

ROSEWORTHY OLD COLLEGIANS ASSOCIATION INC

MINUTES

COMMITTEE MEETING

Monday 15 June 2015, 6pm

FREE Eyre LTD Meeting Room, Level 1, 33 Hutt St, Adelaide

- 1 Welcome:** Introduction and Welcome by President
(Fiona Hill as minute taker)
- 2 Apologies:** Dick Turnbull.
- 3 Present:** Dale Manson, Mark Rodda, Alan Richardson (via Skype), Rob Smyth, Don Chambers, David Spencer, David Coyner, Ray Taylor, Fiona Hill.
(We were also joined for dinner prior to the meeting by Kate Robertson, outgoing Adelaide Uni Chief Engagement Officer, and Simon Venus, representing our new sponsor Piper Alderman lawyers.)
- 4 Confirmation of Minutes:** Not available. Mark pursuing Rosanne Curtis.
- 5 Business arising from Minutes:** N/A.
- 6 Correspondence**
- 6.1 ANZAC DAY celebrations**
Dick Turnbull, Roseworthy campus staff, and guests have been officially thanked by Mark, for contributing to a most successful event.
- 6.2 Kate Robertson resignation**
Mark sent letter to Kate thanking her for her marvelous work with ROCA whilst in the role of Chief Engagement Officer with Adelaide Uni.
- 7 Treasurer's Report**
In Dick's absence, Mark reported \$10,000 in the ROCA Fundraising Acc, \$10,200 in the Term Deposit Acc and \$3,700 in the Cheque Acc.
The main cost to ROCA is the printing of the Digest. It is possible in future that we may stop the print run and put that money towards a scholarship instead, but not at the expense of engaging with members, who do not like / cannot receive the electronic version of the Digest. Discussions on-going.
- 8 Roseworthy Campus & Student Fund**
Ray advised that there will be no personal interviews with Scholarship applicants this year, Ray to write letter to the Alumni seeking re-instatement of the interview process.
An Award of Merit Scholarship is to be set up, with four contributors including Ray. It has been discovered that there are enough funds from the Trevor Dillon Scholarship to run it for one more year. Mark to write letter to the Dillon family advising them of this, as all parties were of the understanding that funds had been exhausted.

The RC&SF is proposing to change its name to the Agricultural Education Fund as of July 1st. Guidelines have not yet been set. Ray to liaise with Adelaide Uni.
- 9 Adelaide Alumni and Membership**
Dale reported the Adelaide Uni Alumni Council are looking in to why people don't join. The Council is continuing to develop a value proposition for potential members.

Dale is convener of the Distinguished Alumni Award Committee, to recognize significant game-changers in agriculture. ROCA committee to consider possible nominees.

In 2016 it will be 25 years since Roseworthy College integrated with Uni of Adelaide. ROCA needs to engage with the University to recognize positives that have come from the partnership. Mark to write to Kim Harvey and VC Prof Bebbington to encourage the Uni to take the lead on recognizing this significant anniversary.

Dale has a list of Roseworthy graduates who are not yet ROCA members, this requires on-going work to increase membership. Should we recognise new members in the next edition of the ROCA Digest? Dale to advise.

10 West Coast ROCA Branch

Has not met since the dinner in February. There were 3-4 private contributors from the Eyre Peninsula to the E.P./FREE Eyre Scholarship.

11 South East ROCA Branch

Alan confirmed 20 are coming to the dinner, with 13 apologies. Would like to see some more attendees, contact Allan with names.

12 Riverland ROCA Branch

Dale and Rob advised the Riverland dinner was a wonderful event. 34 attendees. Sponsor William Buck attended. Plenty of publicity leading up to the event, with Dale sending three e-mails and the Alumni ending two e-mails. Dale confident the event should grow in numbers next year.

13 ROCA Membership

Dale actioned some changes of address, and new member additions.

14 General Business

ROCA Digest – timing is critical for delivery of the next Digest, to publicize the AGM. Must arrive in mailboxes first week in September. Mark will keep this on track.

Sponsors - Piper Alderman have come on board, along with exiting sponsors Wall Studios and William Buck. Dave Spencer thanked Mark for his work to attract sponsors.

Plonky's Pick – Mark and Fiona to meet with O'Leary Walker to organize next batch of wine. Aim to have an order form in the next Digest. Should raise around \$13,000. Funds to go towards Roseworthy Student Scholarship, committee to discuss guidelines for this (Academic merit? Community involvement? Financial need?). Dale suggested it go to 2nd-year student. Another option is to publicize it within school Ag teacher network to encourage new tertiary students. On-going.

E.P. / FREE Eyre Scholarship – Delays in getting this up and running, time frame is now 2016. Money has already been paid to Uni., they have suggested this be funded for 3 years, Mark has agreed on behalf of FREE Eyre to underwrite the 3-year term.

Annual Dinner / AGM – Ray to get current menu for discussion at next meeting. Dale to identify co-ordinators of the various 'year groups'.

Badges, Ties – Dave Spencer to order minimum production run (10?) of Life Member badges from Olsens. Will also order 20 x cut and 20 x uncut ROCA badges. Discussion on ties continuing, Alan has a black ROCA tie. There is also a pink/black generic tie option, Dave Spencer to get quote from Valerie Travers with ROCA logo.

Name Tags – Mark to investigate.

Honour Board – has been updated with President and Award Winners in foyer.

ROCA Website – ROCA Presidents to be added. Dave Spencer from archive group to advise.

Award of Merit – Dale asked for any worthy nominations. Mark to send out note to email distribution list.

Old Student's Cup – recipient gets a certificate and prestige. Should we also give a small replica trophy? Discussions on-going.

Award Summary – need summary of all awards given by ROCA and RC&SF. Mark to ask Paul Finn.

Next Meeting:

7th September 2015, FREE Eyre Office, 33 Hutt St, Adelaide

Meeting Closed

8:40 pm