

The Aust Society for the Study of Labour History (Adelaide Branch)

Minutes of Executive Meeting held at the Box Factory

Thursday 25 September 2014

Present: Gary Lockwood, Jude Elton, David Faber, Greg Stevens,
Kevin Kaeding, Marie Lockwood, Marlene Fenwick
Apology: Ralph Clark

GL opened meeting at 6.35pm, welcomed all and summarized the minutes of the previous executive meeting. Moved KK, seconded GS that minutes be accepted. Carried.

1. Reports:

President: GL gave a brief verbal report, dinner and newsletter matters which will be discussed later, also spoke on possibility of an information brochure on Adelaide branch of ASSLH which was discussed. Steph Key's office is able to assist with publication of same. DF is interested to assist with this. National Executive's final meeting this year is on Friday 28th November.

Treasurer: Statement to 31 August 2014 shows the current balance is \$5912.17. Financial Report - see No 5, first dot point, below.

2. August Seminar (GS):

- Attendance reasonable but not quite as many as hoped. Speakers spoke too long. As Leonie Ebert was unwell and therefore unable to attend to sum up the session; Ralph Clarke did an excellent job of summing up.
- Donations received from PSA (\$200) and SAU (\$100). \$126 was expended on gifts for speakers. Ralph Clarke's expenditure in relation to food has not been advised. A small profit was realized. A future seminar would not be planned to run in this format, instead it would comprise one session only.

3. Dinner:

- discussion on attendees;
- MF to purchase seven frames for certificates;
- Marie Whitehead will manage kitchen;
- GS to supply milk, icecream;
- KK: tea, coffee, sugar, nibbles.

4. Meeting schedule 2015: Expressions of interest re meeting dates to be advised to Box Factory - GS will talk with JE about establishing committee meeting bookings and other meeting dates.

5. **AGM:** Notices to go out before the dinner (21 days before the date) GL & MF
- Finance Report to be presented by the Treasurer (KK) as follows:

FINANCIAL ISSUES REPORT

As requested from the Executive both Ralph Clarke and I have met and discussed the issues raised by former Executive Member Peter Adamson on several occasions.

After discussions with the President we are of the opinion that primarily the confusion and difficulties that arose were due to

- a) Several people having receipt books
- b) Some Treasury work being overlapped and left to the Secretary to implement
- c) Overlapped payment of membership fees

We have ensured that the recommendations of the Auditor are now strictly adhered to and we are certain that no dishonesty was involved.

I therefore move that –

- (1) The Executive accepts that the financial issues raised by former Executive members and former Treasurer Mr Peter Adamson were indeed issues of concern;**
- (2) The matters were found to have been caused primarily by three issues that were inadequately dealt with, being the following:**
 - i) Several people having receipt books**
 - ii) Some Treasury work being overlapped and left to the Secretary to implement**
 - iii) Overlapped payment of membership fees re 18 months offer caused confusion.**
- (3) The Executive is satisfied that no dishonesty or impropriety was evident;**
- (4) The Executive is satisfied that the recommendations of the Auditor are now an effective part of the administration of our finances and have been implemented;**
- (5) The issue be now considered closed and the Executive recommends to the AGM that the matter has been concluded and that no further action be taken.**

- KK spoke to written report, copies provided. He moved that the report be accepted, DF seconded. Carried.

- Suggest Murray De Laine be asked to act as Returning Officer.

6. **National Conference:** GS and DF are presenting papers. As yet there has been no information made available as to fees and other arrangements.
7. **APOTA:** DF spoke about the radio show called “A Peace of the Action” hosted by Ruth Russell, broadcast on Radio Adelaide. Fees required to cover this particular show are \$2750 (yearly) and have been paid until end of December. Financial assistance is needed and DF raised possibility of ASSLH sponsoring time on 19th October, the week before our AGM up to and not more than \$200.

After discussion GS moved the following: that we are in general agreement that we donate \$100 to support the efforts of APOTA and should the opportunity be available for us to be on their program, we take up the offer. DF seconded, carried.

8. Final Executive Meeting: Friday 28th November to be held at Marie and Gary Lockwood's home.*
9. GS moved that our membership of Historical Society be renewed for 12 months, MF seconded, Carried.
10. **History Month:** At our next meeting GS suggested we discuss doing something during History Month in 2015. Possibly: "What is Labour History?" It was also suggested by DF that we consider a Seminar format on issues relating to the attack by Evatt on Santamaria in Oct 1954 which led to the 'Great Split' in the ALP. GL outlined his interest also in this issue and reminded members that next March (2015) would be the 60th Anniversary of the Hobart Conference – an ideal time for such an event.
11. Thanks to Jude for attending this evening.
12. Meeting closed.

* Address: 5 Walton Street, Clearview. 5085

Note – following consultations with members and Mr & Mrs Lockwood it has been subsequently agreed that our Final Executive Meeting will be held at their home on **SATURDAY NIGHT 29th** November. More details will follow in due course.