



PERTH MODERNIAN SOCIETY

DRAFT MINUTES **MEETING OF THE COUNCIL** **28th May 2012, 5.15pm**

1. **Attendance:**

Apologies: Don Cook, Eve Broadley

Chair: Barrie Baker

Present: Sallie Davies, Deb Beresford, Ian Jarvis, Lois Joll, Peter Farr, Annemie McAuliffe, Ed Lazarus, Alan Porter, Arnold Wong.

2. Welcome to new Members.

Barrie Baker welcomed Annemie McAuliffe and Arnold Wong to the committee.

3. **Minutes** of the Meeting held on 12th March 2012

Sallie Davies moved that the minutes be accepted; seconded Ian Jarvis; carried.

Business Arising

To be dealt with during meeting if necessary.

The meeting dates for the year were confirmed with dates suitable for Principal and coinciding with other meetings held in the School.

Lois Joll emailed the suitable dates.

Monday 28th May

Tuesday 26th June

Tuesday 7th August

Monday 3rd September

Tuesday 30th October

Tuesday 27th November

4. **Correspondence**

3.2 Secretary:

RTS letters to Ian Jarvis to edit membership.

Thankyou letter from Jane Pankhurst to Sphinx Society for scholarship assistance.

Apology letter from M. Brimson for AGM.

Membership M.J. Hawley

3.2 Executive Officer:

In Don Cook's absence, Barrie Baker is monitoring the phone messages.

ACTION: Barrie Baker will let Cheryl Lindorff know that he will deal with reunion enquiries in Don Cook's absence.

3.2 Standing Committees Specific:

5. **Allocation of Responsibilities for Council Members for Coming Year**

President and Chairman – Barrie Baker

Vice Presidents – Sallie Davies and Peter Farr

Secretary – Deb Beresford

Membership – Ed Lazarus

Treasurer – Eve Broadley

Functions – Wendy Dekkers

Executive Officer – Don Cook

School Board Representative – Deb Beresford

Historical & Museum – Sallie Davies

Communications – Ian Jarvis with Arnold Wong

Portal /Website review – Annemie McAuliffe in consultation with Don Cook

6. **Communications Report**

Report sent electronically to committee members.

6.1 Membership

New membership figures for Contributing and Registered members are climbing.

6.2 Magazine

Graeme Hunt has taken over the production of the Annual Magazine for Contributing members, which will be mailed out in July together with information on the Reunion to be held on 9th September. He is consulting with Eve and other contributors.

Based on a quote received from a different printer, a considerable saving can be achieved on a publication of similar size and content to the 2011 edition, for which the editorial and printing costs amounted to \$3443. In keeping with previous discussions regarding producing a magazine that would encourage increased Contributing Membership, an increased number of pages would allow greater flexibility of content.

On behalf of the Communications committee, Sallie Davies requested that a budget limit of \$5000 be agreed for this financial year.

Barrie Baker moved

“That a budget limit of \$5000 be agreed for this financial year for the production of the Annual Magazine”.

Seconded Ed Lazarus. Carried.

6.3 e-Newsletter

The May e-newsletter has been distributed to add to the two that have been distributed this year.

Deadline for the next copy is 25th August, which will go out before the Annual Reunion. Before the task of handing over the production of the e-newsletter, Ian is exploring possible improvements to the program.

There has been a problem with emails bouncing back, mainly from contributing members. It was decided that these people be contacted by mail to ascertain their new email address.

6.4 Marketing

6.5 Portal

It was agreed at the last Council meeting that a review of the Portal be undertaken. Ian has suggested that consideration be given to the Facebook link. When the trial was established it was hoped that when people signed up that they would register with the Society.

However this has not been happening.

6.6 Consolidated Database

During March an unexplained computer glitch reverted the database to an earlier source and the manual backup system failed. Much data had to be re-entered. This highlighted the urgent need for an automated backup system. Ian Jarvis has arranged for Lakes Networking to implement daily offsite backups commencing 21/5/12. As there is a small volume of data involved, we are fortunate that they have kindly agreed to “piggy back” our backup onto another not-for-profit organisation’s backup at no cost to the Society

7. Finance and Fundraising Reports

Report sent electronically to committee members.

Sphinx Foundation

The Board has not met since the last Council meeting.

Board member Al Koenig has circulated to other Board members a draft investment policy for consideration or amendment at their next meeting in July.

Registration to place investments through D.J. Carmichael has been completed.

7.1 Operational Finance Report

E. Broadley forwarded the following accounts for payment.

Food@Perthmod	\$160 (Catering for AGM)
Snap Howard Street	\$49.00 (Printing for AGM)
Wendy Dekkers	\$45.00 (Dry-cleaning of tablecloths)
E.D. Broadley	\$\$3.50 (Refund stationery)

Barrie Baker authorised for these accounts to be paid.

There is an outstanding payment for the audit but so far there is not an invoice and Eve has not been able to see Bill Thomas yet.

7.2 Sphinx Foundation Financial Reports

Peter Farr gave the Finance Report for the Sphinx Foundation.

The Scholarship fund.

Peter Farr tabled the Portfolio Summary of the Sphinx Foundation Scholarship Fund as at 28 May 2012.

Cash of \$119,071.25 is invested at a yield of 8.68%.

Notes and high yielding shares were bought 3/5/2012, for the original outlay of \$46,000 +\$25,110. Total of \$69,357

Total \$189,428

New donations and pledges resulting from the February mail out have tailed off. \$25,000 was donated and all donors received receipts and a letter of thanks.

Alan Porter enquired about the Bequest program. It was decided that the Board could explore annual reminders for the future.

Peter informed the meeting that he will be out of the country for the next 4 to 6 weeks.

7.3 Historical & Museum Committee Financial Report

Alan Porter tabled the Financial Report for the period 10th March to 28th May 2012.

He asked that the following accounts be approved for payment.

Sphinx Foundation Inc. \$924.54 (Reimbursement for purchase of 46” Sony Bravia Flat Screen LED Monitor and Digital photoframe)

S. Davies \$54.00 (Reimbursement for purchase of four Dflecto A4Slant Sign HDLs and two Dflecto D/SID Sign HLDs)

Barrie Baker moved that the accounts be approved for payment. Seconded Peter Farr. Carried

H & M will reimburse Ian Jarvis for the external disc drive purchased to store school photos.

Balance as at 28 May 2012 - \$12014.22

8. Historical and Museum Committee Report

Report sent electronically to committee members.

Barrie Baker congratulated and thanked Sallie Davies and the H & M committee for the excellent display and evening before the AGM.

Science Museum. Alan Porter enquired about the future of the Science Museum Collection in the School. Items are being restored by the H & M committee and stored at the History Centre at the moment. Lois explained that eventually some items would be on display around the school e.g. foyers and the McCusker Room. The Science Department will want display items supporting the curriculum.

Decisions will be made at a later date on duplicates.

Two Youth Ambassadors have commenced assisting with the MOSAIC database in the Archive room by cropping photos entered on the system.

As yet no MOSAIC in History Centre. Jaime, the Technician, is on his own at the moment and time does not permit.

9. Functions Report

A.G.M –Monday 30th April.

The launch of the History Centre and the following panel discussion followed by the AGM was well attended. In future R.S.V.P. should be included on the Mail out for catering purposes.

10. Executive Officer's report

In Don Cook's absence there was no report.

11. Principal's Report

The Principal, Lois Joll tabled her Report.

The School has just learnt that there is no money in the State education budget for a sorely needed new gymnasium.

Instead there will be a fundraising campaign for a 3-phase approach.

1. Refurbishment of the current gym facilities, especially the change rooms.
2. Build the "shell" for indoor sports facility.
3. Include items like retractable seating and the latest A.V. Technology.

School Life.

The spectacular performance of the Interschool Swimming Team saw them achieve second place in the "A" division.

There was a "Concert under the Sails", the first music concert in the Agora.

The Year 12 Drama production of "The Visit" was a sell out.

Sporting teams in Indoor volleyball and sailing have enjoyed success.

Mufti Day was also a successful fun filled day for students.

During the school holidays Tours to France and China were undertaken and enjoyed by students.

Parents of Year 12 students have attended an information evening to further understand WACE exams, the ATAR and University entrance and available scholarships.

Two middle school music concerts have been held over two nights.

Year 8 students recently showcased "How the Earth was made".

Chess players have once again triumphed as winners in the State Finals.

Parents and the Community.

The P&C picnic was a great success.

Nearly 1500 parent-teacher interviews took place for parents of Year 8, 11 and 12 students.

The History Centre was recently launched before the Perth Modernian Society AGM.

The School Board has met on two occasions. It has considered the details of the Business Plan, approving it for publication.

The previous School Council's Terms of Reference have been reviewed and then endorsed by the Board.

The P&C has endorsed funds for furniture for the open areas in Thomas Street and upstairs in the East building for 12's.

Lois said that "Annie" would be performed on the Thursday and Friday evenings in the first week of July.

The School is collecting Woolworth Stickers.

12. General Business

Magazine in July.

ACTION: Barrie Baker will prepare the paper work for the Annual reunion for inclusion in the Annual Magazine that will be sent out at the beginning of July.

Meeting times.

Tuesday 26th June

Tuesday 7th August

Monday 3rd September

Tuesday 30th October

Tuesday 27th November

NEXT MEETING

WHEN: Tuesday 26th June 2012

WHERE: HISTORY CENTRE, HAMILTON STREET

TIME: 5.15 p.m.

