



ROSEWORTHY OLD COLLEGIANS ASSOCIATION INC



Minutes of Committee Meeting held at Prince Albert Hotel, Adelaide 27th November 2009

Opening:

The President, Dale Manson opened the meeting at 6.10pm and welcomed all present.

Present:

Dale Manson (President), David Spencer, Mark Seeliger, Ray Taylor, Ian Rice, Locky McLaren, Damien Rixon, (Student Representative), Wilf Bowen, Richard Turnbull and Darren Koopman.

Minutes:

Gail Manson.

Apologies:

Alan Richardson, Tom Yeatman.

President's Communication:

Dale Manson expressed his heartfelt appreciation to a number of long standing committee members who just *"do things and make things happen with little fuss"*.

Wilf Bowen was thanked for serving as Acting Treasurer during 2008/2009 and steering ROCA's finances through a very tight time to a profitable result. He was also responsible for the 125 year photos and frames. Also organising medals, Alumni relations and numerous other unrecognised tasks.

Mark Seeliger was thanked for the Web maintenance, organising certificates, Alumni liaison and communication with AIAST.

Ray Taylor was thanked for his efforts with the Roseworthy Campus & Student Fund and maintaining extremely strong links between ROCA and that body.

Darren Koopman was thanked for his long-serving role as ROCA Secretary and also for the multitude of unrecognised jobs he undertook to ensure ROCA's continuing profile and presence was maintained within the Roseworthy Campus community.

It was noted that a number of Committee Members spend considerable time assisting the University with archives and other volunteer roles.

Mark Seeliger pointed out that Wilf Bowen has been through nearly all the old minutes and identified all Life Memberships conferred in the past. Using past Minute Books, Wilf has also compiled a summary of all the important ROCA milestone events. A booklet and CD containing this information were presented to the meeting.

Previous Minutes:

Minutes of ROCA Committee Meeting held on 17th August 2009 were taken as read.

Business Arising:

Wilf Bowen made an amendment to the Treasurer's Report. Current Balance which should read \$21,312.00. That makes the current balance a bit less, as some investment interest was included by mistake.

Moved Mark Seeliger, Seconded Locky McLaren. **Carried**

Locky McLaren was thanked for getting the ROCA Digest out.

Roles of Co-Patrons were discussed. Professor Gail Anderson has nominated Manager of the Animal Science and Veterinary School, Sarah Hocking to be a Co-Patron. This was ratified at the 17 August ROCA Committee meeting and Ms Hocking attended the 15 October Co-Patrons meeting. ROCA to confirm Ms Hocking's appointment as Co-Patron with the Professor Anderson in writing.

The Reunion Dinner was discussed. Locky McLaren thought the format was excellent. Wilf Bowen had heard no complaints. The Glenelg Golf Club only charged ROCA for the people who attended and not for the number who had actually booked. This was considered to be extremely generous of them.

Concern was expressed about the lack of young people at the dinner. No twenty five year group or ten year group members attended this year. Dale Manson reported that the relevant people in these year groups were contacted, but nothing was followed through by them.

Finance:**Current balance:**

Bank SA cheque	\$ 1,994.61	
Rabobank a/c 077	\$10,000.00	(26/11/09)
Rabobank a/c 041	\$21,312.00	(09/07/12)

Deposits:

Dinner Registrations	\$6,020.00
ROCA donations	\$ 645.00
Life Membership x 1	\$ 80.00
Total	\$6,745.00

Expenses:

Glenelg Golf Club deposit	\$ 250.00
P.M. Mailing Services (May Digest)	\$1,980.00
Eric Taylor (Audit)	\$ 70.00
Brighton Trophies (plaques)	\$ 116.00
Pack & Send (Spring Digest)	\$ 1,591.04
Photo expenses	\$ 43.15
Glenelg Golf Club (dinner)	\$ 5,212.30
The Framer (2 photos)	\$ 280.00
B.S.A. deposit box x 5 mnths	\$ 15.00
Total:	\$ 9,557.49

Moved Wilf Bowen, seconded Ray Taylor. **Carried.**

It was decided the bank signatories would stay the same at this stage until the new Secretary and Treasurer come on board.

Moved Mark Seeliger, seconded Ian Rice. **Carried.**

As one of the Rabobank term deposits is about to expire, the best interest rate possible must be chosen for reinvestment.

Roseworthy Campus and Student Fund:

The Co-Patrons' three year period is due to expire. Bruce Eastick will retire as Chair of the Co-Patron group at its next meeting on 07 December 2009.

Ray Taylor outlined the focus is firmly on providing the scholarships to Roseworthy Campus students, however there are two that could potentially involve Waite Campus students (RA&HS Scholarship and Landmark Scholarship).

Other Business:

125 Year Photos: Darren Koopman reported that the 125 Year photos are now prominently hanging in the Council Room at Roseworthy Campus.

Donation to ROCA: The Roseworthy brandy and port donated by Barney McCallum will be put out to tender via the ROCA web site and e-mail address to raise the most possible funds. Richard Turnbull volunteered to contact Barney McCallum to assure him that ROCA appreciates his generous donation and explain why it could not be auctioned on the night of the recent ROCA Dinner.

Perpetual ROCA E-Mail Address: Dale Manson is to arrange for a perpetual ROCA email address through the University Alumni. This will provide continuity of contact with ROCA irrespective of current office bearers and should be of great assistance with the wine auction in the short term. The e-mail address is to be: roca@alumni.adelaide.edu.au

Campus Name Change Proposal: Barney McCallum wanted to change the name of Roseworthy Campus to "*Roseworthy College Campus*". It was a motion passed at the AGM. A letter should be written to the Vice Chancellor from ROCA, but the committee is not hopeful of a change. The letter should imply that more people will be attracted to the suggested name via the power of the Roseworthy College brand.

RA&HS Archive Letter: A letter from RA&HS Archivist, Marilyn Ward was presented to the meeting. This related to the early work of the RA&HS in assisting to establish Roseworthy Agricultural College and pre-dates much of currently the known information held by the University Archives. Mark Seeliger will ensure the original copy of Marilyn Ward's letter is formally lodged in the University Archives and also placed on the ROCA website.

ROCA Committee Meeting Summary: Wilf Bowen and Andrew Brown have made an archive summary of ROCA Committee Minutes from 1898 to 2008. They extracted the relevant points in summary form. This was formally presented to the meeting in hard copy and CD format.

ROCA Constitution: The Constitutional Changes, both old and new, should be sent to the Public Officer, Richard Turnbull for updating with Corporate Affairs.

ROCA Secretary & Treasurer Roles: Dale Manson made an impassioned plea to generate ideas to enable ROCA to fill the Secretary and Treasurer roles. It was pointed out that Darren Koopman, as incoming President for 2010/2011 needed a Secretary who was up and running by the time he takes over.

Richard Turnbull volunteered to be the Treasurer. All committee members expresses great joy and indicated they would provide assistance wherever possible. It was suggested that an SOS be sent out in a Digest for a Secretary as soon as possible. Barney McCallum's donated wine could be advertised at the same time.

ROCA Digest: The high cost of mailing the ROCA Digest was discussed with the following suggestions:

- Dale Manson said the organisation he works for may be interested in reaching its target audience via the ROCA Digest which is distributed to approximately 1,600 people. This could be sponsorship in the upcoming ROCA Digest. Other companies may also be interested.
- Ian Rice said e-mailing the Digest to as many members as possible would reduce costs, however many older members may not have emailing facilities.
- Damien Rixon suggested finding out how many members are on email.
- The Alumni will be approached to send out a block of emails.
- Richard Turnbull suggested ROCA acquire as many email addresses as possible and just start send them information.
- Locky McLaren said all members on Eyre Peninsula are on e-mail only.

Roseworthy #3 Accommodation Block: David Spencer reported that #3 Accommodation Block at Roseworthy Campus may be demolished. It was built in about 1955 – 1956. A replacement will be built on site. He queried if Archives have any decent photos before it is demolished. Darren Koopman said that all buildings have been photographed, but he will confirm this.

Next Meeting:

Next meeting will be held on Friday 26th March 2010 at the Coach House, Waite Campus (next to Urrbrae House, in the house garden precinct) at 6.30pm. No meal included.

Meeting closed at 8.10pm.

