

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Roseworthy
Old Collegians' Association, held in the S.A. Poultry Club
Hall, 15 Hanson St., on Saturday, 10th September 1960.

Present: Mr. J. V. Martin (Pres.), Mr. D. R. McCalloch and
70 members.

Apologies: Received from 68 members.

Minutes: Had been distributed, were taken as read, and confirmed.

Business from Minutes: Covered in General Business.

President's Report: The 62nd Annual Report of the activities of
our Old Collegians' Association.

Membership: At 30th June we had 693 members, being 540
Life members, 139 Ordinary Members, 9 Honorary Life
Members and 5 Associate Members. During the year
30 new members were enrolled, all as Life members and 5
unfinancial Ordinary Memberships were cancelled.

I am sorry to report the sad loss of Messrs W. B. Hay
1925-28, A. J. Freebairn 1948-9, J. E. Hall 1906-9 and
W. R. Birks who was Principal in the years 1927-32.

Land Settlement: The Rural Settlement Committee on which
R.O.C.A. is represented, gained widespread publicity during
the year. This was in the form of news space in the
Chronicle, Advertiser, and Stock and Station Journal
and The News, 3 radio interviews and a T.V. O
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announcement. The Committee arranged a
deputation to the Premier last March which was
well received and ^{was} promised that the matter would
be examined by Cabinet. However the Premier has not
yet replied despite two recent requests for an answer.
Until such an answer is received the Committee is
temporarily blocked.

I wish to thank Col. Fulton and Messrs. Laffer and
Cook for the time and thought they have given the
project, also those Old Collegians who wrote letters to
the Press during the publicity campaign.

President's Report:

Old Students' Cup - Was won by Ross Ford who is now on the College staff.

Roseworthy Dairying Technology Association - The Committee has written to this new body seeking information and offering our assistance but as yet have not received a reply.

Roseworthy Old Collegians' Scholarship - The Committee has investigated the possibility of raising the value of this Scholarship but cannot recommend an increase until the effect of the new subscription rates is known.

Annual Sports Day - Was held again on Labour Day, October 12 and visiting Old Collegians and friends again had an enjoyable day.

Magazine Fund appeal - At the request of the last A.G.M. the Committee took steps to raise funds on a voluntary basis. The response has been good and the total amount received to date is approx. £100.

Award of Merit - Following a discussion at the last A.G.M. the Committee appointed a sub-committee of Messrs. J. Roe and Y. Martin to investigate the matter. Their proposals have been examined by the Committee and a set of Rules and Conditions drawn up for consideration tonight.

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Committee Meetings - The R.O.C.A. Committee met three times during the year and as retiring President I wish to record my thanks for their support and interest in Association and College affairs. Especially mention my appreciation of the Principal's invitation to me to attend in an official capacity at Speech Day.

Finally I desire to say how pleased I have been to carry out the duties of President in recent years. I hope that members will continue to come forward with ideas, suggestions and problems for the new committee to examine with a view to strengthening the Association.

and promoting its objectives.

Gentlemen I thank you all for the privilege of serving you again as President during this 62nd year of the Association.

Treasurer's Report: Presented by Mr. Stephens, this showed that last year's loss ~~of~~ had been recovered and a profit of £31-1-9 was made this year. Reduced Magazine costs had contributed greatly to this financial improvement. The Treasurer wished to record his thanks to Mr. Philp for his assistance with banking and auditing and other support given by him.

Correspondence: A letter from Mr. C. McKelvie containing the following proposals was read.

"Honorary Life Membership for Dr. Ballagham if this has not already been conferred. Dr. Ballagham is already an Honorary Life Member of the Association."

"That an approach be made to the Stud Breeders Assoc. who are erecting a building as a memorial to the heavy horse, with the idea of contributing a room in their plan as a meeting place for Old Students during Show Week where we can erect memorials to worthy Old Students who have passed on."

Following a discussion Mr. Gore proposed and Mr. Krause seconded ~~that~~ the motion that the matter be investigated. Carried.

General Business:

Award of Merit. Mr. G. Roe reported on the work done by the sub-committee. He explained ^{that} the rules and conditions of the award were closely allied to those of similar awards and gave a brief resume of these before the statutory application form was read.

Mr. Roe proposed and Mr. Roffe seconded the motion that award be accepted. Carried.

Enquiries concerning designs had resulted in three being recommended. The most suitable of these was

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General Business continued.

a medal of 9 ct. gold, slightly smaller than a florin which would be suitably engraved inscribed.

Rural Settlement Committee. Mrs. L. Laffer reported that the Committee was functioning well, its membership was fairly stable and it had a lot of very strong support, including political support.

A strong delegation to the Premier during the year had received no reply.

Mrs. Laffer pointed out that the scheme was not one which proposed to settle large numbers of people on the land, probably only four or five a year, and only people who have shown themselves well qualified and who have a fair proportion of the necessary capital. While Roseworthy and ag. Science graduates would still have to serve an apprenticeship with good farmers this would be of shorter duration than for those without such training. He felt that R.O.C.A. must continue to be represented on the Rural Settlement Committee.

Magazine Fund appeal. This stands at approximately £100 at present and is still open.

Mr. Philp, in summarising the Magazine costs, explained that the net cost last year of £103 would be increased by £46 this year in printers costs alone. Under the existing rates, present students would have to bear £33 of this. He suggested that R.O.C.A. pay 65/75 of the cost of the Magazine which would be approximately 3/5 per copy.

Mr. Norton Manager of the Magazine pointed out that the increase in cost would be greater than £46 as this didn't include new blocks or advertising agents. He suggested that a definite change be made in the Magazine, possibly a reduction in size, because with costs rising so rapidly, yearly changes in the Magazine were not possible and he felt that this would lead to

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the deterioration of the magazine.

Mr. Reddin proposed and Mr. Riceman seconded the motion that a sub-committee be formed to investigate the magazine. (Carried)

Following a discussion it was proposed Mr. Fry, seconded Mr. Harrison, that until such time as the sub-committee arrives at a solution acceptable to both parties, the meeting adopt Mr. Philp's suggestion. (Carried)

R.O.C.A. Scholarships. As the new subscription rates have only been operative for two months it was considered too early to predict their effect on the association finances and it was decided to wait another year to see if the scholarship value could be increased.

Roseworthy Dairy Technology Association. Mr. Chormer explained that the association was formed in an attempt to ~~the~~ have the Roseworthy Diploma in Dairying course, which has been suspended, continued. It hopes to get a short course going soon.

Other Business. Mr. Philp pointed out that the College Ball was to be held on the 30th September and that old Collegians would be welcome.

Mr. Norton suggested that the association could increase its profit margin by increasing the fee ~~for~~ the Reunion Dinner.

Section of Office Bearers.

President - Mr. R. P. Day

Proposed Mr. C. W. Hooper

Seconded Mr. J. V. Martin

Vice President - Mr. C. W. Hooper

Proposed Mr. J. Reddin

Seconded Mr. Hill

Secretary - Mr. J. R. Inglis

Treasurer - Mr. H. V. Stephen

Auditor - Mr. B. G. Philp

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Committee - Messrs. J. Reddin, G. Roe, W. Gildchrist, G.
Norman and P. Fry.

Meeting closed 7:20 P.M.

Minutes confirmed 9/9/61
Roland P. Day.

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