

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting
of the Roseworthy Old Collegians' Association
held in St Augustine's Church Hall, Unley
on Saturday the 10th September 1955.

Minutes.

Minutes of last meeting distributed
to Members present and were taken as
read.

①. Mr. W.B. Johnston

②. Mr. L.W. Hooper.

Carried.

Present.

Mr. M.R. Trause (Chairman) & R.N. Mculloch
and fifty members of the Association.

Business

arising from
Minutes.

A. Graduates Land Settlement Act.

Dr. Mculloch reported that the
position was still the same as it
was in September 1954. - ~~The~~ ~~recomm.~~
Cabinet was not prepared to act on
the recommendations agreed upon by the
Special Committee and the Minister of
Lands. - Dr. Mculloch considered
there was room for compromise and that
the Committee continue its efforts.

Mr. McHecknie said he thought
that this act was of vital importance
to every member of the Association and
he moved and was seconded by Mr.
L.W. Hooper that the recommendations
formulated and agreed to by the Minister
of Lands be circulated to all
Members of the Association.

Carried.

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B. Subscriptions.

The Treasurer Mr. Stephen reported that fifty eight out of 120 ^{Annual} members were unfinancial however 29 of these were unfinancial for 1955/56 only. 7

He exhibited a Bill Head that had been printed to impress upon Annual members their obligations. It was considered that these forms had brought in some outstanding arrears.

He then outlined a Time Payment Scheme for Life Membership which all Ordinary members could avail themselves.

This scheme would enable an Annual member to pay in addition to his Annual Subscription an advance towards his Life Membership. When an Ordinary member had paid a total of £5-0-0 he could then apply for Life Membership.

If in any year he became in arrears his subscription for that year would be deducted from his advances to Life Membership.

Mr. McEachnie moved and Mr. L. H. Saffer seconded that the Life Membership Time Payment Scheme be introduced and given a trial.

Carried.

(C) Northern Branch.

Mr. Throuse said that he regretted that it had not been possible to form a Branch in the Northern areas of the

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State but this had not been due to the hard work and untiring efforts of Mr. Geoff Robinson who had tried very hard to form a Branch.

Mr. Robinson reported that he still thought a Branch could be formed but not sufficient time had been allowed to raise interest amongst the Old Students in the area.

He said that he anticipated leaving Jamestown for London in the near future, however Mr. Gavin Young of the Dept. of Agriculture was prepared to take on the job of trying to organise the Western Branch.

Apologies.

Apologies were received from Mr. Anthony Nelson, Mr. J. Butterworth, Mr. J. O. Hatter, and 81 members.

Correspondence. - No correspondence was received.

Main Business: President's Report.

① Mr. Trause presented his annual Report on the Year's activities, which was the 57th year of the Association.

Mr. Trause was very pleased to report that Mr. Jack Reddin had been appointed by as a representative of the Roseworthy Old Collegians' Association, to the Advisory Council of the College. The Association was by the Hon. Minister of Agriculture.

indeed honoured to be represented on this council and in Mr. Meddin we had a very worthy representative.

The following deaths were recorded during the year. -

Howard George Mortimer 1912-14

John Linley Murray 1889.

Frank Hugo McBride 1892-97.

To their families, relatives and friends we extend our very sincere sympathy.

It is regrettable that seven members of the Association have fallen five years in arrears and their membership has been cancelled.

Reporting on Branch activities Mr. Braust regretted that a Branch had not been formed in the Northern areas and that the Eyre Peninsula ^{Branch} had been unable to arrange a Re-Union in 1955.

The Upper Murray and South East Branches had reported successful re-unions. He emphasised the good work these branches do in keeping the members of the Association in their districts in closer contact with the Parent Association than would be otherwise possible.

It was very pleasing to see that the Annual Visiting and Sports Day had been well established and that in 1954 the Old Students won Tennis, Golf and Cricket and lost Rifles.

The Old Students cup had been

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President's Report. won by Malcolm Dixon in 1955.

It is also worthy of note that the cost of the Magazine, ~~has been~~ to the Association has been reduced from £64 in 1953-54 to £40 in 1954-55. This reduction of cost has been due to cheaper printing costs and to the hard work put into the Magazine by the Committee and our representative Doug Mellor who has done a grand job organising ~~and~~ ^{extra} advertising.

~~Other~~ matters relating to the Memorial Chapel Appeal, Scholarship and Graduates Land Settlement Act mentioned in the President's Report are dealt with during the business of this meeting.

In concluding his report Mr. Trause said that he wished to thank the Committee for their faithful work, also that Mr. Mellor wished to resign from the Committee after 16 years of continuous service from Sept. 1939 to Sept. 1955 during which time he ~~was~~ ~~to~~ held the offices of Secretary and President.

Dave Suter was giving up his Secretaryship after five years of office.

~~The~~ Mr. Trause finally thanked the Treasurer, ~~for~~ Mr. Harry Stephen for his good care of finances, and Dr. McIlboud for his keen interest and co-operation in Association affairs.

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② Treasurer's Report.

Mr. Stephen in presenting his financial report which had been given to all members present pointed out that the net income was £65-8-2 and it was the first year ~~that~~ since the Scholarship had been inaugurated that the Balance Sheet had shown a profit if the Scholarship had been awarded.

Total Assets now ^{stood at} ~~was~~ £2460-7-7.

The life membership Reserve fund now at £2075-1-4 was still £130 short of the aim of £5-0-0 for each life member.

Mr. Trause then moved that the Annual Report and Treasurer's Report be adopted. Mr. McBeckie seconded the motion.

Carried.

③ Memorial Chapel Appeal.

(a) Mr. Philp reported that 1200 circulars had been sent to Old Students appealing for donations. To the present time 94 replies had been received with a total donation of £800. In addition H.V. McBay Massey Harris Charitable Fund had very generously donated £250.

(b) Association Donations.

Mr. The President said that the Committee of the Association recommended

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a ^{sub}donation to the Chapel Appeal Fund of £100.

Mr. McTechnie moved and Mr. Max McBay seconded that the recommendation of the Committee be accepted and that £100 be donated to the Chapel Appeal Fund.

Carried.

(c) Gala Day. - Mr. Reddin then outlined the plans for the Gala Sports day on 10/10/55. which includes Tennis and Cricket matches, children and adult sports, Trading Tables, Sideshows finishing with a Barbecue and Amusements Hour. He urged all members to come along and support the day in as many ways as possible.

4. Roseworthy Old Collegians' Scholarship.

Mr. Brause pointed out that the value of the Scholarship was for £45-10-0 per annum which was the fees for one year in the General Agriculture Course. The new fees were now £78-0-0. He said that the Committee recommended that the value of the Scholarship remain at the original value of £45-10-0 per annum. The average annual income would not support a Scholarship of £78-0-0.

The Principal supported the Committee recommendation.

3. Transfer of Money from G.W.F. to L.M.R.F.

The Treasurer said that the Committee recommended that £100 be transferred from the G.W.F. to the L.M.R.F. and be invested in the ^{next} Commonwealth Loan. He pointed out that the G.W.F. stood at £361-6-3 less £100 donated to Chapel Fund.

Mr. McBecknie asked the Auditor Mr. Philk to express his opinion on the suggestion. Mr. Philk said he considered that the Association would be wise to make this move and he could see no risk of the Association getting into financial difficulties.

Mr. McBecknie then moved and Mr. J. Simes ^{seconded} ~~then moved~~ that ~~£100~~ the Committee's recommendation be adopted.

Carried.

6. Election of Office Bearers.

The retiring President declared all Offices vacant and the Principal presided while a new President was elected.

President.

Mr. J. W. Reddin - ① H. B. McBecknie.
② M. R. Brown.

Vice President.

D. D. Suter. - ① H. B. McBecknie
C. W. Hooper - ① D. D. Suter.

D. D. Suter elected.

Hon. Secretary -

C. W. Hooper

① J. B. Flehr.

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Election of Hon Treasurer. -
Office Bearers.

H. V. Stephen - ① J. Series

Hon Auditor -

B. B. Philh. - ① Mr. L. McBeck

Committee.

Mr. M. R. Brause

Nov. J. Symes.

" L. H. Laffer.

" J. V. Martin

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" L. H. Laffer

" R. P. Day.

" D. D. Suter

H. E. Orchard

" M. R. Brause

Mr. McBeckie moved that the above members be elected to the Committee.

Carried.

7. Other Business.

Dr. R. N. McCulloch moved. Mr. C. McKechnie seconded a vote of appreciation to the retiring president, Mr. M. R. Kears, for the capable manner in which he had carried out his duties.

Mr. H. V. Stephen moved a vote of thanks to Mr. D. D. Suter (Retiring Secretary) and proposed that he be made an Honorary Life Member. Mr. M. R. Kears also spoke of the sterling work done by Mr. Suter and seconded the proposition (Carried)

Dr. R. H. McCulloch told the meeting that Mr. Mellor was seriously ill. It was moved that the secretary arrange for a bouquet of flowers to be sent to Mr. Mellor.

Mr. T. Series moved & Mr. C. McKechnie seconded a vote of thanks to the committee for their efforts during the past year.