



PERTH MODERNIAN SOCIETY

DRAFT MINUTES **MEETING OF THE COUNCIL** **12th December 2011, 5.15pm**

1. **Attendance:**

Apologies: Barrie Baker, Lois Joll

Chair: Sallie Davies

Present: Don Cook, Deb Beresford, Eve Broadley, Ian Jarvis, Val Furphy, Wendy Dekkers, Barbara Mallett, Peter Farr, Alan Porter.

2. **Minutes** of the Meeting held on 14 November 2011

D. Cook moved that the minutes be accepted; seconded E. Broadley; carried.

Business Arising

No feedback from Stacey Burton regarding insurance for our property.

E. Broadley reported that \$415 had been transferred to Sphinx Scholarships and \$415 to the Historical and Museum funds.

3. **Correspondence**

3.2 **Secretary:**

3.2 **Executive Officer**

Query from a family member of an ex student wishing to purchase a tie for him for Christmas.

4. **Insurance** for the Society and the Sphinx Foundation

Finalized except for response from the School. D. Cook has sent emails to Stacey Burton asking what happens if there is a major event such as a fire or theft.

5. **Communications Report**

Report sent electronically to committee members.

5.1 **Membership**

5.2 **Magazine**

5.3 **e-Newsletter**

Barbara has advised Ian that she can be available during the school holidays to learn the process of compiling the e-Newsletter and so take on this task for the coming year.

5.4 **Marketing**

5.5 **Portal**

Many thanks to Peter Farr for his splendid efforts to get the Portal set up with PayPal buttons. Peter will investigate as to whether a new bank account will need to be set up with Westpac.

The mail out for those electing a 4-year contributing membership can now be amended to show PayPal as an alternative and convenient method of payment.

Information to be included in the mail out should be the date of the Annual Reunion. A check on suitable dates should be made with Roger Hey, as the concert is an important feature of the day.

ACTION: Ian Jarvis will organise mailing labels.

5.6 **Consolidated Database**

- Recommendations regarding the facilitation of school access to our database. TBA

6. **Finance and Fundraising Reports**

6.1 **Operational Finance Report**

E. Broadley tabled the report. It incorporated the cash flow from 5th October 2011 to 14th November 2011 as well as the cash flow until 12th December.

Balance as at 12th December 2011 - \$17873.29

6.2 **Sphinx Foundation Financial Reports**

P. Farr tabled the Finance Report for the Sphinx Foundation for 12/12/2011. Expenses yet to be paid are for the brochures and computer. The Sphinx Foundation is running at a surplus at the moment. Falling interest rates will affect investments.

6.3 **Historical & Museum Committee Financial Report**

- Transfer of donations to the Sphinx Scholarships account and to the Historical & Museum Committee Account has been done.

A. Porter tabled the Financial Report for the period 14th November 2011 to 12th December 2011.

An updated Statement is to be sent out with the minutes.

Two people will be attending the MOSAIC training course in February so there will be further expenditure then.

Ian Jarvis moved that the Financial Reports be accepted; seconded Don Cook; carried.

7. Historical and Museum Committee Report

Report sent electronically to committee members.

Sallie Davies reported that a successful morning tea had been held in the History Centre that morning to thank volunteers and various School staff members who support Museum activities throughout the year. Many positive comments had been recorded in the Visitors' book.

8. Functions Report

None. Included in the executive officer's report

9. Executive Officer's report

Report sent electronically to committee members.

Class of 2001 had a ten-year reunion on 26th November.

Sundowner for graduates of 2000 to 2009 to be held early in 2012.

ACTION: Don will check with Cheryl Lindorf for a suitable date.

9.1 Memorabilia

Don Cook reported that ties and watches are selling slowly with more on order.

Peter suggested that we need a policy on other categories of merchandise to sell. The on line store needs to look more interesting and have more there. A link is needed between the School website and ours to let people know where merchandise can be purchased.

9.2 PayPal

A thank you to Peter who has done an enormous amount of work in getting PayPal buttons installed.

ACTION: Peter and Don will open a new account for PayPal transactions.

9.3 Membership On Line

This facility is now on the website. Peter has trialed this to see that it works. Accounts can be sent out by email so there will be the long-term benefit of making the website work for us.

Peter Farr moved that the Executive Officer's Report be accepted; seconded Ian Jarvis; carried.

10. Principal's Report

In Lois' absence Val Furphy gave the Principal's report.

The Ballet Programme in its present form finished this year.

The last event for the Centenary Year, the Art Exhibition, was a great success.

Vie Foster and Fleur will be responsible for publicity next year.

A new billboard is being installed on the Thomas Street side of the School.

Gifted and Talented Trainers from the University of New South Wales are running Professional Development at the School for interested teachers from throughout the state. Members of our staff can also attend.

The School is very pleased that Esther Hill has been announced as Secondary Teacher of the Year and Jane Nicholson, Graduate Teacher of the Year.

11. School Council Report

Deb Beresford will be a Community Representative on the School Council for another year.

12. General Business

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*

ACTION: From discussion it was decided that Barrie coopts a small group from our committee and a lawyer from the alumni to address the issues mentioned above.

Sallie Davies recommended that everyone should look at the Constitution before the next meeting.

12.2 Other items to be included in future planning (in EO's agenda)

- Membership – Discussed. One area that may need amendment in the Constitution.
- Sundowner for Graduates 2000-09. Covered in Agenda item 9. Reunion dates are coming in during the year.
- Art Tour 2012 – Approach Rosemary to repeat this popular and successful event.

- Recruitment for Council, Board & Committees. Partially discussed. Lawyer needed for Constitution amendments.
- AGM and auditing of accounts. AGM by end of March. Historically ours has been in April. Notice has to go out 30 days ahead. Auditing of accounts 3 months before the end of the Financial Year.
- Meetings not to be held during School holidays.
- Launch of the History Centre at AGM.

12.3 NEXT MEETING

WHEN: Monday 6th February 2012
WHERE: HISTORY CENTRE, HAMILTON STREET
TIME: 5.15 p.m.

NOTES FOR NEXT MEETING:

Reference Item 12.1:

*(*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.