



PERTH MODERNIAN SOCIETY

DRAFT MINUTES **MEETING OF THE COUNCIL** **7th August 2012, 5.15pm**

1. **Attendance:**

Apologies: Annemie McAuliffe, Ed Lazarus, Barbara Hallett, and Don Cook

Chair: Barrie Baker

Present: Sallie Davies, Deb Beresford, Ian Jarvis, Lois Joll, Eve Broadley, Alan Porter, Arnold Wong, Peter Farr, Wendy Dekkers.

2. **Minutes** of the Meeting held on 26th June 2012.

Amendments:

Peter Farr forwarded the following correction to minutes.

Principal's Report

Re: "Clock. Money from the Sphinx Foundation has provided a clock for the McCusker Room"

This should read "Clock. Money from the 1958 Reunion held in 2008 has provided a heritage style clock for the McCusker Room".

Re: Thomas Street Gates. The School would like to replace the brass memorial plaques on the Thomas Street Gates. The brass originals were on the gateposts. One is in the History Centre, the other in the Museum of Childhood (now defunct). Brian Shepherd may know of its whereabouts Replicas could be made"

The artefacts from the former Museum of Childhood were passed over to the W.A. Museum and are therefore probably now stored at its store in Welshpool.

See: <http://museum.wa.gov.au/research/collections/social-history/history-department-collection/ecu-museum-childhood-collection>

Collection contact: Contact: history@museum.wa.gov.au

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

Business Arising

To be dealt with during meeting if necessary.

3. **Correspondence**

3.1 Secretary:

3.2 Executive Officer:

In Don Cook's absence, Barrie Baker reported that he had received many emails to do with the Annual Reunion; apologies etc.

3.3 Standing Committees Specific:

4. **Communications Report**

Report sent electronically to committee members.

4.1 Membership

There are four new Registered members since the June meeting.

4.2 Magazine

The mail out of the 2012 Magazine for Contributing Members was completed before the end of July and included the Annual Reunion details.

Feedback:

Negatives:

The Layout was not that good.

The writing style could have been better.

Is an Editorial Board needed? It requires a balancing act for standards.

There had only been a short time frame for articles.

Positives:

The format of the Magazine was good and there was positive feedback; Overall a great effort.

The School is pleased that our Magazine matches theirs.

4.3 e-Newsletter

Deadline for the next copy is 25th August, which will go out before the Annual Reunion. Early submissions appreciated. Sallie Davies thanked the three Board members who have responded to her email about their membership of the Board.

4.4 Marketing

4.5 Portal

Review of Portal is continuing.

4.6 Consolidated Database

The review and updating of the database records is continuing especially after the mail out by the School for gym donations, many to long term Registered members who had no contact for years, elicited many "return to sender" items.

There are still problems with the database. Even with upgrading the broadband package from 2Gb to 4Gb per month unusual usage and spikes are still occurring.

ACTION: Ian Jarvis will get more advice. We may need experts to fix the problem.

5. Finance and Fundraising Reports

Report sent electronically to committee members.

Sphinx Foundation

The Board of the Foundation has a scheduled meeting on Thursday 16 August. The major task will be to review the investment policy and strategy to balance income versus risk.

5.1 Operational Finance Report

E. Broadley tabled the cash flow statement 6 Feb 2012 to 26 June 2012.

She asked that the following accounts be approved for payment.

Renewal of e-newsletter account	\$359.00
Reimburse Sallie Davies for Overseas Post of newsletters	\$252.65

Balance 3 August 2012	\$23847.02
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Memorabilia: Need to move these items at the Annual Reunion.

Part of the mail out to Year 12's will promote memorabilia – membership, ties and watches.

5.2 Sphinx Foundation Scholarship Fund

Peter Farr reported that the audit for the financial Year had been completed, with no adverse exceptions. It would be desirable for the AGM's of the Sphinx Foundation and the Perth Modernian Society be held before the end of the Financial Year. A tax return must also be lodged to get the franking credits back.

He then tabled the Sphinx Scholarship Fund investment portfolio as at 3/8/2012.

For this Financial Year to date (1/1/2012- 3/8/2012), the Sphinx Scholarship Fund has received \$33,251 in new donations and previous pledges.

For this Financial Year to date, the Scholarship Fund has received \$10,393 in investment income.

For this Financial Year to date, the Scholarship has unrealised capital gains on share investments of \$1724 (covers period 2/3/2012 to 3/8/2012).

In his opinion, the fund is well placed to cover its present scholarship commitments, along with flexibility to award a quantum of special bursaries.

Scholarships for 2012.

The School will proceed as per 2011 to advertise for:

Jean and Jim Cundill Creative Writing Scholarship (Year 10) value \$1000

The Daniel Girling – John Down Music Scholarship (Year 10) value \$1000

McCusker Scholarship (new Year 8 – value \$1060 x 3 years = \$3,180)

2013 is the first year in which we will be funding a McCusker Scholarship for previous winners who will be in Year 9 and Year 10 as well as a new winner in Year 8: Total = 3

2013 is the first year in which we will be funding Perth Modernian Society Scholarships for previous winners who will be in Year 9 (two students) and Year 10 (one student) as well as two new winners in Year 8: Total = 5

Total = 8 Scholarships (total value to be paid out in 2013 - \$8360)

5.3 Historical & Museum Committee Operational Finance

Alan Porter tabled the Financial Report for the period 29th May to 7th August 2012.

He asked that the following account be approved for payment.

S. Davies \$13.07 (Reimbursement for purchase of carpet cleaning powder, milk, household wipes.)

The Commonwealth Bank of Australia Interest Bearing Fixed term Deposit has been reinvested.

Balance as at 7/08/2012 - \$12133.43

Peter Farr moved that all the Financial Statements and Reports be accepted and that all accounts be paid; seconded Alan Porter; carried.

6. Historical and Museum Committee Report

Report sent electronically to committee members.

Preparations for the display in the History Centre are well under way for the Annual Reunion. The Centre will be open from 9.30-10.30 a.m. and again from 2.00-3.00 p.m. and staffed by volunteer members of the H&M working groups.

Alan Porter is preparing a report on the previous H&MC involvement in erecting plaques for Thomas Street gates together with recommendations for the future.

Recorded Deaths and Queens Birthday Honours included in the Report.

Barrie Baker moved that the report be accepted; seconded Deb Beresford; carried.

7. Functions Report

Annual Reunion 9th September.

Food menu. Wendy Dekkers will contact Dianne (canteen)

Flowers. Wendy Dekkers will organise flowers to be in School colours

Memorabilia sale. ACTION. Lois Joll will see if office staff can be available as their assistance was invaluable,

Parking. Signage and personnel will be organised at a further meeting.

ACTION: Deb Beresford will contact Nigel Bateman to see if any Youth Ambassadors can assist with parking.

8. Executive Officer's report

No Report.

9. Principal's Report

"Current situation with the Science Museum Collection as of August 7 2012."

Before she tabled her Principal's Report, Lois Joll tabled her report on the discussions of the future of the Science Museum Collection, entitled "Current situation with the Science Museum Collection as of August 7 2012."

This is a plan for the management of the collection.

In following discussion, Alan Porter would like to see exhibits being rotated according to curriculum needs of staff. He is also concerned that the collection, organised by Robert Vicary not be disbanded.

ACTION: As he has had the most to do with Science Collection, a time is to be organised for Alan Porter and the Head of Department, Ant Mences to meet.

The Principal, Lois Joll tabled her Report.

Lois Joll reported that the School Newsletters were now including articles on Old Modernians and staff.

School Life.

At the end of Term 2, reports were sent out and Parent-Teacher Interviews took place, followed by individual interviews with parents and Year 10 students in subject selection for WACE subjects.

Staff members Grace Costa and Heather Sharpe were farewelled to new challenges.

So far this term, "Annie" was a great success with over 300 local primary school students attending performances as well as the School community.

Middle year students have enjoyed competing in Lightning Carnivals.

Year 10 students have enjoyed the opportunity to undertake work experience.

Principal's breakfasts; Year 12 Advocacy groups have attended light breakfasts with the Executive team.

Kayley Crebbin won first place in Western Australia pre-selection for the 5th "Chinese Bridge" Chinese Proficiency Competition. Jonathan Israel and Jet-Shoon Chong, as a team, were placed third in the Evatt Trophy Competition and have been invited to the national final.

John Newcomb (Year 9) has been selected to compete in the West Australian Cross Country team event in Adelaide.

James Arcus (Year 9) has received top score in the state for Science and Computer Skills in the International Competitions and Assessments for Schools testing

Facilities.

The new furniture now in the Thomas Street building is most popular and enjoyed.

New tables have been supplied for the Year 12 students' study and relaxation area.

Over \$127,000 has been raised so far for the Health and Fitness Centre.

Parents and the Community.

The School Board met in June and endorsed the *Build the Dream* Campaign.

As a result of the Build the Dream Fundraising committee:

A phonation was organised.

Robyn White and Alison Woodman undertook to contact key alumni to encourage donations.

A Quiz night has been planned for Friday, September 14 (Tables of 8. The Perth Modernians are invited to participate or help)

A student walkathon/runathon will take place on December 11.

Lois has met with architects appointed by the Department of Education to advance the scoping of Phase 2 for the Health and Fitness Centre.

A meeting has been held with a representative of Rio Tinto to discuss possible collaborations.

10. Constitution Revision.

The Committee must approve any changes to the Constitution before it is published as a draft. Comments can be made at Committee meetings and it will be included on each agenda. After it has been discussed and approved, it may be published on the website and in an e-newsletter to alert members. The revised Constitution must have approval from $\frac{3}{4}$ of the members present at a special General Meeting or an AGM.

11. Health and Fitness Centre Appeal.

Barrie Baker emailed a proposal to committee members prior to the meeting seeking approval to donate \$2000 to the Health and Fitness Centre Appeal by the Perth Modernian Society.

Barrie Baker moved:

"That the Perth Modernian Society makes a contribution of \$2000 to the Health and Fitness Centre Appeal"

Seconded by Eve Broadley. Carried.

12. Report from Society Rep. on the School Board.

Unfortunately there was a clash of meetings so Deb Beresford had not been able to attend the Board Meeting.

13. General Business.

Peter Farr and Lois Joll have approached Old Modernian Retired Judge, Kevin Parker QC, to give the oration this year.

Meeting closed at 7.15 p.m.

Meeting times.

Monday 3rd September 2012

Tuesday 30th October 2012

Tuesday 27th November 2012

NEXT MEETING

WHEN: Monday 3rd September 2012

WHERE: HISTORY CENTRE, HAMILTON STREET

TIME: 5.15 p.m.

