



## St Andrew Society of Western Australia

### Minutes of the Committee meeting held on Wednesday 13th December 2017 at the St Peter and Emmaus Church, Joondanna

#### ***Present***

Richard Paxman Reggie McNeill Eoin Kennedy Cheryl Hill Robert Bannister Diana Paxman  
Ron Cooper

#### ***Apologies***

Darian Ferguson

#### ***Absent***

Nil

#### ***Minutes of Previous meeting***

- Minutes of the November minutes passed.

**Proposed Ron, Seconded Robert**

#### ***Matters arising and actions from previous meeting***

- To be dealt with later in action sheet

#### ***Secretary's report***

Correspondence received from:-

Email from Jan Carrick and Philip Commander saying how much they enjoyed the ball.

Email from Terry Jones accepting position of Hon Piper

Email from Dr Reinhold Aman inquiring about Robert Bannister (Robert to answer).

Email from Emma Withers inquiring about the history of the society. Richard responded giving her

such information as we have.

Email from Peter Rafan wishing to donate a picture of Robert Burns

### **Acceptance of Secretary's report -Proposed Reggie, Seconded Eoin**

**Treasurer's Report** - presented by Cheryl,

- Treasurer's financial statement (see table below).
- Ball made a loss of \$1882.70. (Planned loss was \$2000)
- Dance classes made a profit of \$24.65
- Burns Supper 6 people paid so far.

St Andrew Society Profit & Loss For Period Covering:		1 <sup>st</sup> Nov 17 - 30 Nov 17
Opening balance	\$22,243.99	
Income / deposits	\$3,594.79	
Outgoings	\$7,699.95	
Closing balance	\$26,349.15	

### **Acceptance of Treasurer's Report, proposed by Robert, Seconded by Reggie**

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Ball** (Diana/Reggie/Cheryl/Darian) - 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2017 Venu:- Pan Pacific Perth

- The committee reviewed the ball, taking note of what worked and what didn't work with a view to future functions. The Society sponsoring the ball by \$2,000 helped by dropping the ticket price to \$120. It was agreed that this was a positive and thought would be given to doing the same next year. Reggie commented on the poor condition of the room and particularly the dance floor at set up. He also stated that table settings did not match the Society's seating plan which had been sent to the hotel a few days prior to the event. Hotel needed to look at their communication between staff members. Richard mentioned the menu choice the hotel offered was better than what was later offered which contributed (as all the committee agreed) to the food being excellent. At the end of the discussion it was agreed that we would be happy to use the Pan Pacific again as a venue but that Cheryl and Ron would contact the Aloft to enquire as to their facilities and costs before deciding a venue for the 2018 ball.

**Burns Supper (Diana/Reggie/Cheryl/Darian) - 25<sup>th</sup> January 2018 Venue:- Parmelia Hilton**

Diana reported everything was in place for the Burns Supper. Stuart Gault has agreed to recite the address "to a haggis". Stuart and his wife, Ruth, have agreed to do the "Laddies and Lassies" This only left the Immortal Memory, Eoin said he would approach Ian Beaton to see if he would be interested in doing it.

**Chieftain's Ceilidh** (Reggie / Diana / Cheryl /Darian) - 19<sup>th</sup> May 2018 Venue :- RAAFA Club

- Venue booked. Heel 'n Toe booked.

**AGM - 16<sup>th</sup> February 2018 Venue:- Perth and Tattersalls Bowling Club**

- It was agreed that the Society would not supply platters this year

**2018 St Andrew's Day Ball**

- Diana reported that she had approached the Crown for minimum spend amounts and costs for catering and beverage packages. With \$25,000 being the minimum spend or the option of holding the ball on a Friday to slightly reduce costs it was decided The Crown as a venue was not in our price range. When dates were discussed, Reggie mentioned that Andre Rieu was booked to play in Perth on 24<sup>th</sup> November 2018 and that we should perhaps avoid that date. With the 1<sup>st</sup> December 2018 being the preferred date further discussion took place with regard to the challenges associated with the RAC Channel 7 Xmas pageant being held on the same evening. Cheryl and Ron suggested we look at the Aloft as a venue as its location would not be affected by the Pageant. It was suggested not booking the Pan Pacific until Cheryl and Ron reported back regarding The Aloft.

**Communications (Richard)**

- Website up to date but explained why the Ball info was taken down early by website administrator (who confused booking cut off date with function date).
- The Saltire – Xmas edition is due out and is being worked on.
- Facebook - Up dated cover picture which is a photo from our ball. Committee approved of the change.
- Richard reported that the Society had purchased photos of the ball from Steve's Photographer for posting on website and Facebook.

**Decorations/Props (Robert, Eoin, Darian)**

- Nothing to report

**Sponsorship / Advertising (Richard)**

- Nothing to report

**GENERAL BUSINESS**

- **2018 Committee** – Richard reviewed the events which were held in 2017, some were successful and some were not. He went on to say it was important to get an idea of the intentions of committee members as to whether they were standing next year. With some members not standing and others reluctant to stand, citing too many commitments and/or travel as reasons for their hesitance, it was accepted by those present, that there would be a reduced number of events in 2018, Ball, Burns Supper and Chieftain's Ceilidh (and possibly one other ceilidh) being the only functions likely to be held unless someone steps up to take it upon themselves to organise something.
- SASWA Constitution – Darian not present.

**NEXT MEETING**

- Next meeting will be on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2018 at 5.30, at the Chieftain's house, followed by haggis tasting. WAGs welcome.
- The meeting closed at 8.52 pm.



Richard Paxman (Chieftain) .....

13 January 2018

Date .....

**Action Sheet**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Subject</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Actionee</b>	<b>Status</b>
	Constitution	Continue to work with Dept of Commerce to resolve items outstanding	Darian	Open
14th June 17	Search for Patron	Identify suitable Patron	All committee	Open
12th July 17	Myob	Look into email capability to issue receipts	Cheryl	Open
12 July 17	Constitution	Supply Richard with new rules for website	Darian	Open
8 <sup>th</sup> Nov 17	Banners & decorations	Meet, decide on what is needed, artwork, cost, order	Robert Darian Eoin	Open
8 <sup>th</sup> Nov 17	Online forms	Check rules	Darian	Open
8 <sup>th</sup> Nov 17	Chieftain's Ceilid	Check out Irish Club	Reggie	Open
13 <sup>th</sup> Dec 17	Ball 2018	Check out the Aloft Hotel	Cheryl Ron	Open
13 <sup>th</sup> Dec 17	Burns Supper	Approach Ian Beaton re Immortal memory	Eoin	Open