Committee: Chiltern Athenaeum Trust

HELD: Tuesday 17th January 2017 at 7:00 pm

LOCATION: Chiltern Athenaeum, McEwen Annexe

CHAIR: Christine Hay


APOLOGIES: Eunice dePiazza, Graeme Banks.

1. Welcome
   The Chairperson welcomed members to the meeting and apologies were recorded.

2. Disclosure of conflicts of interest
   No conflicts of interest were recorded. Viv Burnett informed Trust members of her membership of the Indigo Shire Heritage Advisory Committee.

3. Confirmation of minutes of previous meeting
   Minutes of the last meeting had been previously distributed by email. Hard copy minutes were distributed to Erica, Dawn and Peter. The minutes of the last meeting were accepted.
   Moved: Dawn Disher  Seconded: Shirley Williamson

4. Matters arising from the minutes
   a. Dawn asked about Trove – the National Library of Australia database. Christine explained about the Trove database and how it works.
   b. John contributed information about the NAA – National Archives of Australia.
   c. Freezer – purchased – clothing from the display has been placed in plastic bags in the freezer to manage insects. They have to stay in the freezer for 72 hours. The freezer is located in the toilet.
   d. Electrician visited today and fixed lights, including in the clothing display.
   e. Security camera in Annexe is not working – Christine will talk with Kevin Garvey, Airzone Security Electronics.
   f. Suggestion to leave foyer light on at night.
g. Ali Rowe – Save our Stories – planning on applying for a grant from Local History Grants for conservation – could involve the schools and Kevin Mayhew from Chiltern Tourism. She requires a letter of support. Erica mentioned other grants as well.

h. Chiltern Old Cemetery – grass will be cut tomorrow. Lorraine mentioned that the bin at the old Cemetery was emptied by Alan.

i. 700 plus followers on Facebook

j. Albury Picture Framers have completed conservation of Andrew Beck portrait, ready for collection.

k. Bob Biddell is looking after the roster – still require people for Mondays and Tuesdays – Jeanette can do Mondays.

l. McEwen Cabinet – should the medals go to the National Museum? They are a set which is one of only 5 sets awarded to Australians. Medals are not on display because of security. Bridie is investigating further. Lorraine also mentioned the display at the new Parliament House. Need to look at all options to display the medals at Chiltern first.

m. Working bee – weeding, dusting, school room; toilet area cleaned out. We possibly need a skip when the shed is cleaned out. Christine mentioned a skip hire business with sizes and prices. John mentioned hard waste at Chiltern tip – last weekend in February and 1st weekend in March. Attendees at working bee: Bob and Jeanette, Rhonda, Lorraine, Shirley, Dawn, Cheryl. The archive room is a potential health hazard due to lack of ventilation. Next working bee: Saturday 25th February.

n. Scanner/printer died – has been replaced on warranty, upgraded by $20. Shirley also mentioned folders for births, deaths and marriages, etc. Moved: John Seconded: Dawn. Shirley provided Lorraine with receipts.

5. Financial report
   Lorraine presented the financial report to the members.
   a. Total expenditure 18/10/2016 to 17/1/2017 $2120.60
   b. Total credits 18/10/2016 to 17/1/2017 $1253.74

Treasurer’s report was moved: Lorraine Seconded: Rhonda

6. Reports
   Correspondence In and Out:
   a. Indigo Informer
   b. Christine reported that there had been many comments regarding the encroachment of reeds around Lake Anderson, and how they detract from the ‘heritage / historic’ values of the area; she has contacted the Shire; John said that some reeds have been removed. The reeds are the Common Reed, Phragmites australis.
   c. Department of Justice – Corrections work – mowing the Old Cemetery on a regular basis.
   d. Melbourne Museum – conference in February
   e. Insite magazine – Museums Victoria
   f. Family tree magazine

Moved: Dawn Seconded: Jeanette

7. Donations
a. Shirley Peake donated items from Gladys Peake
b. Doug Firth – paperwork on Chiltern waterworks
c. Isobel Husband – photos
d. Gino Diafero – wedding dress and veil – could be better placed in a costume museum

8. General business – items to be discussed
   a. Display cabinet at Ned Day’s - $1000. Athenaeum members to have a look at the display cabinet. Christine moved that we purchase the cabinet for $800 or nearest offer up to $1000. Seconded: Dawn. Bob will see Ned Day.
   b. Masonic Lodge Felt Mat – Kevin Mayhew is asking Tommy Lappin about this.
   c. Chiltern Fire Brigade Display – Viv mentioned that Ian Whitaker (Secretary of CFB) has suggested that a display could be located in the Annexe where the book shelf is. The Fire Brigade would put in for a grant to fund the cabinet. Athenaeum members were supportive of this idea. Christine moved that Ian’s suggestion be accepted. Seconded: Viv
   d. Flies and blowflies in windows – require a small vacuum – Bob has one to donate.
   e. John has donated a microwave to the Athenaeum.
   f. Tag and test electrical equipment.
   g. Activity report: 294 adults, 33 children; Christine reported summary statistics.

9. Date of next meeting
   Annual General Meeting on Tuesday February 14th at 7:00 pm.

10. Closure of meeting
    The meeting closed at 9:00 pm.