WHITEHORSE HISTORICAL SOCIETY INC MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING 5TH MARCH 2007

1. Present: J Fry (Chair), J Ventouras (Treasurer), P Simmenauer (Secretary), V Jones-Evans (Minutes), I Nethercote, Barbara Gardiner, W Gray, Janiece Plehn, V Arrowsmith, Fred Smith, W Standfield

2. Apologies: none

3. Minutes of last Meeting: Moved WG, Seconded BG

4. Business Arising:

Bulleen Costume Visit - Tuesday 29th May at 10am

Internet Connection - ongoing

<u>Visit to Beleura</u> – BG enquired and they are sending a brochure. Arrived in tonight's mail. To be considered at next meeting.

100th Anniversary of the Women's Arts & Crafts Exhibition - disappointing list from State Library of names from each state. Suggested we ask Janet from Box Hill HS if she can give us any guidance. Our display in Nunawading Library this month is celebrating this event.

<u>Bunnings Sausage Sizzle (Nunawading)</u> – this Saturday at Middleborough Road, Box Hill South store. Roster organized. June, Barb & Bob Gardiner to pick up supplies from supermarket. June's son is donating, chopped onions and tomato and mustard sauces.

Signage - nothing from Mark Fawcett

Pruning of Wisteria - VA to ring Parkswide

<u>Deakin Students Visit</u> Very successful visit. Letter of appreciation from Linda Young in Correspondence.

Washing Machine Protection - further research needed

Museums Exhibition Book - decided not to purchase.

Museums Workshop on Photos - Pat Richardson to attend. Application sent.

Bike Path - City of Whitehorse and Heritage Victoria have handled the matter.

Bob Gardiner - no letter of thanks received yet. Needs to be sent.

Scanner - no purchase vet.

Constitution Two members, Valerie Marshall and Kaele Way, have drawn attention to the need for the Society to review its Constitution. Kaele Way gave thanks to Judith Fry for her invitation to attend this meeting and put her views as to the changes that are needed to bring our Rules in accordance with the Incorporations Act changes in 2005. Kaele suggested the following needed looking at:

Upgrade of notification of membership to include fax and electronic transmission.

Missing changes to discipline and expulsion of members including mediation requirements.

No clause on ceasing of membership

No definition of the period of membership covered by the membership fees.

Committee nomination (Clause 16F-page7) needs review. 2 people to nominate. One year with option for a second year for office bearer. Immediate Past President –has no duty or role – currently appointed. Clause 14 – Subsection 23 of Act – Immediate Past President to be inserted. Kaele suggested a review of Constitution to bring it up to date.

Bill Gray gave an explanation of the history of setting up the Constitution with Incorporation in the early 1980s.

Peter Simmenauer stated that there had been a revision in 2003 to include deductible gift recipient with the ATO. This was lodged with the Dept of Justice. Peter suggested do we want an executive committee to make decisions between meetings.

Kaele suggested also that the document was too wordy. She suggested obtaining a copy of the Model Rules from consumer affairs website.

Valda Arrowsmith moved that a sub-committee be established to review the Rules of Incorporation. PS Seconded. Carried unanimously.

Names of the Sub-committee:

Valda Arrowsmith

Valerie Marshall

Kaele Way

Fred Smith

Judith Fry - Ex-Officio & Convenor.

5. Reports

Treasurers Report

Balance as at 28/2/07 \$1,295.58 + Community Grant for Costumes \$1,970 + Oral History Project \$1,221.32 = \$4,321.50

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Paid	In	Museum Sales	220.00
		Subs	85.00
		Total	321.50
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		R&B Gardiner	393.40
		P Simmenauer	50.00
		R Pease(Book)	35.95
		T Arrowsmith (batteries)27.90	
		Museums W/shop	80.00
		P Simmenauer (deposit	100,00
		Bunnings)	
		Total	687.25

Additional: W Standfield \$50.00 (housekeeping)

Donation Account

Balance

610.04

Report Moved JV Sec IN Carried

Extension - Working group to do a theme for display, list items to be included and do a trial layout. Emphasised at the meeting with Robyn and Council that WHS to do the display for the new shed as there is no money for Robyn Riddett to do so and we would like it in our hands. We have signed off on the plans, meaning we have accepted the plans in principle.

<u>Speakers</u>: The Salvation Army lady seems to be uncontactable so we will not pursue. Early films an option for Dec – VA to enquire about price.

Speaking Engagements - VA spoke at the Forest Hill Neighbourhoodwatch. Sold 1 Schwerkolt book. This Wednesday to speak at the Lions' dinner, Mitcham.

Newsletter - 210 copies needed. Articles by the 12th of the month. BG to add List of Speakers & List of Working Bees. IN to do article on the Galuis Family.

Community Grant for Costume Restoration – Felicity Martin started assessment of the costumes. She will be back in a fortnight. City of Whitehorse Community Grant for this year will need to be in on 18 April. VJE to raise with Felicity for report on money for the conservation work.

Audit - ongoing

Working Bee - 6 people attended. 12th May next working bee.

Acquisition Committee - haven't met Membership -81 newsletters are sent.

Reports Moved IN Sec WS

6. Correspondence

Community Grant suggestions by 10 April to Peter for applications to close on 18 April \$10,000

- 1) Costumes conservation
- 2) Identification and Evaluation of the Schwerkolt artifacts from the Orchard Site
- 3) Audio for Schwerkolt's Cottage (like at Schramm's Cottage)

PS moved that we write a letter of support to the library for their grant application. Sec FS Carried Eastern Volunteers are reviewing their rules.

Additional Correspondence:

C of W - Harmony Day Lunch invitation 21 Mar 11.30-3

EVRC Newsletter Mar 2007

Heritage Victoria - redundant religious places RFI

Deakin University - Linda Young - thanks for student visit

Vicki Court - Local History Grant - Newspaper scanning

Correspondence Moved VA Sec JV

7.General Business

Sunday 9th September Heritage Day.

BG has rung "Circus Comes to Town" - quote \$75.00

Blacksmiths(\$50)

Meccano People

Stationary Engines

Lacemakers

Art in Bark

Rotary Club- sausage sizzle

Spinners and Weavers

Suggested that a budget is worked out for the event to present to next meeting

Meeting closed at 9.58

Next Meeting: Monday 2nd April at 7 30nm

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