



PERTH MODERNIAN SOCIETY

DRAFT MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL 17:30 MONDAY 17 June 2013

ATTENDEES:

Peter Farr (President), Sallie Davies (Vice President), Deb Beresford (Secretary), Eve Broadley (Treasurer), Irene Froyland, Ian Jarvis, Barrie Baker, Wendy Dekkers, Lois Joll.

Note: Ed Lazarus and Arnold Wong are apologies for the year due to work commitments.

ITEM 1 APOLOGIES

Ed Lazarus, Arnold Wong, Don Cook, Annemie McAuliffe

ITEM 2 MINUTES OF THE MEETING: 20 May 2013

Minutes were accepted. (Baker/ Froyland)

Business Arising not covered elsewhere in the Agenda:

- Magazine Editor, Graeme Hunt is not also a member of the Council.
- Lois Joll offered to send her Principal's report electronically to Committee members.

ITEM 3 DRAFT MINUTES OF THE AGM 15 April 2013

Draft Minutes of the 17th Annual General Meeting of the Society held at the school on 15th April 2013 were tabled.¹ Minutes to be placed on the portal (TBC).

Deb Beresford has written a letter of appreciation to Neil Coy, Guest Speaker at the AGM (Mod's involvement in WWI and WWII)

Amendments to the Constitution. The amendments to the constitution are to be noted in these minutes. The modified version has been prepared by Barrie Baker.

ACTION. The Secretary is to give this to the registrar at the Department of Commerce.

The amendments are to be updated on the website.

ACTION. Irene Froyland and Annemie McAuliffe will meet with Ian Jarvis as part of the Portal Review .

ITEM 4 PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

There will be two new cohorts in 2015: Year 7 and Year 8.

School Life

- Senior school exams successfully completed. Parent-Teacher Progress Review on Wednesday 3rd July.
- The Junior School Concert has been held along with other music performances
- The Year 8 students showcased How the Earth was made.
- Language students have successfully participated in the world wide Language Perfect World Championships.
- Parents of Year 9 students have attended an Information Evening designed to assist course selection.
- Transition activities for incoming Year 7 students were run by the Arts and Technology Department.
- A School survey for staff, students and the school community was undertaken to gather data vital to help establish and confirm the future direction of the school.
- Selected students in Years 9-10 participated in The Talented Young Writers' Program
- An inaugural Arts and Technology Festival has been held.
- The annual Year 8 Camp at Woodman Point was another outstanding success.
- Year 12s have been meeting with the school executive for morning tea or light lunch to get to know them better and gain their feedback on a wide range of issues relating to the school.
- Jasmine Jansen Year 11 has won the Sir Francis Burt Speech and Leadership Contest.
- Two students have been successful in the 2013 National Geographic Channel Australian Geography Competition.

¹ Note: Circulated electronically by the Secretary on 25 June 2013 to Council members

- Keegan McNamara Year 12 has achieved a High Distinction in the Big Science competition.
- Several students reached the finals in the UN Youth Evatt Trophy.
- Jessica Elizabeth Knight² has been accepted to attend the Sir Charles Court Young Leaders' Program.
- Clara Lagdon Year 12 has been selected to represent W.A. in the 2013 WA Schoolgirls' Water polo team.

Staff

- Staff raised \$900 for the Cancer Council from the Biggest Morning Tea.
- Ashleigh Davison has resigned to commit to fulltime study. Literature teacher, Steven Businovski is her replacement.
- Science teacher Mya Skirving has taken maternity leave.

Facilities

- P&C are contributing \$25,000 towards the landscaping and beautification in the area north of the Andrews building.
- Regular meetings with the architecture design team for the new Health and Fitness Centre are progressing well.

Parents and the Community.

- P&C and School Board met in May.
- Council requested that the Perth Modernian Society be mentioned to graduating Year 12s. Lois said that students will receive a Graduate Package inviting membership.

ACTION. Don Cook will speak with Lois Joll.

The school is still hoping to sell more plaques to provide more money towards the Health Centre building. Staff for Year 7 will be merit selected. As an IPS, the school is not obliged to take re-deployees or people placed by the Education Department. Re trainees can apply and if good they will be employed.

ITEM 5 PERTH MODERNIAN SOCIETY SPONSORED ORATION FOR 2013

Suggestions asked for potential speakers. The previous Orations, given by Justice Michael Kirby (2011) and Hon. Kevin Parker (2012) have been successful. Discussion followed as to who to approach. Sphinx Society members, alumni greats, etc.?

ACTION. Peter Farr will approach person suggested.

ITEM 6 CORRESPONDENCE:

Secretary.

Inward Correspondence: Nil

Outward Correspondence: Letter of appreciation to Neil Coy, Guest Speaker at the AGM (Mod's involvement in WWI and WWII)

Past President: email from Dr Les Pyke and reply.

Executive Officer: See Correspondence Report.

Irene Froyland will email the address for Bessell-Brown to Don Cook or Barrie Baker.

President: Peter Farr reminded the Committee about the Style Manual. Everyone should have a copy.

Standing Committee Specific:

Ian Jarvis would like the Year 12 Graduate Membership Form revamped.

ITEM 7 COMMUNICATIONS REPORT

Report sent out to committee members electronically.

Membership. Nil

Magazine for Contributing Members: Sallie Davies reported that it was well underway and she was awaiting the proof.

Date for preparation of mail out: **Monday 22nd July**

ACTION: Volunteers are required to help with preparation of the mail out. Committee members who can, please attend.

Don Cook is to organise for:

- Papers for the Annual Reunion mail out and Where are you now? Forms.
- A4 envelopes
- Address labels for contributing members and any others who receive the magazine
- Address labels for Registered Members and any others who receive the Reunion info.
- Kevin Parker Magazine Supplement - will be included in the mail out.

² Note: Jessica Knight won the (inaugural) McCusker Scholarship (Academic Excellence) for 2011

E-newsletter: Deadline for the next issue is 25th August 2013.

Portal:

The last edition of the e-newsletter on the portal is Issue 12, Sept 2012. Issues 13, 14 and 15 need to be loaded. Ian Jarvis explained that there needed to be an advantage for Registered and Contributing Members, so at least one issue should be held back.

ACTION: Ian Jarvis will load Issues 13 and 14.

He will investigate whether key headings in the text can be organized through Stratatel

He will organize for email addresses: president@, executive officer@, secretary@, museum@ and info@.

Overseas postage for mailing the History book.

This has become very expensive. e.g. Sea mail \$38, Airmail \$40-\$90 depending on the zones.

ACTION: Sallie Davies will investigate whether the book can be put on to a CD.

Portal Review – progress report/plan (Annemie).

As Annemie was away, Irene reported that they had met and will meet with Ian. Sallie asked if photos, biographical information etc. could be addressed.

ACTION: Peter requested that Annemie have something for next meeting, 5th August.

Consolidated and Advancement Database. Nil

ITEM 8 FINANCE AND FUNDRAISING

Reports sent out to committee members electronically

Perth Modernian Society- Operational Finance

Cash Flow 20 May 2013 to 17 June 2013

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| Balance as at 17 June | \$15,072.11 |
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Eve Broadley expressed concern that our expenditure is more than income.

Framecor Account \$164.00. Don Cook has arranged for the School to reimburse the Perth Modernian Society.

Invoices for approval:

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| Sheridans for Membership badges (Qty 50 Sterling Silver) | \$907.50 |
| Data Documents for printing 700 copies of the Kevin Parker 2012 oration | \$786.50 |
| Vivid Wireless | \$29.00 |

Sallie Davies moved that the accounts be paid. Seconded Barrie Baker. Carried.

Sphinx Foundation - Scholarship Fund

The Sphinx Foundation held its 2013 Annual General Meeting on 27 May 2013.

Members Albert Koenig, Barrie Baker, Peter Farr and Eve Broadley were re-elected to the Board with Val Furphy continuing as the School representative.

After due diligence being now completed, two potential new members will be invited to the next Board Meeting, prior to them being invited to join as full members. Albert Koenig was re-elected Chair, Barrie Baker as Secretary and Peter Farr as Treasurer.

The Chairman's report was included, as below:

It is with pleasure that I look back on 2012 as a very successful year for Perth Modern School and for the Sphinx Foundation. The School was outstanding in its academic results as the year concluded, and the Foundation had again provided very sound support through the allocation of scholarships and bursaries.

The Sphinx Foundation, acting on the advice of the School has between 2010 and February 2013 provided 73 awards to students on the basis of academic excellence or demonstrated needs.

For the Board the year 2012 has been one of settling into a new framework occasioned by endeavours to formalise the Foundation's investment policies and fully understand its regulatory obligations in an investment climate that is affected by market changes. Cash and bonds (or equivalent) are no longer attractive due to low returns in a climate of declining interest rates, and the investment community is instead looking to stocks with reliable and adequate dividend yields. Thus 2013 looks increasingly as a year of change from that perspective.

While fundraising continued during the year, no major donations were received and the Board is looking to new strategies (such as an Annual Giving Scheme) to promote during 2013 to regain some momentum.

The board is also looking to review some of its current policies (such as how the Foundation's administrative costs will be met) as part of its work during 2013.

I should also mention that the Board is looking to add an additional member during 2013, to provide additional support, especially in the area of the work covered by the Treasurer who this year

carried out a substantial amount of work, again entirely on a voluntary basis, as against the other members of the Board.

I conclude by thanking the other members of the Board for their contributions and for making my first year as Chairman a relatively easy one.

Albert Koenig
Chairman

Sphinx Foundation Inc: balance as at 17 June 2013 \$4,352
Sphinx Scholarship Fund: Investments balance as at 17 June 2013 \$466,145
Historical and Museum Committee – Operational Finance None. No change to the H&MC accounts

ITEM 9 HISTORICAL AND MUSEUM COMMITTEE

Report sent out to committee members electronically.

Volunteers continued working in the Archives but were hampered due to the SOE upgrade to the School computers. Alison and student volunteers scanned photos, whilst Deirdre and Deb continued work with photos, mainly putting names to faces and preparing for data entry.

Work on the George Burvill Biographical Index is ongoing. It is planned to meet with Nigel Bateman and Youth Ambassadors soon.

ITEM 10 FUNCTIONS COMMITTEE Annual Reunion Sunday 8th September 2013

The Annual Reunion 2013 draft budget was discussed.

The Draft Notice was also discussed. Do President and Secretary need to be on the invitation?

The Canteen manager, Clive Palmer is doing the catering. Don is awaiting two menus.

Notice to be prepared ready for the mail out.

ACTION: Don, Wendy, Barrie and Eve will meet as a sub committee and report in 2 weeks with a revised version of the Notice.

ITEM 11 EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

Reunions.

- Candice Haynes is heading a 10 Year reunion of the class of 2003 on Friday 22 November starting with a tour of the school at 5.30 p.m..
- Melinda Burns (Student Council president 1993) is heading a 20 Year reunion for the class of 1993 on Sunday 23rd November, starting with a tour of the School at 3.00 p.m.
- Emily Gunson (1973) has expressed interest in arranging a reunion.
- Several emails ask about reunions and it is suggested that they can attend the Annual Reunion as a group.
- Sallie Davies requested that the History Centre be included on the School tours.

Membership. New membership cards have been delivered. The ordered Sphinx Membership badges have arrived (\$16.50 ea + GST)

Memorabilia. Inventory at the moment are 40 of the 100 ties left, 15 of the 50 watches, and 8 wine coolers. Don suggests that no more wine coolers be ordered.

ITEM 12 REPORT FROM SOCIETY REPRESENTATIVE ON THE SCHOOL BOARD

Report sent out to committee members electronically.

Deb Beresford reported on the Board Meeting of 21st May 2013.

The School Annual Report was tabled and discussed.

Val Furphy presented Focus Area 3 - Staff Development and Leadership.

The Drug Policy was reviewed

Lois Joll sought advice on how best to provide for unexpected contingencies on overseas or interstate school tours.

The Student council representatives reported that:

Mufti Day raised over \$5000 for Beyond Blue.

ANZAC Day ceremony staged successfully.

Planning is in progress for their Variety Day.

The Principal's report noted progress on plans for the gym refurbishment/extension. Target for completion is November 2014

The Complaints Management Policy was discussed.

ITEM 13 NAME BADGES FOR COUNCIL MEMBERS

Discussion on the need for the Council members to have name badges, and the size.

ACTION: Peter Farr will instruct Steve Castledine to produce a design.

ITEM 14 PERTH MODERNIAN SOCIETY STRATEGIC PLAN

Objectives.

The aim is a working document to address where we are going. The output from the process should be a manageably small set of objectives and achievable directions for realising these.

Proposed workshop (July 2013?)

Facilitator. Suggestions?

ACTION: Barrie Baker will act as a Coordinator with Annemie McAuliffe and Irene Froyland as backup.

ITEM 15 GENERAL BUSINESS

None

ITEM 14 DATE OF NEXT MEETING.

Monday 5 August 2013 at 17.15

Meeting dates for 2013.

Monday 2 September 2013

Monday 28 October 2013

Monday 25 November

All to commence at 17.15

MEETING CLOSURE: 19.35