

ROSEWORTHY OLD COLLEGIANS ASSOCIATION INC.

MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 11TH OCTOBER 1988 AT
PARLIAMENT HOUSE AT 6.30 P.M.

1. PRESENT

Messrs. Dale Manson (Chairman), Peter Lewis, Bardy McFarlane, Harry Stephen, Peter Fairbrother, Jack Richards, Paul Richardson, Ray Farrelly (Student Rep. on Council), Geoff Stanhope, John Hill and Dr. Barrie Thistlethwayte

2. APOLOGIES

Michael Milne, Alan Richardson and Andy Michelmore

3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 31st May 1988 at Parliament House were read and received.

Resolution 1

"That this Committee accept the Minutes of the Meeting of 31st May 1988 as a true and correct record".

Thistlethwayte/Stephen
CARRIED

4. BUSINESS ARISING

- 4.1 The safety deposit box has been arranged.
- 4.2 The President attended the opening of the new Agricultural Building. He reported out that the maps and aerial photographs donated by ROCA looked most impressive and had created a lot of interest.
- 4.3 The S.E. Regional Dinner had attracted an excellent attendance. The President congratulated members of the S.E. Branch on their hard work.
- 4.4 ROCA Alumni - It was noted that the AGM of the Association endorsed the decision of this Committee to form a sub-committee to look at the future of ROCA in light of the changes taking place in tertiary education.
- 4.5 Dr. Thistlethwayte reported that discussions on relocation of Northfield were still continuing but at this stage the relocation option to Roseworthy seems unlikely.

5. CORRESPONDENCE

- (1) Letters were received from the Hon. Lynn Arnold and the Minister of Agriculture regarding our submission on the future of the Northfield Research Centre and the relocation to Roseworthy.
- (2) A letter was also received from the Office of Tertiary Education inviting further submissions on Higher Education in South Australia.

- (3) Letter from the Associate Director regarding the Awards of Excellence in Teaching.
- (4) Letter from Mrs. Cowley regarding her unfortunate experience at the Annual Dinner.

Resolution 2

"That a letter be written to Mrs. Cowley expressing our regret that the unfortunate situation had arisen and that her dinner fee be refunded."

Lewis/Fairbrother
CARRIED

Resolution 3

"That the President invite Mrs. Cowley to attend next year's Annual General Meeting as the Association's guest."

Lewis/Fairbrother
CARRIED

Resolution 4

"That the question of the Award of Excellence in Teaching be referred to the Alumni sub-committee."

Thistlethwayte/Hill
CARRIED

Resolution 5

"That the Secretary reply to the Review on Higher Education along the lines of the original submission, if it is appropriate to do so."

Thistlethwayte/Stephen
CARRIED

Resolution 6

"That the correspondence in and out be received and noted."

Thistlethwayte/Hill
CARRIED

6. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The Director gave a brief report on the state of the restructuring of tertiary education and also the relocation of the Northfield Research Centre. The Director is a member of both committees that are looking at the proposals.

7. TREASURER'S REPORT

Current Account balance was \$2846.20. There were 5 accounts for payment. It was also noted that the Secretary had spent \$50 deposit on a bus trip to the College for the Rehab. students attending the dinner. This trip was subsequently cancelled. The bus company, Dial-a-Bus, will hold the deposit against any future hire.

Resolution 7

"That the Treasurer's Report be adopted."

Fairbrother/Thistlethwayte
CARRIED

8. GENERAL BUSINESS

- 8.1 The President reported that he had co-opted the following members to the Committee and he welcomed them to this meeting. Harry Stephen, Geoff Stanhope and Paul Richardson.

Resolution 8

"That this committee endorse the President's actions."

Lewis/Fairbrother
CARRIED

The position of Digest Editor was discussed.

Resolution 9

"That Andy Michelmores be appointed Digest Editor with Harry Stephen and Jack Richards to assist."

Stephen/Richards
CARRIED

Jack Richards volunteered to fill the position of Secretary.

Resolution 10

"That Jack Richards be appointed as Secretary of the Association."

McFarlane/Stephen
CARRIED

Vacancies still exist in the 2-10 year group and also from the Graduating Year. Peter Lewis indicated that Paul LeLaucheur may be suitable for 2-10 year position.

Resolution 11

"That Peter Lewis will approach Paul LeLaucheur to see if he is willing to stand for that position."

Lewis/Stephen
CARRIED

- 8.2 Ray Farrelly, a student member of the College Council, then addressed the meeting on two issues:

- (a) Should Ag. students pay for accommodation while doing compulsory work at the College as part of their course? He indicated that the matter had become somewhat of a "political football" at the College and had been passed from one organisation to the other. The matter has been resolved but Ray suggested that this may only be a temporary respite. The basis of the resolution is that practical work is regarded as an integral part of the course and the work must be performed at the College. While students are not required to live on the College the work is part of the academic course. Those who do live on College will be granted a meal allowance for three meals a day and have their accommodation costs met but any extra cleaning costs will be borne by the students. Peter Lewis expressed concern

that there was no notional contribution being made by the College for the value of services rendered on the farm by the students. He stressed that not only was the students' labour worth something at Roseworthy but also that while they are working at the College they are foregoing income which could be earned elsewhere.

- (b) The second matter concerned the Assets Test for Austudy. In particular, where the assets of the parents make the student ineligible for Austudy. Ray referred to an article in the Stock Journal of September 1988 which indicated that students were not attending Roseworthy because of the new rules about eligibility for Austudy. Those family owned properties which are asset rich but in drought or financial difficulties would find it very difficult to fund their sons and daughters to Roseworthy. He pointed out that he had approached the Secretary of the Federal Minister for Education, Mr. Dawkins, direct about this problem and that the Secretary had offered to look at cases on an individual merit basis.

Resolution 12

"That the Secretary be empowered to write to John Dawkins:

1. Requesting clarification of the apparent disparity between the letter of 20th September 1988 from Mr. Dawkins' officer, Mr. Peter Grant, regarding the Assets Test and the media release No. 162 of 1988 of the 23rd August from the same office.
2. Subject to the response about 1 above, that ROCA is opposed to students attending Roseworthy being considered as dependent on either assets or income of their parents. Notwithstanding this ROCA is strongly opposed to the rigid application of the Assets Test to determine eligibility for Austudy and the necessity or otherwise to pay tertiary fees."

Lewis/Stanhope
CARRIED

Resolution 13

"That Peter Lewis assist the Secretary to write the second letter once the clarification has been received."

Lewis/Hill
CARRIED

8.3 Newsletter

The Director distributed copies of Newsletter No. 29 from Roseworthy. The Chairman asked whether copies could be forwarded regularly to the committee. The Director suggested that this may not be possible due to cost but he would investigate the matter.

8.4 Combined Meeting with College Council

It was suggested that the President and two other members meet with the College Council and outline matters that are dealt with by ROCA and what direction ROCA is taking in the future. It would be useful getting the College Council to outline what it sees as the future of Roseworthy. The President was to make

the initial approach and suggest expanding it into a larger full meeting of both bodies at a later date. The Director suggested that the January meeting of the College Council may be appropriate for the initial meeting.

8.5 College Handbook

The President and Alan Richardson are continuing with their preparation of the information for the College Handbook, which will outline the role of ROCA and its future directions.

8.6 Computer Listing of Members.

The College is now handling the computer listing of members and this will greatly assist the Digest Editor in his distribution. At this stage the only cost to ROCA is for materials. Harry Stephen expressed the committee's appreciation for the efforts of Peter Lewis and his staff with respect to the computer lists. This was supported by Dale Manson and endorsed by the rest of the Committee.

The practice of sending ROCA mail to the Secretary via the College and then the ensuing paper chase which followed was queried. The President is to approach Barry Sumner to see if he is willing to sort the mail at College and direct it to the appropriate people.

8.7 Staff Membership of ROCA.

As the Constitution stands at present there is a requirement that a member of staff can only apply for membership after 5 years on the staff and he must be nominated by at least 4 ordinary members of the Association and the application must be approved at a Committee Meeting. If all those prerequisites are met they are eligible to become an Associate Member. It was suggested that a general letter be sent to staff members outlining the role of the Association and nominating ROCA members on the College who can sign nomination forms for those who wish to make application for membership.

It was also decided to send a letter to Ken Leske, inviting him to join the Association. The whole issue of staff membership of ROCA was to be referred to the Alumni Committee for a report.

9. ORDINARY BUSINESS

9.1 Honorary Life Membership

The Immediate Past President, Mr. Peter Lewis, raised the question of Honorary Life Membership and suggested that nominees should be put forward this year. The Constitution permits 2% of membership to be in this category.

Resolution 14

"It was resolved that the Secretary and the Digest Editor be approached to go through Minutes and to check membership cards and to report back at the next meeting, the current number of Honorary Life Memberships."

Lewis/Thistlethwayte
CARRIED

- 9.2 1989 Annual General Meeting
Suggested that the venue be the Renaissance Centre Tower again. Paul Richardson and Jeff Stanhope agreed to check the availability, menu and price based on the same general programme the same as this year (the final Friday of the Royal Show Week with a 5.30 meeting and a 7.30 dinner).
- 9.3 College Re-Union for Winemakers
The Director offered to pass on Membership Application Forms and distribute them at the Old Collegians Winemakers Dinner tomorrow evening in an attempt to gain new members.
- 9.4 Vocational Guidance Questionnaire
The aim is to develop a Register of people to whom students can refer for vocational guidance. The Director offered the use of the College facility to consolidate and print the list of people willing to be consulted. The form used at the dinner would be re-printed in the next Newsletter, along with a note calling for return of completed forms.

Resolution 15

"That a new Minute Book be purchased."

Stephens/Thistlethwayte
CARRIED

Meeting closed at 10.13 p.m.

NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 14th February at 6.30 p.m. at Parliament House, Adelaide.

READ AND CONFIRMED


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