



ROSEWORTHY OLD COLLEGIANS ASSOCIATION INC

MINUTES

COMMITTEE MEETING



Thursday, 29 November 2012 at 6 pm

Free Eyre Limited, 20 Payneham Road, Stepney

1. Welcome

Over dinner, brief introductions were given for the benefit of the other committee members.

2. Present

David Spencer (President), Paul Mansfield (Treasurer), Tracy Parkes (Secretary), Dale Manson, Ray Taylor, Mark Seeliger, Rob Smyth, Mike Wake, Locky McLaren, Alan Richardson, Mark Rodda

3. Apologies

Richard Turnbull (Immediate Past President)

4. Confirmation of Minutes: of 17 September 2012

Moved: Locky McLaren **Seconded:** Dale Manson **CARRIED**

5. Business arising from Minutes

5.1. Veterinary School Prize (gold medals), letter to Kym Abbott Locky McL

Locky McLaren to check with Richard Turnbull regarding status.

5.2. West Coast and SE ROCA Membership Drive

No new memberships resulted from the SE dinner. Alan to send out email with application form attached as encouragement to join. Personal follow up would help. Profile is mostly older, but there is a group in 30's as well. Alan to contact David Brown and Charlie Goode in group to start the ball rolling. Fee to join might be a barrier. It is difficult to get a list of Alumni members not on ROCA membership list. Building on a better relationship with the Alumni might change this situation.

Another West Coast reunion is being organised on 16th Feb2013. SE reunion could be held midyear

Need to re-visit plan to encourage recruitment.

5.3. Meet with Ruth Rosie Locky McL

The initial reason for the meeting was to discuss issues around the ROCA Digest, however a broader discussion ensued, with the following topics covered:

Review of what's currently happening with the Alumni

Funding available for volunteer activities – applications open end Apr and end Oct, there may be opportunities for us.

ROCA Digest – Ruth Rosie is new to this role. The discussion with her was valuable, she is enthusiastic about her role and will be an asset. Locky McLaren developed schedule of timelines leading up to publication dates for future editions. Ruth raised concerns about content, and there was a suggestion that some editorial control might be needed. Ruth was assured that we will be tactful and professional in our approach. Locky is the contact person for the Digest.

Websites – looking for ROCA committee person as website contact / link with Alumni. Locky McL

Our website is not up to date. Mark Seeliger has discussed this with Ruth. There was a suggestion that we should be putting up list of qualifications to explain the acronyms used on website. A list of Life Members and new committee details will also go up onto web page. Locky McLaren happy to be initial contact in short term, Mark Rodda to assist. Information on website will be brought up to date before Christmas.

To follow is a list of items that need to be updated:

- Email redirection
- Life members
- New Committee Details – with phone numbers
- Alan's press release
- Presidential Reports
- Qualifications

Student industry program, evenings where 20-25 industry people are present. Keen to involve more ROCA industry based people in that process.

ROAR magazine. Keen to profile people in that publication and asked us to identify suitable people for them to approach.

It was noted that we need to follow through to ensure the current stories get published, for example, the press release for this year's Award of Merit recipient.

In summary, it was a positive meeting to discuss how we can contribute more to the University agenda. However, we need to control the balance so that ROCA gains as much as possible from the association.

5.4. Adelaide University Council Elections

Mark S

The preferred people we have been actively promoting would not be up for re-election for another couple of years. Mark Seeliger to work towards fostering a fairer process.

5.5. Barney McCallum donation

Dick T

\$2,000 promised at 2011 AGM. Refer to Richard Turnbull for follow up.

5.6. Correspondence

5.6.1. Minutes re Archives – Sue Coppin (material to archive) David S

February meeting each year, collect information for inclusion in archive. Public access is available for these archives. Digitally stored. Copies also need to be stored in data repository at Roseworthy.

Mechanism for access – chose option 3, similar to that which apply to University records. Need to maintain relationship with core archive group. Archive contacts nominated were David Spencer and Mark Seeliger.

5.6.2. Liaison with Ruth Rosie (Alumni)

David S

Covered in Section 5.3

5.6.3. Nick Brooks letter

Suggestions re AGM dinner, David Spencer to reply

6. Treasurer's Report

Paul M

Report to 27th Nov 2012

Total funds held: \$33,846

Expenditure was as listed

Net deficit for period was \$820

AGM dinner made a loss, primarily because the margin was too tight. We charged \$60 members/\$65 non members. Grange Golf Club charged \$58 per head. There were 2-3 people who didn't pay. An approach is to be made to people that haven't paid. David Spencer to follow up

There were 2 unidentified deposits, a direct deposit for \$60, and a \$100 donation.

Moved: Ray Taylor

Seconded: Mike Wake

CARRIED

7. 2012 AGM Reflections

7.1. Venue

Next time ensure we have a agreement in writing

7.2. Reunion Groups – mentor for 2013

As discussed in Item 7.3

7.3. 2013 Sub-committee

A subcommittee is to be formed up in lead up to 2013 dinner, and will act as liaison with reunion groups to discuss the format for evening. The committee will consist of Dale Manson (chairman), Mark Rodda and Mike Wake. This committee will report back in February with ideas.

Glenelg Golf Club booked for 2013 AGM Dinner on Fri 18th October

Glenelg Golf Club also booked for AGM Dinner on Fri 17th Oct 2014

8. Roseworthy Campus and Student Fund

Ray T

Regarding the function at the Adelaide Showground to introduce award winner to donors. Donors who had supported scholarship have indicated that they are willing to increase their support, or provide additional scholarships. Could incorporate with other scholarship winners and invite them along to same function. The event went well and it was great publicity for ROCA. Currently attempting to put together scholarship in the wine area. Ian Oliver is trying to recruit members from his group, hoping they will support RCSF. Agreement minimum \$3,000 for scholarship. Vice Chancellor has agreed to additional scholarship for a student from Roseworthy. Looking for additional representation on committee. Also seeking response to \$1,000 given for the beef carcass judging competition. No acknowledgement received to date. Looking for them to generate their own funds in the future.

9. Adelaide Alumni and Membership

Dale M

The benefit of maintaining a close relationship with the Alumni was emphasised. The Alumni is focusing on making the University a centre of excellence in research, with education given a lower priority. The history of University is highlighted in the strategic plan, which marries in well with the history associated with the Roseworthy Campus.

Dale attended Ray Beckwith's funeral. Ray was a Roseworthy graduate and internationally renowned within the wine industry. It was suggested the an article in the Digest would be appropriate.

Dale was nominated to be the contact for lost and decreased members. Deceased members to be acknowledged in the Digest.

10. West Coast ROCA Branch

Mike W

The decisions made are as follows:

- Alternate dinner between country location and Pt Lincoln
- Dinner Date set 16th February 2012, 4-6pm
- Meeting to be held one month prior, at which time people will be nominated to contact and liaise with people in their area
- Mike Wake to follow up Student guests for Feb Dinner
- Reunion to be combined with personal development
- Theme for night will be established
- No tables, encourage people to mingle
- Payment must be made prior to the night

11. South East ROCA Branch

Alan R

An email was sent out last year asking for feedback. This feedback was positive, although the timing of the event is hard. The middle of the year may be the best time. Penola, Naracourte and surrounds are the best options for location. Alan to put together committee to assist with the organisation. Date will be set by Feb meeting.

12. Roseworthy Ex-servicemen

Dick T

Defer discussion until next meeting.

13. ROCA Digest and Alumni Web Pages

Lucky McL

Timeframe needs to be structured around the lead up to the 2013 AGM Dinner, which is booked for October, so will aim for Digest publication at the end of August 2013.

The next digest will be in March/April 2013

5 weeks lead up is needed for each Digest

Report on West Coast needed for Autumn edition.

14. General Business:

14.1. Committee Nominations

Chris Penfold

Tracy P

Has expressed an interest in joining the committee. Following a brief discussion it was agreed that Chris should be nominated to join the ROCA Committee.

Moved: Tracy Parkes

Seconded: Dale Manson

CARRIED

David Spencer to contact Chris and invite to our next meeting

Riverland

David S

Suzie Sharley has expressed an interest on organising a Riverland reunion. David Spencer will keep in contact with Suzie.

14.2. Meeting dates for 2013

David S

Mon 18th February (apologies received from Dale Manson and Richard Turnbull)

Mon 15th April

Mon 17th June

Mon 16th September

Mon 18th November

14.3. Time Line for Events/Responsibilities

David S

David Spencer will circulate timelines, and ask committee members to add content, so that a complete list can be formulated.

14.4. Action List

David S

David Spencer will compile an action list designating a person responsible for each task and will include a time for completion of each task.

14.5. ROCA Promotion 2013

David S

14.5.1. January 25 Tour Down Under Roseworthy Team

5 members, Roseworthy name on back. Good promotion for ROCA.

14.5.2. Award of Merit

David S

a) Promote

Need to promote more. Get a subcommittee together at Feb meeting.

b) Protocol of past nominations

Last year's nominees are automatically nominated in the following next year. Richard Turnbull has the paperwork. David Spencer to inform nominees of this process.

14.5.3. Honorary Life Membership

a) Nomination

Not appropriate to add to timeline, David Spencer to add to his personal agenda for Sep / Aug

b) Publish list on Website and Digest

Covered in Item 5.3

14.5.4. West Coast Reunion Dinner: Student guests

As previously discussed in Item 10. Now item 11

14.5.5. Balaklava Races as a Reunion Event 2013

Promote as younger persons reunion. Paul Mansfield nominated to explore the options, costs etc. Might get seed money from the Alumni. Paul to present a list of options at Feb meeting.

14.5.6. Facebook: ROCA page

Rob Smyth to follow up for Feb meeting

14.5.7. Roseworthy: Student and Industry Program Event

David Spencer to follow up with Ruth Rosie. Get back next meeting.

14.5.8. Business Name Registration

Paul to follow through with business name registration. Will have feedback for us at the February meeting.

14.5.9. Revisit 2005 Membership Drive Plan

Dale to dig out stats of Alumni membership, profiles, ages etc. Dale to bring along to next meeting.

14.6. ROCA Constitution/Mission Statement

Need to review. Are we drifting away from our core. Need mission statement.

15. Any Other Business

15.1. Apparel

Mike Wake suggested that it would be good to organise some apparel with the ROCA logo. Blazers, rugby tops, and caps were some of the items suggested. It was suggested that it would be good to talk to students to get their input. Mark Rodda to investigate what sells the best. Mark to bring some information back to next meeting.

15.2. Networking

Mark Rodda to investigate ways that his connection with the Agribusiness Association of Australia, as well as students coming through Waite and Roseworthy, can be utilised, so that the three groups can get together to in a way that can be mutually beneficial to all groups.

It was agreed that a shared commitment between the three groups to developing a business related degree, could be an effective way to collectively lobby the University and alert them to the demand.

15.3 Richard Inwood

Richard Inwood has expressed an interest in continued involvement with the committee. Whilst the committee want to leave the door open for Richard to contribute, it was decided to let it go for the moment, and if he wants to nominate next year that would be great.

16. Next Meeting

Mon 18th Feb 2013, FreeEyre Board room 20 Payneham Rd Stepney 6.30pm

17. Close

Meeting closed at 9pm