



Roseworthy Old Collegians Association Inc.

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Minutes of ROCA Committee Meeting Held at Microbial Technologies 4 September, 2006

Opening:

The President opened the meeting at 7.00pm and welcomed all present.

Present:

Mark Seeliger (President), Ray Taylor, Harry Stephens, Dale Manson, David Cooper, Denys Slee, Wilf Bowen (Minute Secretary).

Apologies:

Darren Koopman, Locky McLaren, Ben Fleet, Peter Day, Phil Hynd.

Minutes:

Minutes of meeting held on 17 July 2006 were confirmed (Moved Dale M, seconded Harry).

Business arising:

- 20 year reunion – inadequate bookings has resulted in a scaled down event now being scheduled.
- Wine industry liaison – Dale reported on meeting with Waite staff. The proposed new wine cluster development at the Waite is to maintain the 'Roseworthy Tradition'. There is a desire to honour Roseworthy graduates in the new facilities. Phil Laffer will liaise with industry personnel to promote this aim. Staff are to propose potential ideas.
- Spring newsletter was well prepared and received. Denys Slee and Richard Campbell were thanked for their contributions. Spare copies will be sent to members as addresses come to hand. Account for \$1753.39 was received.

Finance:

Treasurer reported a current balance of \$6431.39.

A transaction report is attached to the minutes.

One new member since the last meeting.

Resolved to pay Post and Pack account for printing and postage for the Spring Newsletter of \$1753.39 (Ray T, Harry S).

Alumni Report:

- Chapter Chairs and Alumni Board to meet September 5.
- Not much activity currently on Board.
- Nomination for Alumni Board Chapter Reps will be called soon. Resolved that ROCA nominate Wilf Bowen (Ray T, Mark S).
- Robyn Brown has been appointed as the new Director, Development and Alumni.
- President has been asked by the VC to contribute to the external consultant review of the Alumni Board and Association. Terms of Review were considered. Points to be put forward include
 - personalities have stifled chapter activities;
 - the need for professional help for chapters rather than controlling their activities;

- need for improved assistance with newsletters, functions, etc;
- need to maintain membership details;
- need to maintain Lumen and Adelaidean and provide space for chapters;
- staff selection to recognise understanding of graduates (alumni) and chapters;
- recognition of purpose and function of chapters and their relationship with faculties, disciplines and schools rather than the university corporate and university council.

Eyre Peninsula Branch report:

Nil.

Roseworthy Campus and Student Fund:

Ray reported on the excellent function and speakers at the launch of the Fund at RAHS Banquet Room on July 25.

Publicity was received in the Advertiser, the Stock Journal published the ROCA release and the Adelaidean included a report with photo.

D and A office has sent a letter and flier to all invited persons that were not able to attend. Similar correspondence will be followed up in 12 months time.

Bruce Eastick will speak at the Annual Dinner and is to introduce Fund Patron John Crosby. D and A office is to prepare a brochure to be used in Fund promotions. This needs to be available for the ROCA Annual Dinner – Ray to follow up.

Co-Patrons recognised the assistance for the launch provided by Dr Mike Keller and Mark Seeliger.

Publicity for the Fund, possibly in conjunction with the Rural Media Association, is planned in conjunction with the announcement of the first Trevor Dillon Scholarship winner early in 2007.

President table signed copies of the Fund agreement between A/Director, D and A and Co-Patrons dated 23 June 2006.

It was resolved that Co-Patrons be asked to consider recommending additional Co-Patrons – Ray to follow up.

The president sent Co-Patrons the full list of aims, objectives and functions of the Fund prior to the launch.

The wording of the agreement for the Dillon Scholarship was discussed. It was not clear as to the reasoning for the transfer of \$32000 and as to whether this earned interest. About \$37000 has been contributed to date.

Other Business:

125th Anniversary in 2008

Dale has met with Michael Neale who is the VC's nominee for anniversary arrangements. Some ideas being canvassed include:

- celebrations to include City of Adelaide (street parade), Elder Hall functions, church services, etc
- recognition of wine makers;
- links to RAH&S and Archives;
- Roseworthy events to include outdoor events, staff reunion, ROCA reunion.

Dale will continue to liaise with other contributors.

2006 AGM

Agenda items to include 125 celebrations in 2008.

Committee members to be nominated

Locky McLaren

Dale Manson

David Cooper

VP

Treasurer

Darren Koopman	Secretary
Mark Seeliger	Immediate Past President
Ray Taylor	
Ben Fleet	
Harry Stephen	
Wilf Bowen	

Wilf to contact Locky McLaren about his role

All to seek additional members. Darren to clarify one year graduate member

Membership Fees. It was resolved to recommend to the AGM that Life Membership fees be increased to \$80 to be effective from 1 July 2007.

2006 Reunion Dinner

Denys Slee advocated that we proactively use reunions for membership recruitment. It was suggested that the President send a letter to Annual Dinner attendees who are not members about two weeks after the dinner seeking their membership. Similarly, other less formal reunion of year groups and their networks should be used.

Dinner guests to include

John Crosby and Mrs Crosby – Patron of Fund

Tupp Carmody and partner – archives

Prof Phil Hynd and Mrs Hynd – Campus Director, response to toast to Campus and ROCA.

Professor Bob Hill and Mrs Hill – executive Dean

Michael Neale and Mrs Neale – Director, Communications –Alumni and 125 year involvement.

Dinner programs to be printed by Post and Pack services.

Name tags to be prepared by Ron Tuckwell

100 year posters to be displayed by Peter Fairbrother

Archives display to be organised by Denys Slee.

2006 Award of Merit

Five nominations were received. All nominations were considered worthy with four being outstanding.

The Selection Committee recommended Brian Rex Wilson for the Award.

Brian is a 1961 RDA graduate. Initially he farmed at Coomandook where he was a farm and community leader. He moved to Lismore, Victoria in 1984. In this high rainfall area, he was instrumental in introducing cropping successfully with the introduction and adaptation of tiling and raised bed technology. He was a foundation member of Southern Farming Systems, a research and extension initiative that now has more than 1000 farmer members. Brian has had considerable influence in other technology activities and has been a strong sport and community member.

The recommendation was supported unanimously.

New award certificates are being drafted. Dale to assist in jazzing up.

Careers Expo

Set for October 17 at the National Wine Centre.

Resolved that we take no action.

Web Site

New front page is ready. Awaiting Darren to update. Then press releases and newsletters are to be updated.

Hickinbotham Collection

No progress. It is understood that the VC is setting up a task group. It is expected that ROCA will be invited to have a member.

Retiring Committee

The President thanked the two members retiring from the Committee for their contributions to the Committees functioning.

Denys Slee has been particularly successful in gaining publicity, in contributions to editing, the annual plan and in the membership drive activities.

Peter Day has been a significant contributor to leading the membership drive.

Next Meeting

To be arranged by the incoming Committee.