

Roseworthy Old Collegians Association

committee meeting 16.9.96

The minutes of the meeting of the ROCA committee held on September 16 1996 at Roseworthy College at 8pm.

Present

Andrew Michelmores, Harry Stephen, Peter Fairbrother, Brian Hannaford, Allan Alcock, Mia Stephens, Dale Manson, David Cooper, David Taplin

Apologies

Mark Rodda, Malcolm Oades, Jennifer Schilling, Jennifer Trott, Bardy McFarlane, Peter Dunn,

Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on May 6 1996 at Roseworthy College were adopted. Moved Dale Manson Seconded Brian Hannaford

Business arising from the minutes

1 Proposal presented adopted at a cost of \$220 with exclusion of apostrophe moved Allan Alcock, seconded Brian Hannaford subject to research by Bardy McFarlane2 Tie designs provided by Scott Matthews tabled for discussion.

3 The treasurer reported that he had invested \$15000 at 8% for 4 years with P and BA. Invested by Brian and Bardy as approved by the last meeting.

President's report

Award of Merit Luncheon

11 of 22 living Award of Merit recipients had a gathering on 2.8.96 at the Feathers Hotel where several matters of relevance to the future Award of Merit developments were discussed.

The President circulated a draft of Award of Merit proposed new rules for comment.

The meeting ratified the decision of the Executive that Jack Reddin's long overdue gold medal be presented to him at the AGM this year.

moved Brian Hannaford seconded Dale Manson

Brian Hannaford advised that we will now only have one gold medal in stock and that moved that Andy approach Mr Olsen and get a quote for supply of medals Carried moved Brian Hannaford seconded Dale Manson

The President announced that the 1996 Award of Merit recipient is Bob Knappstein from New Zealand and that he and his wife would be attending the annual dinner.

Treasurer's report

\$4127 surplus was reported. The treasurer warned that we must be careful with our runs of the ROCA dDigest because it costs \$3000 per run.

He read a letter from the auditor. Action to be taken includes Allan asking the Alumni office to respond to concerns on delays in getting the rolls updated and the implications for rights and privileges of members.

A \$100 honorarium was voted for the auditor moved Harry Stephen seconded Andy Michelmores

AGM and Annual Dinner reports

There are 100 starters for the Friday night annual dinner and only 70 places remain. Bookings seem a little thinner for the Gala on Saturday night [60 so far]. Mia and Allan have been involved in the planning of the Gala and it is hoped that the gala will enhance the annual gatherings. The change of date is related to sports commitments for younger families.

It was moved to ratify Allan's offer of a ROCA \$450 for the string quartet which will play at the gala and for the speaker's dinner. The speaker is John Dawkins, former National Treasurer. The \$450 gives ROCA the right to solicit for membership and to sell ties.

Mike Wake has subsidised the evening personally with \$1000 deposit on the Town Hall.

Faculty Report

1 Apropos of last meeting's discussion of the rural situation and concern over the departure of Graham Brooksma, Peter Fairbrother reported that the promotion of Faculty courses is now done in conjunction with the wider faculty role, and that Graham Brooksma is still involved with the overall marketing. ROCA has been invited to have an input into the publicity process at field days and employer days. Allan endorsed Peter's presence as our representative on the promotions committee and it was carried - moved Andy Michelmores seconded Brian Hannaford

College Report

David Taplin reported that 1997 is to be the lowest number of school leavers, but that the college has a positive attitude to keeping high numbers because of the success of our graduates in the job market.

Digest Report

The meeting commended Barty McFarlane on the fine quality of the Digest, which makes very good reading. There was a request for further contributions.

General Business

The fee increase: \$50 is a low figure to sustain membership over the whole life of the graduate and it was suggested that we need to ask for \$100 as the joining fee eventually, otherwise we lose relativity and the organisation will become unsustainable. We must look ahead to 1998 and plan now for a fee increase. It was resolved to ask David Taplin to take the matter to the Board of Roseworthy College and for the committee to take steps to increase the fee to \$60 moved Harry Stephen, seconded Brian Hannaford

ROSEWORTHY OLD COLLEGIANS' ASSOCIATION

AWARD OF MERIT

Draft 2B of the proposed Rules and Conditions of Award

– updated following the ROCA Executive meeting held on 9/8/96.

1. The Roseworthy Old Collegians' Association (ROCA) shall periodically award a medal to a ROCA member who has made a meritorious contribution in any field of agricultural activity and/or ROCA or community affairs. For the purpose of these rules, "agricultural activity" shall be given the widest possible meaning and will include all aspects of animal, land and natural resource management.
2. The award shall be considered annually, and if in the opinion of the Selection Committee, there is no candidate of sufficient merit, no award shall be made.
3. Nominations must be made on the Standard Form and must include the information required thereon.
4. A prospective candidate must be a ROCA member and the nomination shall be prepared and signed by two ROCA members.
5. Nominations with the supporting data must reach the ROCA Secretary by 30 June each year. The Executive shall review the nominations and have the right to reject any nomination deemed unsuitable before submitting the nominations to the Selection Committee.
6. The Selection Committee
 - 6.1 The Executive shall appoint to the Selection Committee, such persons who are in their opinion of sufficient standing and experience to be competent to assess the merits of candidates from any field of agricultural activity.
 - 6.2 The Selection Committee shall consist of five members, one each from the fields of:
 - 6.2.1 primary production research and/or extension;
 - 6.2.2 public service;
 - 6.2.3 primary production;
 - 6.2.4 agriculture related industry and
 - 6.2.5 the President of ROCA.
 - 6.3 The Executive will review the membership of the Selection Committee each year.
 - 6.4 The Selection Committee shall make its nomination to the Executive at least four weeks prior to the date of presentation of the award.
 - 6.5 The Executive may, at its discretion, include for consideration any candidates nominated in the previous year.
 - 6.6 In the event of a member of the Executive or the Selection Committee being proposed as a candidate, that person will stand down from all discussion and deliberations for that year.
 - 6.7 Meetings
 - 6.7.1 Three members will constitute a quorum.
 - 6.7.2 The President of ROCA shall be the Convenor.
 - 6.7.3 The President of ROCA shall only have a casting vote.
 - 6.7.4 Selection criteria and guidance on weighting?
 - 6.8 Members of the Executive and the Selection Committee are requested to hold the names of the candidates in strict confidence.
 - 6.9 We need to establish a process by which it is possible to revoke an award if its recipient commits an offence that might reflect badly on ROCA and the other award recipients.