

Minutes of General Meeting of the Amiens History Association

Held on Sunday 1st August 2021 at 2.00 pm
At Amiens Legacy Centre

President Morwenna welcomed those present and thanked all for their attendance.

Attendance: Morwenna Harslett, Peter Klemm, Karen Klemm, Heather Dux, Don Dux, David Muir, Marlene Muir, Denise Harslett, Alec Harslett, Alan Kerr, Jane Turner, Greg Turner.

Apologies: Colleen & Roger Willis, Frank and Morwenna Arcidiacono, Deb Wheeler, Barry Creed

Minutes of previous meeting were moved by Marlene Muir and seconded Peter Klemm as a true and correct record. Carried

Business Arising: Nil

Correspondence:

Incoming: ANZ Seeds of Renewal Grant
RAF Flying Arts Alliance Grant
Certificate of currency (received by treasurer)
Outgoing: Letter to Jim Barnes re tour groups

Business Arising: Morwenna H. explained what the two grants are being used for.

The council will be contacted to obtain a refund for insurance for the building application as we are a not for profit organization.

It was decided to leave the WIX (website) with Paula Boatfield.

Reports:

Treasurer:

Bank Balance as at 30/07/2021 was \$41,748.56. Allowing for the Bills still to be paid amount of \$5,746.34, leaves us a balance of \$36,002.22.

. Note that before the end of August \$9,446.00 will be due to MCG Sheds (Ranbuild) for the Manufacture payment for the new building. There will be 3 further payments after this one totaling \$27,170.00 (Delivery payment \$11,807.00, Concrete payment \$10,792.00 & Erection payment \$4,571.00). There is not enough money in the account at present to cover the last 3 payments but anticipate that after the lunch in September we will be OK.

. Financial Report PDF is attached.

- . Significant Income since last meeting:
 - . Freemason's Tour & lunch \$420.00
 - . Trinkets Sales & donations from Freemason's visit \$447.65

- . Bills paid since last meeting:
 - . MCG Sheds (Ranbuild) \$2362.00 (initial deposit for building)
 - . Reimburse Paula Boatfield \$98.79 (renew of WIX.com website)
 - . Ergon Energy \$49.39 (Electricity 30/5-30/6/21)
 - . CD & RJ Willis \$109.90 (Trinket supplies)
 - . MCG Sheds (Ranbuild) \$639.00 (Extra amount for council fees)

- . Bills still to be paid (\$5,746.34)
 - . Solar Blessing Pty Ltd \$5,399.99 (remaining cost of solar panels)
 - . Reimburse R & C Willis 170.36 (Trinket supplies)
 - . Reimburse R & C Willis \$104.50 (Freemason's lunch supplies)
 - . SDRC Rates \$45.30 (Lots 144 & 11)
 - . Reimburse P & K Klemm \$11.49 (trinket supplies)
 - . Reimburse P & K Klemm \$14.70 (small paper bags for sold trinkets)

Annual return to the Australian Charities and Not-for-profit Commission has been lodged. We may be able to access funding during lockdown for loss of income.

Invoice for \$350.00 has been sent to Maxi Tours for a tour & morning tea (35 people @ \$10pp) last Tuesday. Another tour group is being brought by Allan (Maxi Tours) next Tuesday. It was agreed to put their logo on our website. Treasurer's report was moved by Peter Klemm and seconded Heather Dux. Carried.

Building construction & maintenance:

Thank-you to David Muir for fixing the back door of the shed and the other little maintenance jobs he has done.

The solar panels have been installed and are working. The work was completed on 26.7.21 and will be paid for next week.

We have now paid the initial deposit for the new build to lock in the cost before the price rise in August. The steel will be paid for this month, which will make the bank account look sad. It's now a waiting game until next January.

We should start thinking about how we are going to fit out the new build, both the shop and the resource center. We need to identify what is going inside and how we raise the money for all we need. A few things are the plasterer's costs, floors, paint, electrical work, furniture, tv's or laptops for the movies, stock for the shop and lots more. Do we need a coordinator for this?

ALC Stage 2: Nothing further to report.

History:

I am continuing to work on more Blogs for the Settlement News. Last weekend's Freemason's visit worked well and a big thank you to everyone who made the day such a success despite the weather conditions on the day. Ross and I are happy that our donation of the gas BBQ worked so well on the day. A big thank you to Peter in particular who made sure the food was cooked despite the windy conditions. We may have some more BBQ tools in the shed and will be more than happy to donate anything, which may be of use. Despite the terrible conditions we still managed to have 30 visitors in the group and besides the \$15 per person donation for M/T, Lunch and tour they spent big in the carriage, particularly in the purchasing of jewelry.

The Jag Car Club is coming to Warwick in November and I am going to extend an invitation to them to visit the ALC. Will work with Denise on this and advise.

I need to confer with Denise on this in the near future so that I have as complete a list of Soldier Settlers as possible.

To date I have been unable to identify Harold Hewitt despite the letters forwarded to me by Paul Munson. I will continue my search.

Unfortunately, I have to once again take myself off the regular roster due to the big uptake in business at our B&B. However, if I find I have a weekend free of guests and can see my way to coming up to the ALC, I will contact Colleen to see if I can relieve someone to give them a break.

Landscaping & grounds maintenance

Regular rain has made the grounds of our precinct look a picture. The experimental farm is now professionally tended thanks to Leon McCosker offering to prune and spray the fruit trees.

The pathway to the carriage has been cemented Thanks to Eric Ross and Lloyd Paskins.

The tank to capture water from carriage shed is installed and full. The pump is yet to be put in place.

The parking area has been made more accessible for buses and the rail crossing extended to 6m in width.

A garden bed next to the new ramp is ready to plant. The gravel along the track has been levelled.

I had hoped that the pine trees would have been harvested by now. We need to decide what to do with this area.

Events and Tour groups:

Our group visits to the carriage are increasing. We have had 2 visits from Alan at Maxitaxis with bus-loads of 30 plus, who pay \$10 for the tour and morning tea. He has also booked another group for next Tuesday. While we were not

up to Karen's standards we did sell some trinkets etc. and took an extra \$50+ on top of this. Peter has reported on the visit of a group of Masons last Sunday and we also had a small group brought by Jim Barnes on Saturday from the VIC. Denise sent a letter to Jim Barnes thanking him and suggesting that next time it would be better to avoid bringing a group on Sundays.

A reminder to all, that if you get enquiries for groups to visit, the charges are \$5/person for guided tour and \$10/person for tour and morning tea. As Sunday tours during normal opening hours are free we prefer the group visits to be outside normal opening hours as it becomes difficult to separate the paid and non-paid visitors on a Sunday morning. It is also not easy for the Sunday volunteers to deal with large groups as well as the usual Sunday patrons. Remember new volunteer guides are welcome and very much needed to spread the load. A special thanks to Deb Wheeler for the donation of the BBQ and to Heather Dux for the laminator.

The report was moved Denise Harslett and seconded Heather Dux. Carried.

Membership:

There have been 3 new members since our last meeting

Greg and Jane Turner and Toni Nardi

There are possibly 2 others who joined this year but have not been voted on - Mike Andrews and Heather Mellare. All new members were approved.

You will have seen the note I sent out advising members that they had 1 years grace then I would remove them from the membership list but retain them on the "stakeholders list" unless they specifically requested otherwise. I have done this and there are now 163 members who are now current or just 1 year out of date with membership.

Report moved Marlene Muir seconded Peter Klemm. Carried.

Publicity:

I forgot to mention in the last Publicity Report that I had been in contact with Andreas Leonakis about his permission for us to show his videos about the Amiens Legacy Centre to our visitors. He gave his blessing and forwarded to me the three videos, which I have handed on to Roger.

During the last fortnight, I received a text from Michael Forrest who offered to donate to the AHA a medallion depicting the visit by Edward, Prince of Wales in 1920. It is different from the one we already have and he was very happy to donate it to us with the proviso that we note it is in honour of his late father-in-law, Dudley Harman who was the principal at the Bapaume State School from July 1959 to 1969. I collected the medallion last Monday. He was going through a coin collection from a family friend in Toowoomba and the medallion was among the coins. Michael and his wife are renovating a house in Corundum Street but don't live in Stanthorpe. Heather sent a thank you letter.

The usual Facebook chatter is ongoing and I'm grateful for any input sent to me by members.

This report was moved by Heather Dux and seconded Denise Harslett.

General Business

1. Belgian Lunch for 19/9/21 at RSL.

The menu was debated and decided upon as follows:

Entrée: Belgian Meatballs

Mains: 1 Beef and 1 Seafood dish

Sweets: Apple Flap and Belgian Waffles

Marlene will ring Colleen to advise decisions and to ask Paula to do poster.

It was decided to follow Colleen's program format. It was agreed to invite the Belgian consul but he is to pay for the evening. The mayor is to be invited and he usually pays.

The cost is \$60 per person to be paid by direct deposit to our bank account.

We already have some donations. Heather will donate tipsy fruit. Morwenna will donate a rose.

It was mentioned that we sold most of our trinkets with the recent visitors and that another workshop would be held after the lockdown had ended.

2. Carpark proposal – Barry Creed (hold over)
3. Help with emails – Morwenna asked if Denise could assist with the volume of emails she is receiving. Denise agreed.

Next meetings are scheduled for:

An Executive meeting 29th August at 2.00 pm at Amiens Legacy Centre

The General Meeting 26th September at 2.00 pm at Legacy Centre.

Meeting closed at 3.40 pm.