

## Minutes of the Dais Meeting 24 November 2017

Meeting Location: Joan Watters Community Centre

Time and Date: 24 November 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	Charles Parker (Acting)	DAIS Rep	Present
Director of Marketing and Membership	Vacant		
Director of Training	Ruurd Speelman	DAIS Rep	Present
Coordinator AGSOY Editor of the Informer	Rose Fogliani	Proxy for C15	Present
Coordinator ARC Conference 2018	Patricia Watts		Present
Coordinator RVOY	Juliet Park		Present
Chairman of Freeman's Council	Bill Smith	DAIS Rep	Present
RIC	Debie Brockhoff		Present

Attendees:

- DAIS Reps – Rob Gates (19), Ted Davies (21 & 39), Greg Swensen (19), Rachel Ashton (63), Derek Sparkes (33), Ray Morton (!4 - via teleconference)
- Members – Fr David Price (11 & 34)

Apologies: Archana Sheoran (15), Carmel Phillipe (64)

### 2. Minutes of previous meeting

Accepted: Moved Juliet Park; Seconded Ruurd Speelman - Carried

### 3. Matters Arising - none

### 4. Correspondence - none

### 5. Reports

#### a. President

- Thanks to Exec for all the hard work during the year.
- Congratulations to new Freeman – Rose Fogliani and Rob Gates.**
- Sidney Wicks competition – State Final was excellent, kudos to Patricia and her committee. National Final in Brisbane drew a lot of criticism – WA will show them how it should be done in 2018
- AGSOY final – congratulations to Rose Fogliani and C15 for a great event (see report).
- ARC Teleconference (19/11) – Main topic was proposed amendments to the Constitution, the overall thrust of which will be to transfer power from the members to ARC. WA would be opposed to this.
- Marketing – Planning a brainstorming session in January, to be facilitated by Carmel Phillipe.

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



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- c. Treasurer – Moved: Ruurd Speelman; Seconded: Susan L’Herpinierie “That the financial report be accepted.” Carried
  - d. AGSOY – full report will be in the December Informer. In summary
    - i. Entrants - 24
    - ii. Attendees at final – 109, every club except for three was represented.
    - iii. Winner: Rob Huth (C19); Runner Up: Rachel Ashton (C63)
    - iv. Income: \$8,012; Expenses: \$8,337 → Deficit \$325
    - v. Raffle made \$4.00 – Discussion on whether this is worth running. Perhaps try to get prizes donated e.g. from LKCC
  - e. Informer – last issue for the year will be out by mid-December.
  - f. Freeman’s Council
    - i. Bill Smith Susan L’Herpinierie, Don Duck and Wayne Passmore attended funeral of Fmn Kevin Myers. Gratifying to see his Freemanship certificate displayed alongside his other awards and memorabilia.
    - ii. WA constitution needs to be changed in line with new Act by June 2018.
    - iii. Proposed changes to Australian constitution will change the hierarchy of control, putting all the power in ARC’s hands instead of the members. WA will not support this.
  - g. Training Council
    - i. SUSO – October course had 12 attendees. Course has been very successful this year with only one cancelled course for the year
    - ii. Critics’ Training Course – six or seven attendees booked for the next course to be held on 25 Nov and 9 Dec. Another course is scheduled for April/May 2018.
    - iii. 25 new handbooks have been printed at the bargain price of \$165 – in colour, bound and single -sided. Original quote was \$800.
  - h. RIC – no report.
  - i. VOY – Juliet to run it again in 2018, including National Final in conjunction with Patricia Watts.
  - j. Editor of the Informer
    - i. August edition due out this week.
  - k. Marketing
    - i. David Price to speak to Hyland Creative to see where we stand with regard to the website.
    - ii. Carmel Phillipe to facilitate Marketing Think Tank in January.
    - iii. Current Marketing Strategies
      - 1. Meetups – conversion rate is not good. Rostrum no longer paying for membership but some clubs are paying their own.
      - 2. Facebook – Club 19 are having more success with Facebook than with Meetups
      - 3. Website – our best source of members because it attracts people who are pre-qualified i.e. already have an interest in public speaking.
6. General Business
- a. Election of Office Bearers

The following officers were elected for 2018

    - i. President – Fr Sue Hart
    - ii. Vice President – Carmel Phillipe
    - iii. Secretary – Fr Ken Holzman
    - iv. Treasurer – Charles Parker



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v. Director of Training – Fr Ruurd Speelman

Other positions on the Executive are filled by appointment – namely, Director of Marketing, Editor of the Informer, Coordinator RVOY, Coordinator ASOY. Chairman of Freeman’s Council is elected by the council.

b. Membership Fees

Vigorous discussion on the pros and cons of reducing Joining and/or Term fees. Will be dealt with at the January Think Tank.

7. Next Meeting – end of February 2018 (date TBA) at the Joan Watters Community Centre, Wembley.
8. Meeting declared closed: 8:35 pm.