



MINUTES OF THE CEBS NATIONAL COUNCIL MEETING

Held at All Saints Chermside, Queensland on the weekend of
May 11th - 13th 2012.

Attendance list

National Officers	Rev. Warren Rumble (Acting chair, Treasurer) Chris Oliver (Secretary)	Lone CEBS leaders	Gary Prosser Graeme Nichols Dr. Ken Pidgeon Alan Victor
Melbourne	Denis Wright		
Western Australia	The Rt. Rev. Tom Wilmot Kerry Lovejoy	Visitors	Peter Victor Ian Somerville

Session 1 Fri 11/5/2011 8:30pm to 9:30pm

Moved that Warren be Acting Chairman for the meeting (Moved 1 Chris 2 Bishop Tom)
Carried

The Acting Chairman welcomed delegates and (after brief introductions) opened the meeting with prayer.

The Acting Chairman invited delegates to submit other items of business, which were added to the agenda.

APOLOGIES

The Rt. Rev. Bill Ray. Bruce Anderson.

Moved that apologies be accepted. (Moved Dennis Second Kerry) Carried.

Bishop Holland welcomed the delegates on behalf of The Archbishop of Brisbane

NATIONAL CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

No report due to the Chairman's resignation.

ACCEPTANCE OF 2011 MINUTES

It was moved that the Minutes be received as circulated. (1 Kerry 2 Dennis). Carried

It was moved that the circulated Minutes be taken as a true and accurate record of the meeting. (1 Kerry 2 Dennis) Carried.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Action Items

1. National Tour held over for discussion on Sat 12 May
2. NSW – Sydney have 9 branches under Youth Works Boys Ministry Chaplain – managed by a Boys Ministry committee of Youth Works, of former Diocesan leaders.
3. National Leaders Convention: Proposal for a national boys ministry conference instead. To be held in abeyance due to priority of CEBS Centenary.
4. Minimum requirements of a boys ministry leader has been circulated.
5. Resignation of Graham Nichols as Leader development leader has been received.
6. AMS National meeting in Tasmania in Sep 12 – Re-raising the support of CEBS – notional at the moment. Bishop Jonathan suggested that it might be worthwhile to liaise with the Catholic men's program. **Action: Bishop Tom.**
7. National newsletter. Garry Allen may be able to provide support but he should not be pressured until he is ready to recommit.
8. Melbourne is redrafting its constitution but may have to seek professional help. Their reduction in leadership is hampering expansion.
9. **2013 Centenary** – Dioceses are asked to look through their archives for material to present. **Action: All past and present dioceses.**
Holy Trinity – Kew has close links with Trinity College and looks promising to use the College facilities for 100 anniversary. **Action: Chris.**
Centenary Service and Dinner 02-03 Nov 13 lining up with Melbourne Synod.
Decision to pass a motion at Synod to recognize 100 years of CEBS service in Australia. Dennis and Chris to facilitate communications with Melbourne and Parish of Kew. **Action: Dennis, Chris**
10. Investment account access to be reinvested to an account with better rates.
11. Postage stamp for 100 years of CEBS has been rejected by Australia Post. Ken Pidgeon requested info from Warren so that Chris Martin may be able to support the request. **Action: Warren/ Ken.**

CORRESPONDENCE

1. Accept letter of resignation from Bishop Bill Moved Kerry Seconded Dennis
2. Kerry moved that a letter of acceptance and thanks be sent to Bishop Bill for his service to CEBS and extend our prayers and good wishes of support for the Diocese **Action: Chris.**

3. Chris provided the meeting with the possible support of Bishop Michael Challen, from Diocese of Perth to help out CEBS in the role of Chairman. CEBS Australia. He is retired, but has good qualifications in the area of youth ministry. He can mentor the 100th anniversary celebrations. Ken asked if Bishop Tom would like to be Chairman. Bishop Tom thanked Ken for the nomination but has the AMS Chairman position to manage but would entertain the possibility if Bishop Michael cannot be chair. There may be synergies with AMS and CEBS that can be re-raised. Other names for Chairman put forward were the Rev. Chris Whittall and Bishop John Parkes of Wangaratta.

Action: Chris to confirm with Bishop Tom following contacts with Chris Whittall and Bishop John.

CNET/YNET REPORT

Chris could not attend the meeting in Brisbane due his wife's illness.

WEBSITE REPORT

Alan will bring in the web data from home for Sat 12 May.

MEETING ADJOINED AT 9.30PM

MEETING RESUMED SAT 12 MAY AT 8:45AM

SPECIAL SESSION Current Trends / Future trends of CEBS

Discussion Paper 2:

- a. Bishop Tom suggested we determine the aim of the 100th anniversary whether it will be a "requiem" or "rebirth" of CEBS. Graeme Nichols stated that the Dioceses do not appear interested in CEBS going forward. Bishop Tom and Graeme agreed that we need to address this perception first. Can CEBS be rebranded in the same way that ANZAC day has given rebirth to all Australians as a spiritual day.
- b. Warren stated that some parishes that are seemingly successful are those with more modern services and outlook.
- c. Ken said that the church seems to be putting energy into teenagers but the meeting agreed that this was too late and that ministry to young boys below the age of 12 is critical.
- d. Bishop Tom said that this is the most important thing to address in the next 12 months. Scouting has seen a resurgence. AMS has merged into the local Men's Shed movement with support, not takeover. This is expanding.
- e. Graeme also stated that parishes are aging and can not supply the future young men as leaders.
- f. Bishop Tom said we have to go back to our roots and seek guidance from a mentor or professional to challenge us from "outside the circle". The theme is about men and boys not just boys. Men would probably welcome the resources that CEBS can provide and then support the boys with their leadership.

- g. Chris said that community leaders / researchers such as Ian Lillico, could be of benefit as a mentor. We need to get a strong message to the whole church that we can provide good boys ministry.
- h. Dennis said that the grants provided by CEBS Melbourne are modelled on News Boys Foundation. Our reputation is enhanced by assisting outreach and mission to boys with financial support. He also said that the perception at reunions is that they are disillusioned with the direction the church is heading. Melbourne can support branch reunion's in the 100th year.
- i. Graeme said that in his diocese 16 out of 27 parishes have children's programs that are not GFS or CEBS. Moe leaders have joined GFS. Once a leaders boys have left CEBS, they seem to drop out. Strong groups of leaders tend to stay together and have strong links for life and still want to serve.
- j. Bishop Tom confirmed that this assistance may be a link that can be expanded as a carrot to the church in general. It may be worthwhile to commission Bishop Michael Challen to be the mentor with Ian Lillico (a sociologist) as facilitator to the rebadging and redirecting of CEBS.
- k. Garry said that there is more pressure on men at work where hours are quite complex and this affects the family and amount of time devoted to CEBS.

Motion moved by Bishop Tom, Seconded by Kerry:

That we enter a year of discernment and forward planning, and to engage a consultant or consultants to explore ways of professional advancement for the Society, in accordance with the terms of reference, before 30 Apr 2013. Bishop Michael Challen, Ian lillicoe and Chris Martin be contacted initially. and, if willing be asked to draw up a brief for this consultation.

Action: Bishop Tom/ Chris/ Ken.

Terms of Reference for the proposed consultation::

1. To refocus the church's need for a renewed and reinvigorated boys and young men's ministry.
2. To identify the positive factors of similar organizations for incorporation into CEBS ministry, what works, and what can we learn from them.
3. How do we create a product that is attractive to Parishes, has supporting resources, but needs the Parish 'manpower'.
4. Investigate the linkage with AMS and the Men's Shed movement to help men to help boys.
5. Tap into particular needs of boys and young men– 'I need this, and I'll go to "this area" or "person" or "web site" to get the information on what I need.'
6. To develop and promote the 100 year anniversary in Melbourne.
7. To consolidate current active Dioceses by encouraging Sydney Diocesan CEBS groups to become affiliated with the National Council
8. To promote the representation on the National Council of lone members from dioceses where there is a need for Boys ministry

9. To promote with the assistance of these lone members, various national activities such as National Camps, the gathering of leader resources for the National web site, etc.
10. To develop some means of electronic promotion of Boys Ministry throughout the National Church e.g. newsletter. poster, brochure
11. To promote the name of Boys Ministry Australia as a marketing tool.
12. To further develop national affiliations with GFS, MU and AMS.
13. To promote a National Boys Ministry Conference on an ecumenical basis.
14. To find a way in which we can promote our image to either General Synod and / or The National Bishops Conference.
15. An internal seed budget of \$5,000 from national. Financial support from Government as a viable community support group.
16. What is an alternative to the CEBS brand to 'modernise' the society.
17. Use of the Church National Life Survey

WEBSITE REPORT (HELD OVER)

Alan presented data for the last 12 months and the meeting saw this data as an important input for professional consultants to use in the future planning and direction of CEBS.

Moved that report be received. Carried.

MEETING ADJOURNED at 10:30am.

MEETING RESUMED 11:00AM , SATURDAY, 11th MAY, 2012

NATIONAL SECRETARY'S REPORT

Chris Oliver read his written report.

Discussion centred around the Children's Ministry Network requirements re training in safely working with children inc. Safe Ministry training, and, that all people working with children need to do the training. (ed. In QLD, it is the Blue Card System mandated by the QLD Govt.)

Chris thanked the fellowship of the National Council meetings.

Moved Chris, Seconded Dennis - Carried

DIOCESAN REPORTS

Perth – Kerry presented the report. Valuable info for consultants – prejudice against uniformed youth groups. Parishes provide the willing volunteers and we provide resources and support.

Melbourne – Dennis spoke to his written report and added:

1. archives have been removed to Bindaree. Volunteers have been sourced as a centenary project, to file and secure them
2. Funding of centenary activities is being promoted
3. Reunions have brought offers of support which have come to fruition in some cases
4. A History of CEBS Farms and Home Scheme booklet have been produced.

Sydney –

1. Chris reported that there is a main contact, Peter Seveny, who has indicated willingness to be involved with centenary celebrations. Ken mentioned that Adrian Sandwell would be a good person to ask to be involved with the Sydney activities and to be in contact with Peter. Ken volunteered to find Adrian Sandwell and ask him to help. Peter is going to pass on the contact information for the other 9 branches. Action: Chris.
2. 9 parishes – one is Springwood which has 7 leaders, 18 lads, 24 pages, 8 seniors
3. Graeme said that Sydney GFS Executive was absorbed into YouthWorks who closed them. The Sydney GFS ladies have strongly sought the reintroduction of the Sydney GFS Executive with the Bishop and are likely to reform. This highlights the danger of being seconded to a transient parent body.

GFS - Graeme presented a verbal report:

1. GFS are undergoing some hardship and threats by supporting girls ministry in the Solomons and New Guinea.
2. A consultant told them a few years ago that they need to engage younger leaders or not last 5 years. GFS have defied this and continue to be strong.
3. The National Council meeting engaged Dr Jennie Bickmore-Brand to run workshops at the meeting. Delegates were thoroughly engaged and rated her input very highly and good outcomes were realized.
4. Next World President is from Wales and the 2014 meeting in Wales. No nominations for 2017 President. Difficulties in Japan and Africa have made Australia nominate Val Gribble from Rockhampton to be World President in 2017.
5. The meeting acknowledged that a parish partnership with AngliCare would be good leverage for grant applications.
6. The nurturing of Sudanese communities is continuing.

Moved that the reports be received. Carried

MOE – Garry spoke to his report – big thank you to CEBS Melbourne for help and assistance in the last.

Reports were Moved Dennis Seconded Bishop Tom. Carried

ONLINE LEADER DEVELOPMENT

Graeme mentioned that the only offerings were the previous old correspondence course from 1970-80 period and modernizing it. Removing and adding relevant material. The LD1 information and the former leader manual. **Action: Chris / Graeme.**

NATIONAL TRADING OFFICER (CEBS Shop) REPORT

No sales were recorded.

NATIONAL TRADING ACCOUNTS

Warren moved that \$5,000 be transferred to Commonwealth Bank Term deposit at 5.5%.
Seconded Bishop Tom. Carried

Chris moved Warren seconded that audited accounts be accepted

15th NATIONAL CAMP TOUR

Moved Chris Seconded Kerry to hold over to Jan 2015 so that main effort is on the centenary. This will give more time to advertising and planning. Liaise with Alan Victor on his previous suggestions. Carried. **Action: Chris.**

NEW INITIATIVES

Moved Bishop Tom, Seconded Dennis: that the three documents BMA Price list, Working with parishes and schools in the Diocese of Perth, and Anglican Children's Ministries in 2012 BMA support to parishes for boys ministry, presented by Chris, be linked onto the web site. **Action: Chris.**

NATIONAL AWARDS

No nominations received.

IN MEMORIUM

Chris mentioned The Rev. James Schreuder and Alan Thomas [Ex CEBS shop ;Sydney]
Dennis mentioned Jim Patterson
A minutes silence was observed and prayers offered.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 1 PM**MEETING RESUMED AT 9.00PM****100TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS [See also item 9 in Business Arising from Minutes]**

2-3 Nov 2013 at Kew, Melbourne (Melbourne cup week)
Saturday 2nd Service in morning, Lunch, informal gatherings at night and "return to roots" on Sunday morning. Current CEBS to be involved in service.

Action: Chris Oliver to invite CEBS National President as early as possible.

Suggestions: Melbourne to offer accommodation at Bindaree. **Action: Dennis Wright.**
Banner display maybe? Much discussion re invitees, including well known past CEBS.

Contact all dioceses where CEBS have been existence, much discussion followed with Invitations also to be sent to all Bishops plus our overseas connections. May be an activity for current CEBS on Sunday afternoon.

Souvenirs discussed, various suggestions. **Action; Denis Wright to investigate further.**

The following items were to be considered by the National 2013 Centenary committee.

[Melbourne Council and Chris]

A memorabilia area needs to be set aside for artefacts.

- There was an idea that there could be a site that could host a “Historical Cebbs Banner” display. Does the diocese have a Historian?
- A Dinner
- Gatherings at prior CEBS locations, culminating with a gathering at The Cathedral.
- The society started as a motion of Synod. Could Cebbs make a presentation at the 2013 Synod and have the original motion recognized, along with a positive statement about Cebbs in 2013. Could a past chairman be involved.
- Could the Archbishop invite Bishop Tom and/or The Primate to Melbourne to be involved in the 2013 synod.
- Could we present some of the significant historical publications (Surge of Youth) etc to the Archbishop for his reference and to allow him to see the significance Cebbs has had in the life of the Anglican Church.
- Basketball. The NBA basketball competition grew out of the Churches Basketball competition. How can the NRL be involved and acknowledge it’s origins in Cebbs. Andrew Gaze?

Action: Melbourne diocesan team / Chris.

2013 MEETING VENUE

26/27/28 April, 2013 at Bindaree, Melbourne. TBC

Action: Chris / Denis.

EXPRESSIONS OF THANKS

Expression of thanks from Council to Alan ,Jan, Julie, and Peter. Thanks also to Acting chairman Warren and to Chris re organisation/planning of the meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS

Some discussion re fees. Continuing with the current situation.

Meeting closed 10.45pm Saturday 12th May,2012.

Confirmed as a true and correct record:

Date: _____:

Signed: _____:
National Chairman