



Roseworthy Old Collegians Association Inc.

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Minutes of Meeting held at Norwood on Monday 13th December 2004

Opening:

The President opened the meeting at 7.10pm and welcomed all present.

Present:

Mark Seeliger [President], Wilf Bowen [Immediate Past President], Dale Manson, Denys Slee, Ray Taylor, Harry Stephen, Peter Dunn, Darren Koopman [Secretary], Ron Tuckwell [by invitation], Ian Bidstrup [by invitation]

Apologies: Peter Day, Ben Fleet, David Cooper [Treasurer]

Minutes:

Minutes of the meeting held on 27/9/04 were taken as read and confirmed (Moved Dale, Seconded Ray). With addition of Council elections results, and nominations for the AGM.

Business Arising:

Website

Constitution, recent press releases and the Spring Digest need to be added to the website. Committee details need to be updated.

Alumni Report

Wilf's nomination for council has been accepted. The term is for two years. Mark and Wilf attended the combined chapters board meeting. In the new year work on a new strategic plan will commence. Noted that it needs to involve ROCA. Wilf to attend celebration and thankyou to the Chancellor. Nominations have been called for the Alumni Prize, a distinguished award for a person giving outstanding service to the University or field of service. This is an annual award with nominations closing in February.

Correspondence:

Letter from

Alumni acknowledging receipt of \$5000-00 for the Roseworthy Fund

Finance:

Current cheque account balance: \$5767-91

Total of donations received to date \$5391-00 (last donation received 15th November)

Financial statement for the annual dinner (see attached)

EP report:

The next AGM and dinner will be held at Port Lincoln in February. Peter will notify the Committee of the EP meeting dates.

Roseworthy Fund:

The co patrons have not met since the last meeting. Discussions with Elders are still ongoing, but not sure of progress. According to fund rules one third of the co patrons are due for re election. The committee would like the current members to continue. Needs to be addressed early in the new year.

The Gramp Hardy Smith Memorial Prize has been changed from its original Roseworthy focus, to now be awarded to a graduate of the wine course. Suggested that could have been used as a focus for the development of future leaders, as part of the activities of the fund.

Reunion/AGM 2004

Comments on the reunion dinner:

Meal and service was very good.

Year group presentation are still going over time, but were improved this year. In future time still needs to be limited for groups.

The arrangement of tables allowed for the power point presentation, which was well received.

The reception table needs to be considered for future years.

Letter of appreciation to be sent for the donation of wine.

A draft copy of the minutes of the AGM were circulated, Finance and Presidents reports still to be added.

The position of Vice President was not filled at the AGM. Moved Ray, Seconded Peter that Dale Manson be nominated for the position of Vice President (Carried).

According to the constitution the Director of Roseworthy Campus is a member of the Committee. Mark to contact/clarify with the Director.

Other Business:

Roseworthy Farm

Ian Bidstrup joined the meeting to outline the developments on the Roseworthy Campus Farm. Following the farm review the Martindale board has agreed in principle to take on the management of the Roseworthy Farm for the next five years. The proposed take over date is 31st January 2005. Martindale will be responsible for the Dairy, Cropping and Sheep; the piggery will not be included at this stage. The farm needs considerable capital investment, which the University has agreed to contribute to upfront and for the next 5 years. Students will still have access to the farm operation, and will hopefully provide a more meaningful experience for them. The challenge now will be to find the right manager.

Digest

Discussion was held re the cost of producing the Spring Digest.

For the next meeting Ron will get competitive quotes from Post Haste, Australia Post and another printer to compare the options of printing one or two digests in 2005.

David to provide a breakdown of the costs of produce the two digests in 2004.

Archives

The archives are featuring Roseworthy in the 2005 display.

Meeting with Council

ROCA currently has no direct link with University Council. Suggested that Mark should make informal contact with the offer of help with any agriculture related issues.

Prize giving

Wilf, Dale and Denys to review the status of the prize giving ceremony in terms of the awards ROCA are giving, other awards that may be appropriate, and the timing of the event, etc.

Membership

All likely graduating students have been given a flyer inviting them to join ROCA.

A letter will be sent to each student after graduation following up the invitation to join ROCA.

2005 plan

Discussion was held re what should the ROCA committee should aim to achieve in the next 12 months. Suggested a spreadsheet of items and timeframes be developed. Mark to prepare a draft for the next meeting.

Meeting closed at 9.45pm

Next Meeting:

Monday 28th February 2005.

6.00pm Alma Hotel

7.00pm David Coopers Boardroom King Street

Minutes confirmed on:.....

22 Feb 2005

President:.....



Financial report for ROCA meeting, 13 December 2004 – D. J. Cooper

ROCA cheque account balance as at 10 December 2004: \$5,767.91

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR ROCA Annual Dinner/AGM 2004

INCOME

Income from members	\$5427.00
Book sales (9@ \$20.00 ea)	\$ 108.00

Total	\$5607.00

EXPENSES

Account from Golf Club	\$3948.90
Printing of programs	\$ 137.50
Award of Merit medal	\$ 231.00
Engraving of medal	\$ 11.00
Ribbon for medal	\$ 5.70
Auditor's Honorarium	\$ 100.00
Book sales income to author (9 @ \$12.00)	\$ 108.00
Dinner refund	\$ 76.00

Total	\$4618.10

Net profit \$988.90 (\$574.30 profit in 2003)

Archival work at the University of Adelaide.

Through I think Wilf Bowen, the archival section asked for "volunteers" to help classify old photos, books, meeting and student records and other material which had been found in boxes at RAC.

These boxes are bought to North Terrace and Wilf, Mark, Peter Fairbrother, Dick Flower, Andrew Brown and myself have been sorting through them over the past six months or so.

We meet most Tuesday afternoons as part of the University's archival volunteer team which meets on Tuesday mornings doing general university work. There doesn't seem to be any order to the records from RAC. One box for example, might contain photos dating from the early 1920s to the 1990s.

The project is having its successes – Dick Flower for example, has gathered a collection of Student Magazines and these have been a very valuable resource in identifying people in photographs. Copies of photos have been taken and shown to people who might help identify the subjects.

One of the major breakthroughs has been Wilf's work in compiling a list of RAC graduates from the first intake – Wilf hopes to have a complete list by mid-2005.

We have also published photos of the "unknowns" in the newsletter and have received positive and accurate responses. Next year, the Editor of "Grain Business" which goes to about 8,000 farmers in SA has offered to regularly publish some of the older photos for us.

Next year we will still have many photos to identify, and other material including newspaper clippings to classify. There is one large box containing photos which we have no idea about. We will also start a computerised captioning system.

So, what is to be the outcome of the project apart from adding heaps of material to the university's archives?

The team hopes that in our case, ROCA members and people who want to know more about ROCA members or RAC will make use of it. The process for this hasn't been discussed with the archival authorities but will be over the coming months. Just to give you an example – I have put together a record of my father's activities at the college from 1936 to 1938, had copies made and will give them to my family over Xmas.

And we have located a box of 12 RAC wines with instructions on it to be opened in December 2005 – 100 years since the college and university formed a relationship.

DENYS SLEE – December 2004