

Whitebridge High Ex-Students and Staff Association

MEETING MINUTES - Friday 2nd May, 2008

AGENDA ITEM	OUTCOME
Attendees	<p>Present: Peter Sievert, Janice Battle, Brian Goodwin, Allan Searant, Ian Wilson (part time)</p> <p>Apologies: David Martin, Karel Grezl, Margaret Owens, Lorraine McEwan McKenzie, Ron Aurelius, Paul Jeffress, Julie Turnbull, David Podmore, Gerry Speck, Dianne Gillespie</p>
Minutes of last Meeting	<p>Accepted as a true and accurate recording – Moved: Brian Goodwin Seconded: Peter Sievert</p>
Business Arising from last meeting	<p>Action Items:</p> <p>Election of Committee Members</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clearly, due to the limited number of attendees, all five positions on the committee could not be filled. • The committee elected for the present includes:- Secretary – Allan Searant Treasurer – Janice Battle Committee – Brian Goodwin (who is relocating to Brisbane in two weeks time) • School Council Representative – Allan Searant • The new committee extended their thanks to the inaugural committee members. <p>Website</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Website directory now expanded to nine topics, & uploading of Spans, reunions, & memorabilia is underway. • Allan Searant donated \$120 to make the 'Guestbook' & 'Forum' sections 'advertisement free' & more user friendly – recurring annual cost. There are four guestbook entries, & one Forum entry to date. • Span magazines & other memorabilia, covering each of the decades the school has operated, will be simultaneously uploaded rather than just focusing on the early days. • An invoice from Black Kat Web Design was received for \$230 for recent work. • An 'indicative' quote received from Black Kat for regular site maintenance at \$40 per month, & a maximum \$50 for uploading reunion advertising, reports & photo galleries (suggested 'bill as we go'). Invoicing every three months will be satisfactory. An annual budget of around \$1500 is probably required to make reasonable progress with the website. • 'Advertising Opportunity' notice posted on 'Home' page seeking support from local businesses for the website costs. Ian Wilson provided some business contacts to follow up. • Black Kat advised that some websites have a 'PayPal' feature where donations by anyone can be made using a credit card. • Recent email communication with the membership requested the recipient to log onto our website to get details, rather than having large attachments. The visitors hit meter has increased from 402 at the last meeting (7th April) to 543 (3rd May), indicating about 1 in 3 actually do log on. <p>Newsletter Status</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The first edition for this year was recently published on the website, & our sincere thanks are extended to Bob McKibbin for his efforts in publishing it. • Contributions & ideas for forthcoming editions are welcome from one & all.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A special edition of the Newsletter will be published to coincide with the 45th Anniversary Celebrations – rather than adding another task of preparing a special souvenir booklet. • Note the new feature – ‘Where are they Now?’ Ian indicated there are many students & ex students who are excelling in their individual specialty, who would make great subjects for our newsletter. <p>School Council Report– Brian Goodwin.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No meetings have been held since our last Xers’ meeting. <p>School Presentation Day Prizes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contact has been made with former teacher Margaret Holt, who is generously providing funds for an annual Year 10 Music Encouragement Award at the school. Discussions are being held with head teacher Carol Carter. <p>Membership Recruitment & Database</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The email database has increased to about 170 addresses, but some are still rebounding. There are still some privacy concerns by some, which will be handled by using the Bcc feature. • The entire contact database of about 450 names, addresses, & phone numbers requires more effort to determine the corresponding email addresses (Allan & Brian will assist in this follow-up work). • Brian will transfer the email circulation list to Janice prior to his departure to Brisbane. • An increased use of the media (radio, TV, & the press) will be attempted to advertise forthcoming events, but in particular to promote the existence of the Xers website & its importance to the community of ex students & staff. • Feedback from several reunion organisers has been received confirming their willingness to use their respective data bases to pass on information about association activities – we are most appreciative. <p>45th Anniversary Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For discussion in General Business.
Correspondence	Inwards: Nothing to report
Treasurers report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cheque drawn for Black Kat Web Design for \$230.00 • Current balance \$440.18 • Brian will arrange for the transfer of the account from Mayfield Branch to Charlestown Square Branch • Peter Sievert nominated as an additional signatory, along with Allan Searant & Janice Battle
Committee report	Nothing to report other than discussions above.
General Business	

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<p>2008 45th Anniversary event –</p>	<p>Anniversary Dinner:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Feedback indicates there is solid support for this & firm planning should be made for the function at Wests Leagues Club on Saturday 13th September 2008. • The organising committee comprises David Podmore, Janice Battle, & Julie Turnbull, & specific details for the evening need to be arranged. • It was agreed that ticketing for the event will be arranged through 'Sticky Tickets' • The preparation of a multimedia display of memorabilia needs to be expedited from existing material, as well as material held at the school library, & individual contributions. Such a presentation can be used both at the school open day & in the evening at this function. <p>Daytime Activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussions were held with Ian Wilson during the week & the fundamentals for the daytime function (organised primarily by the school) will be as follows: • BBQ food & drinks organised by staff & students to raise money for their preferred charity (in the canteen area). • Library open, with current artwork by students on display, tables of memorabilia, Powerpoint slideshows of historical & current aspects of Whitebridge High. • Main Hall set up for music activities, performances, school bands etc. • Sporting fields & courts, arrangements for matches between the school & ex students / staff for Touch Football, Soccer, & Mixed Netball. • A short formal session will be held to allow a presentation from government representatives to the school. • Some raffles will be arranged for the day, with proceedings running from say 10AM to 4PM
<p>Other general business</p>	<p>None</p>
<p>NEXT MEETING:</p>	<p>Friday 13th June, 2008 at 7:00PM in the School Library</p>