

Coachimudlo Island Historical Society Inc.

Annual General Meeting

3 October 2004 at the Matthew Flinders Café

MINUTES

Attendance:

Members: Margaret Walker, Ted Jones, Fred and Connie Toomer, Diane and Trevor Gillham, Stan and Julie Harris, Norma and Bruce Green, David and Ellen Paxton, Martin Screen, Ian Rowland, Peter Buechse, Joy Fritz, Barbara, Jeff and Sophie Larsen, Carolyn Brammer and Lindsay Duncan.

Guests: Vern Gibson and Kath McNeilly (Redland Museum) and Patricia Screen.

Apologies: Denise Preston, Merle Beckett, Rosemary Opala, Annie Jamieson, Denise Foley-Burns, Marie-Louise Potter, Deveen Oprey, Ray and Bobbe Stephens, Jan Bueschse.

Joy Fritz/Stan Harris

1. Confirmation of previous minutes: The minutes of the AGM 6 December 2003 were read. Moved Stan Harris, seconded Julie Harris, that the minutes be adopted .

Confirmed

2. Business arising: with respect to the request that the Secretary obtain a copy of the Constitution held by the Office of Fair Trading and copy this to Members, the Secretary reported that the minutes held on file had already been verified. Copies had not been made because of the cost of copying such a long document. The Constitution is accessible to members. However, if members did want personal copies they would be obtained. Ian Rowland offered to scan the Constitution and make it available on the Island website or on CD.

Noted with appreciation

3. President's Report: Margaret Walker read the President's report in her capacity as Vice-President, Merle Beckett being unable to attend. The report is on file and describes a healthy state of affairs for the Society in terms of membership, project activities, participation in the Island and wider communities, and prospects for the future. Margaret thanked Members who were undertaking projects for the Society. Margaret Walker moved, seconded by Ellen Paxton, that the President's Report be adopted.

Adopted with appreciation

4. Treasurer's Report: Copies of the Special Purpose Financial Statements were circulated. David Paxton read the Income and Expenditure Statement and referred to Assets and Liabilities. He reported that membership of the Society is presently 2 Honorary, 8 Life, 11 Family and 11 Ordinary Members and the bank balance at 31 August is \$1,238.73 credit,

Adopted

with the major current liability being insurance at about \$300 due near the end of October. Of books for sale, the Society holds 11 by M-L Potter, 20 by Ted Jones and 2 by Bern Cuthbertson, which could earn some \$248. Dinghy donations are about \$85. Arthur Chaston CPA has assisted with the presentation of accounts. David Paxton moved, seconded by Barbara Larsen, that the Treasurer's Report be adopted.

5. Auditor's Report: David Paxton read the Auditor's Report prepared by the Honorary Auditor, Arthur Chaston, and moved, seconded by Julie Harris, that it be adopted.

Report adopted with appreciation

6. Election of Management Committee: Margaret Walker introduced Vern Gibson (Coordinator) and Kath McNeilly (President) of Redland Museum. Kath Mc Neilly agreed to conduct the election of the new Committee. The following nominees had accepted nomination for the following positions and, since no further nominations for these positions were received from the floor, the nominees were duly elected:

Acclamation

President: Edward Jones (Margaret Walker/David Paxton)

Vice President: Margaret Walker (Edward Jones/Ellen Paxton)

Secretary/Treasurer: David Paxton (Fred Toomer/Connie Toomer)

Kath McNeilly called for nominations from the floor for the vacant position of **Committee Member** and Norma Green (nominated by Margaret Walker, seconded by Ellen Paxton) was elected.

7. Appointment of Auditor: David Paxton, seconded by Barbara Larsen, moved that Arthur Chaston CPA be appointed Auditor. Since Arthur had agreed in writing to be nominated, the motion was adopted.

Appointed with appreciation

8. Guest Speaker: President Ted Jones invited Vern Gibson to speak on the role of the museum in the community. Vern described the history of the Redland Museum, begun some 30 years ago. He said that it was a most successful museum mainly because of good support from the Redland Shire Council and the active interest of many volunteers who prepare display items. The Museum has an active Management Committee, 2 full time staff and 1 part-timer. It focusses on local connections when choosing "things" to be preserved, which he defined as those which had been touched by humans. He noted that analyses of social problems suggest that a community needs an art gallery, museum and library for its well-being. He invited the Society to visit the Museum which could arrange a display identifiable with the Island. He also invited the Society to attend a "talkfest" in about March 2005

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which the Museum is organising.

Ted Jones presented a copy of *In the Wake of Bass and Flinders* to Vern, for the Museum's library. Margaret Walker moved a vote of thanks to Vern for his interesting presentation which underlined the value of a history society in the community.

9. Close of meeting: President Ted Jones closed the meeting at 12.40pm and the members enjoyed lunch at the Matthew Flinders Café.

Edward Jones
President