

# ROSEWORTHY OLD COLLEGIANS ASSOCIATION INC

## MINUTES

### COMMITTEE MEETING

Monday 16 November 2015 at 6.00pm

FREE Eyre LTD Meeting Room, Hutt Street, Adelaide

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**1. Welcome:**

Light meal 6pm until 6:30pm.

**2. Apologies:**

Ray Taylor, Don Chambers.

**3. Present:**

Mark Rodda, David Spencer, Dick Turnbull, Dave Coyner, Fiona Hill, Dale Manson, Rob Smyth, Alan Richardson.

**4. Confirmation of Minutes:**

Moved: Dick Turnbull. Seconded: Dale Manson

**5. Business arising from Minutes:**

**5.1** Dick reported that changes to the ROCA Constitution were lodged this morning with the Dept of Consumer and Business Affairs.

**6. Correspondence:**

**6.1** Invitation to attend Vet School Valedictory Ceremony. 11am on 11<sup>th</sup> December 2015, Roseworthy Campus. Mark (and possibly Dick and Dave C) to attend.

**7. Treasurer's Report:**

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|--------------------------------|-----------------|
| <b>7.1</b> General Working Acc | \$1,595         |
| Fundraising Acc                | \$3,788         |
| Term Deposit                   | \$10,163        |
| Rabobank Term Account          | <u>\$21,478</u> |
| Net Worth                      | <u>\$37,024</u> |

**7.2** Dick has handed over the Treasurer's role to David Coyner. Mark thanked Dick very much for his work in managing the ROCA finances over many years, and welcomed David to the role.

**7.3** Mark and David to visit William Buck to see if they have a preferred financial software program that better fits with their auditing procedure.

**MARK**

**7.4** Sales of ROCA Wine are very important to our finances, must remain a significant focus.

**8. Roseworthy Campus Student Fund:**

No report as Ray is absent.

**9. Adelaide Alumni and Membership:**

**9.1** Mark reported that five positions have been made redundant within the UofA Alumni Dept, however ROCA should see no change to the service being provided. Some good relationships have been formed.

**9.2** The Vice Chancellor has had some success with his Strategic Plan.

**9.3** Following some investigation by the Alumni, it has been decided that the Alumni's #1 Priority should be

providing mentors for students and recent graduates, to aid their transition into the workforce.

**9.4** Melissa Connor is investigating the establishment of a "Vet support group" at Roseworthy, which would be a new Alumni. ROCA to investigate selling ourselves into that space, with Dale suggesting the establishment of a Value Statement to demonstrate ROCA's past support of vet students. Mark will talk to Melissa Connor, with the aim of keeping the new Vet group under the ROCA umbrella. **MARK**

**9.5** It is the Golden Jubilee in 2016. ROCA need to encourage those who graduated in 1966 to attend.

**9.6** It is the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Roseworthy becoming part of the UofA in 2016. Dale suggested an Open Day around the date of the dinner? Agreed by many. Bus from Roseworthy to Adelaide? Tour of RAC and dinner at night in dining room? Need to work out strategy for involvement in the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations, and how ROCA can capitalize on it. Mark suggested the forming of a sub-committee to work with Wayne Hein and the Alumni office. Mark and Dave S to meet with Wayne Hein before Christmas.

**MARK/DAVID S.**

## **10 West Coast ROCA Branch:**

**10.1** Mark reported that the annual dinner is to be held in Kimba in early 2016.

**10.2** Mark confirmed that Lyndon Masters is the co-ordinator for the West Coast branch

**10.3** Brian Ashton needs to be presented with his Hon. Life Membership ROCA badge at their next Dinner.

## **11 South East ROCA Branch:**

**11.1** Alan confirmed that the South East will hold their dinner every second year, to attempt to combat diminishing numbers.

## **12 Riverland ROCA Branch:**

**12.1** Dale reported that the dinner will continue to be held every year. Ian Newland is keen to be part of an organizing group in the region, but will not solely take on the role.

**12.2** There are many ex-Roseworthians in the region, and the committee needs to think about how we can increase attendee numbers at the dinner. Guest speaker? Venue? Format?

**ALL**

## **13 ROCA Membership:**

**13.1** Fiona gave Dale a few completed New Membership forms from the Dinner.

**13.2** Dale reported that membership is still increasing, but continued to call for updated e-mail addresses of current members, following the list he circulated last meeting.

**ALL**

**13.3** David Coyner is to become the main e-mail contact, in place of Dick. Dick to contact Alumni to advise of this change.

**DICK**

## **14 General Business:**

### **14.1 ROCA Digest / Facebook**

**14.1.1** The next Digest will be released in March (Autumn). It will have short articles, max. half page, with links to the full story. Mark asked everyone to please come armed with article ideas to the next ROCA meeting.

**ALL**

**14.1.2** Mark to post a Facebook item regarding Richard Fewster's recent Award.

**MARK**

**14.1.3** Dale has been re-posting some items of interest on the ROCA Facebook page.

**14.2 Sponsors Update:** Mark and David C meeting with William Buck next week to review first 12 months into their 24-month Sponsorship deal.

**MARK/DAVID C**

**14.3 Fundraising – ROCA Wine update:** Going OK but need more sales. Mark to e-mail Alumni **MARK**

**14.4 Annual Dinner / AGM Review**

**14.4.1** Went well. Mark thanked Dale for great job as MC. Groups well organized, great to see strong representation of 10-year and 25-year groups. Most attendees were associated with a reunion groups. General consensus was that the venue is well suited. Suggestion from attendee that year-group speakers should have stood up when speaking.

**14.4.2** David Spencer sold \$260 worth of badges on the night, mainly the \$10 type.

**14.4.3** Ray has booked the Glenelg Golf Club for next dinner, 21<sup>st</sup> October 2016. Dale to organize the 40-year group. Jim Hawthorne to organize 50-year group.

**14.4.4** Suggestion that we include a “pre-order” for wine sales on the Dinner registration form so people can collect wine on the night, to save postage and make early sales.

**14.4.5** Fiona suggested ROCA scholarship recipients are given expectation to attend the dinner, so people can see where their donations to ROCA are going? Also establishes a strong leader to get their year group attending the annual dinner.

**14.4.6** Fiona suggested we perhaps use a different approach to calling for donations, rather than hounding them during the dinner.

**14.5 Badges/Ties**

**14.6.1** David Spencer brought along examples of bow ties and a neck tie, purchased over the internet. Around \$14 per unit. Dave to share internet address link so committee members can purchase. **DAVID S.**

**14.6.2** Alan said he would dig up his woven Roseworthy tie to show the group. **ALAN**

**14.6.3** David Spencer handed over possession of spare ROCA badges to David Coyner.

**Other Business:**

- Dick suggested a ‘Welcome to ROCA’ pack be given to new members, including a letter and a copy of the most recent Digest. Also a suggestion that a ROCA Membership Certificate be sent? Mark already has letter drafted. Mark suggested a personal phone call may have more impact, and would provide stronger encouragement to attend dinners etc, probably best to come from a ROCA Committee member with ties to that person’s region or occupation etc.
- David S. to ride in a fundraising ride as part of the 2017 Tour Down Under. Funds to go towards buying a cow for Cosi’s Cow Project. Dave wondered if ROCA members may be interested in riding in his team.
- Proposed dates for 2016 ROCA Committee Meetings: 15<sup>th</sup> Feb, 18<sup>th</sup> April, 20<sup>th</sup> June, 15<sup>th</sup> Aug.

**Next Meeting:** 15<sup>th</sup> February 2016

**Meeting Closed:** 9:05pm.