



Society for Creative Anachronism Ltd (Australia)

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SCA Ltd Board Meeting: Minutes

Meeting held: 20 June 2017

Category	Description	Action Required
Attending:	Michele Le Bas (Chair), Ray Gleeson (Deputy Chair) from 7.50pm, Georgia Winter (Secretary) from 8.29pm, David Beresford, Tim Liersch (Treasurer), Simon Miller.	
Observers:	Jeremy Gregson	
Meeting Started:	7.47pm (Sydney Local Time)	
Apologies:	Kate Turley	
Confirmation:	Minutes of last meeting Motion: To be held over as minutes not completed.	Publication on website (Secretary)
Notification:	Conflict of Interest Disclosures	None received.
Notification:	Speaking as a Board Member / Environmental Scanning Tim: at GNW. RiverHaven hall lease, one of conditions is \$25000 in improvements over 5 years, up to half in time. About \$50pw which is not unreasonable considering the hall cost is low. Tim: was asked about the BPay for Qld.	
Report:	Chair Recent weeks have been dominated by the date change for Rowany Festival and vigorous discussions by the membership about whether obtaining our own land for such uses is feasible. We will work with the Seneschallate and key stakeholders to investigate feasibility of such a course of action. The membership will be involved in any such processes and transparency is a key value to keep in mind during such a discussion. We note that the date of the AGM will have to be moved from Good Friday to the new Rowany Festival dates that should soon be announced. In service, Michele Le Bas, Chair, SCA Ltd.	
Report:	Secretary Nil report.	
Correspondence:	A message was posted online regarding hiring of Theatre Costumes for a religious affiliated group. The group were told that individuals could rent them if they chose but 'The SCA' was unable to do this as a whole.	
Report:	Treasurer Insurance has been paid. Issues with paying the Registrar, it keeps having bank problems. He will speak with Registrar about setting up Corporate accounts at Officeworks, etc.	

Motion: The Board authorises the Treasurer and the Registrar to establish corporate accounts with Australia Post and Officeworks for the purpose of Registrar-related functions and expenditure.

Moved: Tim

Seconded: Simon

Decision: CARRIED

Motion: To reimburse Robyn Boyd \$299.75 in postage and other registrar expenses.

Moved: Tim

Seconded: Simon

Decision: CARRIED

Motion: To transfer \$5,185.31 to Rowany associated with revenue at Rowany Festival received through PayPal.

Moved: Tim

Seconded: Michele

Decision: CARRIED

Report:

Kingdom Seneschal

Quarterly report was recently received. Enthusiasm about youth participation. General excitement on Hospitaller and A&S invigorating their offices with great initiatives.

Item:

Ynys Fawr Hall Lease (David)

David advised that YF probably does have contents insurance for the hall contents and he will check.

Motion: That the Ynys Fawr's Tenancy Lease Agreement with The Royal Agricultural Society of Tasmania is renewed for another three years.

Moved: David

Seconded: Tim

Decision: CARRIED

Item:

Board recruitment (Michele)

No applicants for current vacancy. Everyone to think hard about potential applicants. In 2018 we will have another three vacancies to fill and the Board risks having half its numbers as new members if we do not fill this one prior.

Item:

Risk management framework (Michele)

A brief overview of David Hurst's proposal regarding the Board taking on a Risk Management Framework. David to be invited to the next Board meeting to discuss in more detail.

Item:

Rowany Festival date change (Michele)

- There is a risk on cash flow if rowany is unable to make a profit on festival due to date change.

- It is unknown what paying the quadruple site fees would do to an Easter event – cost analysis has not been done for this model.
- AGM will need to be moved. Michele spoke to Alfar briefly. The date change will be announced fairly soon.
- Having the date for the AGM on a non-public holiday may cause issues for people’s attendance.
- We do have the option of holding a ‘roaming’ AGM that starts at one event and concludes at another – close and reconvene it at the next event. This may give the populace more opportunity to talk to the Board.
 - Open skype meeting on Good Friday, where anyone can attend.
 - Perhaps poll the populace. GNW could be an option.

Item:

Land question (Chair)

- Sandra contacted the Chair with her concerns around the not for profit status implications. Alfar had contacted her out of concern, but Michele has spoken with him to discuss the studies we are considering doing regarding the feasibility of land ownership.
- Simon has noted to people that he will not be discussing it until there is an investigation, and only if he is part of that. There will not be a fast resolution for this idea.
- Tim notes that it’s a complicated issue, and not as simple as it may seem on the surface. He has mentioned this at the Reeves meeting. He has had a follow up conversation with Sandra to distil her issues. As Board Members, we may be responsible financially if there is any loan default. This is an issue for Board Members.
- Ray spoke to Miles Colwell after the Rowany Senate meeting. He is very keen to be on this project. He has been referred to Nico. Miles also mentioned that a long term lease may be an option. While there is no capital expenditure, you still have the ongoing maintenance and rental payments.
- Crossroads was discussed, and some of the reasons why it may have failed.
- Who runs the property for the other 51 weeks of the year? We would need to hire someone to maintain the property.
- Who owns this project and process? The membership owns this process. The BOD will be required to take on management of this process but it is done for the membership.
- We will need some sort of selection criteria for the process, but it may be best run by the Kingdom Seneschal, with the Board, rather than the Board running the process.

Item: That the Board requests the Kingdom Seneschal to initiate a project to conduct due diligence on the subject of acquiring land.

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Moved: Michele le Bas

Seconded: Simon Miller

Decision: Carried

Notification: **Motions passed by email since last meeting**

Motion: To pay Robyn Boyer \$495.22 in postage and other registry expenses.

Moved: Tim Liersch

Seconded: Michele le Bas

Decision: Carried

Motion: Motion: To pay the ATO \$3,923.00 in GST.

Moved: Tim Liersch

Seconded: Ray Gleeson

Decision: Carried

Item: **General Business**

Next Meeting: Tuesday, 11 July 2017 at 7:30pm (Sydney Local Time)

Meeting Closed: 9.40pm (Sydney Local Time)