

Minutes of the Dais Meeting 25 August 2017

Meeting Location: Joan Watters Community Centre

Time and Date: 25 August 2017; 7:03 pm

Open: Chairman Sue Hart welcomed everyone to the meeting and declared the meeting open.

1. Attendance.

President (Chairman)	Sue Hart	DAIS Rep	Present
Vice President	Sue L'Herpinere	DAIS Rep	Present
Secretary	Ken Holzman		Present
Treasurer	Terry Walker	DAIS Rep	Apology
Director of Marketing and Membership	Dom Lake		Apology
Director of Training	Ruurd Speelman	DAIS Rep	Present
Coordinator AGSOY Editor of the Informer	Rose Fogliani	Proxy for C15	Present
Coordinator RVOY	Juliet Park		Present
Chairman of Freeman's Council	Bill Smith	DAIS Rep	Apology
RIC	Debie Brockhoff		Apology

Attendees:

- DAIS Reps – Rob Gates (19), Ted Davies (21 & 39), Greg Swensen (19)
- Members – Patricia Watts (19), Fr Colin Peacock (19)

Apologies: as above

2. Minutes of previous meeting

Accepted: Moved Ruurd Speelman; Seconded Susan L'Herpinere - Carried

3. Matters Arising - none

4. Correspondence

- Emily Whitfield-Wicks, granddaughter of Sidney Wicks. Sue arranging to meet her when in UK and will invite her to 70th Anniversary dinner.

5. Reports

a. President

- DAIS Executive** – Susan L'Herpinere has resigned due to club commitments. Carmel Phillipe will attend Exec meetings as visitor with a view to becoming Vice President once she has become a DAIS rep.
Webmaster – Dom Lake resigning. Greg Swensen to approach Graeme Minchin (19) re taking this on.
- MeetUp** – Terry is paying using his credit card. Sue trying to contact Elliott Chipper regarding changing the administration of MeetUp.
- ARC Conference** - Generally successful but serious concerns about the running of the Sidney Wicks competition. Held late at night after a long day and not given due emphasis. Victorian speaker was the winner but Susan L'Herpinere performed very well.
Thanks to WA for dealing with the constitution issue by ascertaining that there is currently no risk to the organisation.
Various ideas and suggestions came out of the conference regarding the decline in membership. It was agreed that starting new clubs is generally too difficult – better to



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revitalise old clubs.

Sue Hart was appointed as Vice-President for 2018.

iv. **Program for 2018 Conference/AGM**

Thursday - Delegates to arrive.

Friday morning – AGM of the ARC.

Friday afternoon – learning sessions open to all Rostrum members.

Friday evening – probably a dinner meeting at a club. Possible reception at Government House first for ARC and RVOY.

Activities for RVOY students during the day and evening.

Saturday morning – a training/marketing session open to Rostrum members with tickets to be sold to the public.

Saturday afternoon – RVOY.

Saturday evening – dinner to be held at LKCC (venue already booked). The dinner will be a celebration of Rostrum WA's 70th anniversary, with a focus on friendship and enjoyment.

v. **National Website** – has good material, need to set up links from WA website.

vi. **Marketing**

Business Cards – Sue to contact RIC to see if we have any previous versions

Brochure – create modified version of C50

b. Vice President – Acknowledged the efforts and achievements of Sue Hart and Juliet Park during the ARC Conference, Sidney Wicks and VOY competitions.

c. Treasurer – no report

d. Freeman's Council

i. Meeting to be scheduled for October-ish.

e. Training Council

i. SUSO – Next course scheduled for beginning October.

ii. Critics' Training Course – scheduled for beginning November

iii. Speaking Competitions

Timing of Speeches. Moved Ruurd Speelman; Seconded Rob Gates "that the proposed amendments to the Regulations regarding timing of speeches be approved." CARRIED

Adjudicators – do not need to be critics but need to pass Adjudicators' course, including an assessment.

f. AGSOY

i. Two heats completed, two to go.

g. RIC – no report.

h. VOY – Juliet to run it again in 2018, including National Final in conjunction with Patricia Watts.

i. Editor of the Informer

i. August edition due out this week.

j. Marketing

i. Majority of new members come via website

ii. Meetup not as effective as we would like. We will be reducing our membership to five clubs (down from ten).

6. General Business

a. Location of the Arthur Garvey gavel. Ted Davies a) contact David Price and b) Graeme Garvey (via C33) to try to ascertain whereabouts.



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7. Next Meeting – TBA at the Joan Watters Community Centre, Wembley.
8. Meeting declared closed: 8:22 pm.