public school" status, the school council will become a board. D Beresford undertook school board transition training (conducted by DoE) on Nov 7.
- L Joll invited members to go on the mailing list to receive hard copies of the quarterly School Magazine. Next issue will appear in mid January.

ACTION: Councillors to register to receive School Newsletter

- L Joll requested that the committee consider scheduling future monthly meetings during school term time to allow her to attend. It was agreed that when the new 2012 Council was elected, the dates would be reviewed.

ACTION: Council to program future meetings to avoid School Holidays

11. School Council Report

No report as D Beresford was away.

- It was noted that D Beresford undertook school board transition training (conducted by DoE) on November 7 at the Principal's request.

12. General Business

The following matters were noted for further discussion at the next meeting.

12.1 Perth Modernian Society Constitution

From the president:

Next year, with a bit of stability, we need to turn our attention to the constitution, to cover the following points:

- The activities, structures and new relations to the school
- GST exemption for Perth Modernian Society
- Honouring non-members who make a contribution to the Society*

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*(*Note: The current constitution already states:*

10. The Council of the Society may, by a majority of not less than two thirds of its members present and voting, elect any person who is not otherwise eligible to be a member of the Society as an **Honorary Member** of the Society.
 11. The Council may, by a majority of not less than two thirds of its Members present and voting, elect any person, whether a Member or Life Member or eligible to be a Member of the Society or not, as an **Honorary Life Member of the Society** by reason of his or her distinguished service to the School, the Society, the Foundation or the public or any section of it.
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12.2 Other items to be included in future planning (in EO's agenda)

- Membership
- Sundowner for Graduates 2000-09
- Art Tour 2012
- Recruitment for Council, Board & Committees.

Before the meeting closed, A. Wong extended a vote of thanks to S Davies, the Council and the Sphinx Foundation for their good working relationship with the P&C throughout the year.

MEETING CLOSED: 7PM

NEXT MEETING

WHEN: MONDAY, 12th December 2011
WHERE: HISTORY CENTRE, HAMILTON STREET
TIME: 5.15 p.m.

Apologies for NEXT MEETING: Nil