

WHITEHORSE HISTORICAL SOCIETY INC
MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING 6TH AUGUST 2007 AT 2.00PM

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

2. Apologies: W Standfield

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

4. Business Arising:

Visit to Beleura – Organised

Mannequins – covers made and they have been put into the store (morgue).

CofW History Book - Nothing heard from Council

Membership Fees - need to be ratified at the General Meeting - \$20 single/\$30 family. Motion to be put at the AGM.

Annual Report - PS is putting it together and President is conferring with him on it.

AGM Arrangements - Nominations received for President (1), Vice President (1) and Treasurer (1). No nominations for Secretary. There are 9 nominations for Ordinary Member. A Ballot paper will be needed as there are only 7 positions. A Draw was conducted for positions on ballot paper. Result: 1st Barbara Gardiner, 2nd Kaele Way, 3rd Ian Nethercote, 4th Janiece Plehn, 5th Valda Arrowsmith, 6th Vicki Jones-Evans, 7th William Gray, 8th June Ventouras, 9th Valerie Marshall. The Order of meetings is firstly the AGM then General business. Ted Arrowsmith will be Returning Officer and Barbara Keene will assist him. Barbara Gardiner will take the Minutes as VJ-E will be absent.

Costume Grant 2007-8 We have received a grant from CofW Community Grant scheme of \$3,500, which is approximately half in our application. We have sufficient to conserve the maroon gown on the figures in Felicity Martin's assessment (see Costume Conservation Report – Correspondence) **BG moved that VJ-E contact Felicity Martin to see if she is available to carry out the work.**

5. Reports

Treasurers Report

As the books are with the auditor, Ken Barelli, June was only able to submit the Bank Statement showing \$1,500 paid in and a balance of \$3,850.75 as at 31/7/07. The donation account bank statement showed a balance of \$321.97.

Constitution – Copies have been distributed to the Committee. Copies will be available at AGM for members.

Extension – IN reported that the slab was poured last Friday morning. IN is taking photos of the progress of the building. **The working group on the display has met but has not submitted a report to the Committee. President to follow up.**

Sub-Committees : Reports are filed in the Sub-Committees Folder

Accreditation

VA moved that the Committee accepted the offer of a set of shelves from the Gardiners for the use of Office Bearers or as designated. BG Seconded. Carried

The Committee requires a report with recommendations from the Sub-Committee on the suggested changes to the Business Plan.

Display – report tabled

Housekeeping – has not met

Assessment of Collection etc – It was recommended by the sub committee that this suggested sub committee was too large an area of responsibility and that it would be better to be split into three. Assessment of Artifacts, Assessment of Photographs and Assessment of Documents. Agreed by meeting.

Finance & Fundraising – June contacted Netta Fuller and it is unlikely that she will be available this year – Netta asked June to contact her again in October. JV to get list of shows that Heather could provide. WS investigated The Old Time Cinema Show for a film afternoon but at \$300 it was too costly for us.

Newsletter – Photocopying duty needs to be clarified as to who is actually doing the photocopying. Ian Nethercote moved that we accept the recommendations of the subcommittee on the contents of the newsletter and that they trial the use of A4 paper for the newsletter and report back to the Committee. Seconded JP. Carried

Acquisition report tabled.

BG moved that we accept the sun-committee reports. Sec JV carried

Speakers: A present for Dorothy Bullen for AGM speech: Camillias(from IN) and cards. October speaker – Pat Richardson, Dec speaker Dorothy Hall – Salvation Army. Suggestions for next year: Eric Collyer on Orchards, Janet Powell, find out if there is a speaker on Women's Vote as it will be the anniversary year of women's vote in Vic (suggestions of who to ask for a name: Janet BHHS, Jay Miller, RHSV

Speaking Engagements: VA – one in November.

Audit: ongoing

Oral History: Some past goals in the Business Plan have not been achieved.

Working Bee: Next working bee on 1st September 9.30am

Heritage Day: Flyers are to be given to members at AGM for distribution. Flyers will be given Ian Anderson for distribution at the Farmers' Market. **Publicity – BG to take in hand.**

Heritage Week Walks & Bus Tour: Mitcham walk(Tues 11 Sept), Blackburn walk(Saturday 15th Sept) & Bus Tour to and from Civic Centre(Wed 12 Sept). Itinerary to be discussed on Wednesday. JF,IN,VA& JV to conduct tours.

Whitehorse Spring Festival October 7th. – Suggested display theme – a timeline (incorporating orchards).

JF needs to call at AGM for volunteers to man the display.

AEHS – Report of meeting/workshop given to Wednesday working group last week.

Reports moved IN Seconded JP

Correspondence:

Re Heritage Grants suggestions: **Bellows (look at invoice on Wednesday to assess need to apply for grant), Smithy & Buggy** – need more time to find out what is needed and who could do it. Decided that we need to draw up a full list for any future grant application opportunities so that we are ready, rather than last minute rushing.

520 Mitcham Road VA advised that the developer has applied for 52 appartments for the site which is under an interim protection order. **BG moved that we send a letter to the CofW objecting to them granting a permit to 620 Mitcham Road Mitcham. Sec In. VA to write, JF to sign.**

Correspondence Moved VJ-E Sec WG

General Business

Photo Albums: **BG moved that we purchase 5 photo albums Sec JV**

BG advised she has sent a get well card to Irene & Bill Armstrong and will send a card to Jean Neale who will not be continuing her membership.

VA suggested sending a congratulatory letter with invitation to visit to new councilor, Ben Stennett.

VA suggested letter to Candidate (see correspondence) thanking for his letter of interest,

Letter is to be sent to Tony Robinson congratulations on being Minister of Gaming.

Judith Fry thanked the outgoing Committee for their company and their time and particularly to Fred Smith as he is not nominating again.

Meeting closed at 4.38pm