

ROSEWORTHY OLD COLLEGIANS ASSOCIATION INC

MINUTES

COMMITTEE MEETING

Monday 3rd August 2020 at 7:00pm

M.Rodda's home, Unley Park, Adelaide

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- 1. Welcome:** President Fiona Hill
- 2. Apologies:** Nil
- 3. Present:** F Hill, M. Rodda, D Manson, A Dennis, K Forrest, J van de Weyer, D Turnbull, T Nelligan
- 4. Confirmation of Minutes:** Minutes of 15th June 2020 were accepted by D Manson and K Forrest.
- 5. Business arising from Minutes:** Award of Merit nomination date has been extended until End of August.
- 6. Correspondence:** email correspondence via roca@gmail.com has been constant. DM deals with the majority (thanks Dale). One flag design proposal has been received.

Proposed Alumni summit is being planned for Sept/Oct – it will likely be an online event. Further details tba.
- 7. Treasurer's Report:** General Account : \$4,184
Wine Account : \$5,581
Bank SA term deposit \$10,000
Rabo Bank \$10,000
Net movement from previous meeting was +\$1020 – Treasurer asked to provide list of transactions of note for next meeting(s).
- 8. Wine Fundraising:** Stocks of remaining wine diminishing rapidly at O'Leary Walker. MR to ask Killakanoon for an offer. AD to ask D'arenberg for an offer.
- 9. Adelaide Alumni & Membership:** Ongoing issue of missing email addresses with some members. In order to tap into wider community to find these members an email will be sent by committee members asking if anyone has their contact details. Still an issue to find an account which will handle the volume of emails which need to be sent.

Action point: KF to contact Alumni Office regarding bounced emails to see if these can be followed up via other channels.
- 10. General Business:** Archival Meeting: Kate F reported on introductory meeting with new University Archives manager Lee Amoroso, on Thursday 30th July 2020, at UofA North Terrace campus. ROCA represented by F.Hill and K.Forrest.

- We discussed the background of ROCA and Roseworthy with the University.

- We stated that we would like to work with the University to make better use of the items in their archives to promote the history at Roseworthy and display important and irreverent items that tell the story of Roseworthy and make student feels part of the longer history.
- Lee gave us a run-down of the operation of the archives at the University and their ethos on availability of items for display
- They are positive towards the display of items and putting together small collections (that tell stories) for display/special occasions.
- They are limited by resources (human) to be able to do the work so the longer lead up time they have the better. The rarity of the items may also restrict the availability for display or use.
- We offered that for catalogued items which need to be sorted ROCA may be able to source volunteers to identify and itemise items.
- They are also interested in storing items correctly (especially if the item is unique) so that they are kept for posterity. If there are multiples of an item it is more likely to be able to be displayed.
- They do have criteria for the historical value of items, they don't tend to store multiples within collections (happy to work with us so that there is a complete collection eg. blazers, year books etc) or items of little historical value (they recognise it can be difficult to say no to sentimental items...but say no they will).
- The best way to get items for display is to first identify what items (and the story they tell) and then we can approach the archives to determine if those items are available, what display requirements they have, options for display and then work with archives to develop. The most important thing is to give them plenty of time (see resources issue above).
- They are happy to work with us to determine the value of items.
- Lee is happy to work with us to identify items for display at Roseworthy and assist with the type of display case/requirements for different items. Also happy to work with us for special displays for reunions, celebrations and historical events

Archive activity at Roseworthy:

- Lee is visiting Roseworthy this week (Thursday 6th August 2020) to work with David Purdie regarding the collection items and yet to be catalogued items (as we saw the other week on our trip to the Campus)
- Lee is also going to take a look at the display cabinets in the Hub and is talking to David about the hanging of the principal's portraits.

Award of Merit Nominations:

An independent selection committee is to be established as per guidelines to judge the winner.

Proposed members of this committee: John Crosby (FH to ask), Jack VanWyck (JvdW to ask), Rob Kerin (MR to ask), David Coyner (FH to ask), John Rothwell (MR to ask).

Digest – Spring/Summer Edition to be published in November.

This will allow updates of new committee structure following AGM.

Suggested to include link to list of lost members.

Names of ROCA awards from the current year.

All articles to DM/AD.

Dinner & AGM

Unanimous decision by the committee to cancel the 2020 dinner due to the uncertainty of Covid and how it would affect the atmosphere of the event, if it were even possible to hold it.

Action point: DT to cancel booking at Stamford/Showgrounds

Action point: Dinner year group coordinators TBA of postponement – 10 year JvdW, 25 year FH, 40 year FH, 50 year DT.

Action point: FH to prepare email to be sent out by UofA Alumni office to all ROCA members advising of postponement of Reunion Dinner.

AGM to be held via Zoom on Oct 16th (original date of Dinner).

Action point: FH to send organize email to all ROCA members to advise of AGM and invite pre-registration. Registered participants to be given Zoom instructions.

TN agreed to manage zoom proceedings and assistance for the more technologically challenged delegates.

Meeting closed at 8:45 pm

Next Meeting: Monday 21st September, 6:00pm @ MR's home or via Zoom (Covid dependent).