

LHS Executive Meeting – 29 January 2015

MINUTES

Present: Jude Elton, Kevin Kaeding, Steve Acton, David Faber, Allison Murchie, Ralph Clark, Greg Stevens, Marlene Fenwick

Jude welcomed all.

Minutes of Executive Meeting of 4 December 2014: Moved AM, seconded KK, that minutes be accepted as correct. Carried.

Business arising from Minutes

1. Newsletter

- a) Letter to Gary Lockwood was sent
- b) Development, production and distribution: DF, SA and MF met – notes of meeting attached. It was decided to aim for production and distribution of first issue in March, topics to include some or all of the following:

- Federal conference
- Summary of Greg's and David's papers
- Comment on Qld elections: Kim Mayes (who is in Qld working on this weekend's election)
- Call for subs 2014/15
- Meeting notice for 12 April, incl topic
- Summary of Aug 2014 seminar
- Historical reflections on current issues with reference to SA: e.g. questioning austerity approach
- Other notices

Steve offered to coordinate newsletter – if there are any suggestions please contact him on ph 0451051989 or email sacton91@gmail.com

- c) Executive changes have been notified to federal office.

2. Matters arising from Constitution & AGM

- a) Federal documentation: JE has followed up with Gary Lockwood, still to be finalised.
- b) Storage of Adelaide Branch records (see item 8)
- c) Audit: KK reported that the auditor had a minor accident which held up finalisation of audit; this will be done in next few days. It was agreed that an honorarium of up to \$100 be paid to the auditor.
- d) Subscription rates: Report from membership sub-committee who made the following recommendations:
 - i) *Executive to recommend to the Special General meeting of 22 February that subscription rates for 2015-16 be:*
 - \$30 full individual member (+\$5)
 - \$15 individual concession (no change)
 - \$100 large corporate (no change)
 - \$50 small corporate (no change)
 - ii) *It is recommended that a separate corporate membership form be developed to also include update of contact details.* Action GS/MF
 - iii) *It is recommended that membership subscriptions operate by financial year, regardless of AGM being in August.*
 - iv) *Subscription rates set at the AGM will apply to the next financial year.*
Therefore it was moved by AM that these recommendations be put to the Special Meeting for adoption, seconded RC. Carried
 - v) Bank signatories: JE has followed up the change of signatures at bank.

3. National representation, conference & review

- a) Our branch representation at conference has been advised to National office by MF; David Faber's support from SA branch has been arranged by KK.
- b) National Review: JE noted that we have begun address some of the issues raised in the federal review as mentioned in the email 'discussions' circularised to Exec members. Jude will draft a submission from the Adelaide Branch to the review. Executive members are requested to forward any suggestions and/or comments for inclusion.

Discussion on social media contacts, facebook and website, As raised in the review, to be placed on agenda for next exec meeting for discussion.

Actions : MF contact Carl Power (Melb) who may be able to advise further assistance.

RC to contact his website designer.

Add to next Agenda (MF)

NB: Keep in mind that these sites must be maintained.

- The question of changing the Society's name was discussed. This will be raised as a federal matter in the response to the review.
- It was agreed the (SA) letterhead style be kept.

4. About Time History Festival:

JE has now registered the Society's involvement and our booking is on May 2 from 2-4pm in the Old Chapel, Migration Museum, Kintore Avenue. JE outlined some of the historical objects to be presented. Bookings will be required for no more than 30 people at a time because of the hands-on nature of the program.

*Note: Include details of this event in the March newsletter and an invitation for members to book their involvement.

Action: newsletter item MF

5. Special General Meeting 22 February

- a) Notification have gone out to members/friends
- b) Agenda (to date)
 - Receipt of 2013-14 audit statement
 - Appointment of auditor
 - Subscription period & rates for 2015-16

6. General Meeting 22 February: All

- Vale Tom Uren (Allison Murchie advised that Andy Alcock will do this.)
- Presentation: Greg (note: David will be interstate)
- General discussion of program for the year – topics & approaches: Jude (see attachment for ideas to date)
- Organisation of: who is doing what

It was agreed that David would present his paper from the national conference at the meeting of 12 April. An additional speaker on the same theme was suggested: Ruth Russell WILPF

Jude will contact State Records regarding a membership event on records relating to labour held by them. The event would likely be at the State Library, North Terrace and could be open to students to encourage labour history research. Jude will report back to the next executive meeting.

7. **AV equipment:** GS: AV equipment is able to be borrowed from the Box Factory, booking is required and to be used by an experienced person. JE has some experience and will attend the Box Factory for a refresher course to enable equipment use at later meetings.

8. **Membership:** Report from membership sub-committee recommends that:
- i) A voluntary position of Registrar be established, to be filled from within the executive or coopted from members or externally, to:
 - collate & keep up-to-date financial & un-financial membership lists and mailing lists for use of the treasurer, secretary & publicity group;
 - collate & keep a combined set of Society records, including Adelaide executive & general & federal minutes & agendas, correspondence, publications received & produced; affiliations and financial records once audited.
 - Liaise with the State Library of South Australia for the creation of a ASSLH (Adelaide Branch) collection and periodic lodgement of Branch records as historical manuscripts in that collection

Other Business

1. Affiliation with May Day Collective

It was agreed that the Branch affiliate with the SA May Day Collective (\$50)

Moved Allison, seconded David

- ii) Historical records of the Society be donated to the State Library organisation archives & that the Registrar forward records to the Library as agreed by the Executive

Following discussion it was moved RC, seconded SA that Recommendations i) and ii) above be accepted. All in favour: carried

9. Other Business

1. Affiliation with the SA May Day Collective, including payment of \$50 subscription was approved: *AM moved, DF seconded. All in favour: carried.* Allison is our rep on the committee. Please contact her if you wish to book places at her tables for the May Day dinner (1st May).
2. MF moved that the current version of the (SA) letterhead be retained; seconded SA, carried.
3. It was agreed that the ASSLH (Adelaide Branch) Inc listing be made available to the Honest history and Talking History Mailing Lists
4. How do we want to work in the coming year? This item is to go on next meeting agenda.
5. Event program for coming year: finalisation after general meeting 22 February.
 - Suggested that David Faber present his Conference Paper 'Today We Own the Streets' at the April 12 meeting and that Ruth Russell be invited to speak.

Meeting closed

Newsletter – future editions

Notes of meeting with Dave Faber, Steve Acton, Marlene Fenwick - Friday 9 January 2015

Apology – Allison Murchie

- Go easy with format changes: stay with booklet style for now.
- 3 per year? - and occasional papers if necessary.
- Where to have printed; probably stay with MP's offices? Steph Key's office very helpful, J Rau's office has assisted with at least the last two editions, F Bedford's has done most of the printing since M has typed the n/letter up in last 3+ years. (The last mentioned office isn't keen to print the inside pages in colour.)
- Agreed that all MP's should continue to receive a copy. (47) (Frances Bedford has distributed these in Parl't House pigeonholes.)
- When membership details are sorted out, we should have clearer idea of how many n/letters to print for members not on email.
- Possible articles:
 - Andrew Leigh, author of Battlers to Billionaires, ALP MP for Fraser ACT, was professor of Economics at ANU. (Would be great if he came to speak to the Society.)
 - Elections in Q and WA soon – post-election comment.
 - MF follow up with Ralph Clarke re last year's seminar, to get some more feedback.
 - Steve has copious notes on the history of the casualisation of employment in Sth Aus: to send to Dave.
 - How to link to SA Unions, eg 130 year celebration, seminar etc. *Executive matter to decide this.
 - Steve offered to talk to individual unions eg AWU about historical events
 - Comment from Kim Mayes who is in Qld currently working on the election.

ASSLH (Adelaide Branch)

The production & distribution of ASSLH (Adelaide Branch) print & online publications

1. Print and online publications of the Adelaide Branch shall be produced and distributed in accordance with the policy and decisions of the executive and general meetings.
2. The executive shall be the editorial committee for all publications
3. A team, led by a coordinator, will be appointed by the executive to produce and distribute publications and shall be accountable to the executive and general meetings.
4. Members and others with expertise in print and online publications may be co-opted to assist with production and distribution
5. A schedule of publications will be drawn up each year to enable co-ordination and oversight by the executive.
6. Timing and content of publications will be co-ordinated with the executive and have regard to the Society's constitutional requirements, including reports from officers, financial statements, membership reports, meeting notices and subscriptions.
7. Final decisions regarding content themes and articles will be made by the executive.