

MINUTES OF THE CEBS NATIONAL COUNCIL MEETING

Held at Ironbank Renewal Center on the weekend of APRIL 19th -21st 2002

Attendance list

National Officers	Very Revd Chris Whittall Bruce Anderson	Melbourne	Garry Allen
Brisbane	Revd Iain Furby Peter Victor	Newcastle	No attendance
Rockhampton	No Attendance	South Australia	Chris Martin Ynyr Foster
Sydney	Ken Harkness Alan Thomas	Gippsland	Graeme Nicholls
Western Australia	Chris Oliver Graham Jamison Tim Morris	GFS Visitors	Janice Doyle P. Skein A. Skein

Session 1 Fri 19/4/2002 8:15pm to

Meeting opened in prayer at 8:15pm. With Revd Iain Furby in the chair as acting chairman.
1 Corinth 2:12-3:4

APOLOGIES

Alan Victor (Brisbane), Margaret McPherson (Newcastle), Revd Warren Rumble (Treasurer), Jennifer Buckby (GFS), Ken Pidgeon (Adelaide)

ACCEPTANCE OF 2001 MINUTES

Minutes of the 2001 National Meeting had been circulated and were moved as a true and accurate record of the meeting (AFTER CORRECTIONS) on the motion of G. Allen and Seconded by g. NICHOLLS.

Carried

National Award Nomination Guidelines. (K. Harkness) - to be distributed by K. Harkness.

National distribution of SA 8-11 year old activity book.

Record of thanks to be forwarded to Geoff Skein on his efforts.

Moved G Allen 2nd P. Victor Carried

PROMOTIONAL BROCHURE

Artwork not available so reprinting cannot be done.

K. Harkness put the brochure produced in Sydney as being available, with some changes, nationally.

The brochure would need De-Sydneying as well as inclusion of the official logo.

At this stage there is no national brochure available.

A working group is to look at the brochure and report back to the meeting during the weekend for comment/approval on Sunday morning.

GENERAL BUSINESS

NATIONAL TRADING ACCOUNTS.

Report tabled. A. Thomas spoke to his report.

Trading is slow. Expenses less as no salaries being paid now.

TREASURERS REPORT

Report tabled. Treasurer not present to talk to his report.

Some questions were raised about the public liability policy taken out for national activities. Have we disclosed all activities such as national camps. It was suggested that we follow up what our insurance policy covers. A. Thomas to seek copy of our insurance proposal from our broker and forward a copy to K. Harkness for his comments. We need to ensure that on renewal of the policy we are adequately covered.

Comments that the name ABS – Anglican Boys’ Society (Australia) INC, needs to be changed to reflect the correct name as per the constitution – Ceps – The Anglican Boys’ Society (Australia) Inc.

Motion to receive the accounts subject to audit by K. Harkness. 2nd by P. Skein

NATIONAL WEB PAGE UPDATE

The national web page is tied up with the Ceps Melb account. Does national want to establish an account to control this?

What do we want from the web site? How do we get it? It is felt that we need to have a site that is simpler, providing an outline of what we are, and links to other useful sites.

The council moves that the sub committee redesign the web site, simplify it and provide links to other relevant sites.

Move K. Harkness. 2nd C. Oliver. Carried

NATIONAL AWARDS:

No nominations have been received.

Session 2 Sat 31/3/2001 am to am

W.A. presented the chairman with an official W.A. Ceps cap to mark his inclusion as a member of Ceps W.A.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

Chairman commented on the difficulties that the A church has experienced lately. Some of our own doing, some as a result of society. God has given a task involving trust. Society may be assuming wrongly that some inappropriate behavior may be involved where children’s groups exist. We must ensure that we know how to deal when any claims may arise.

We must keep our eye on the task God has given us.

We have a important future, and without Ceps & GFS that many children may never be exposed to God in any other areas of their lives –we may be the only link with God that they have.

We must remind our parishes, regions & diocese of the important of the work that we do. We need to remember that it is God doing His work through us. Our future is vital

C. Oliver expressed 2 major concerns. Recent occurrences with abuse against children causes tension and fear amongst leaders, and is making it harder to recruit new leaders.

Welcome letter from K. Pidgeon read out by the chairman.

NEW BUSINESS

BA to redistribute copies of Toward 2000 and beyond to all delegates.

Cebs 2000 and Beyond

THE FUTURE OF CEBS

What do we mean by the future of Cebs? Do we have a future? It was felt that the "kids club" movement is not suitably catering for boys. We feel that we still have a lot to offer, but we are hampered by a number of stumbling blocks?

- Not enough involved as leaders, committeemembers, etc.
- Lack of support from all levels of the church
- Informal resources
- Competition with youth movements, lack of cross feeding of kids and leaders
- Tolerance b/w anglo catholic and evangelical movements
- Parish ownership of their children's ministry
 - Why do parishes need childrens ministry? How do we educate and encourage them?
 - Involving members of the parish, using their skills and expertise.
- Support network and communication
- Why do we all have to duplicate youth/children's ministry in each parish?
- The perception of what Cebs is and has to offer.
- Morale
- Lack of expertise in starting new branches/groups

G. Allen to supply copy of the support sheet for distribution with the minutes.

Suggestion that we need to have a paper prepared to present to the next national anglican conference

- Under resourcing of boys ministry
- Direct them towards the national body

Two areas of importance:

- C Net. We need to be more formally involved as they are the main national boy associated with CM
- Develop a paper on boys' ministry. Suggestion Trevor Smith. This paper would be used for presentation to general synod etc. This may cost some money and diocese may be approached to help fund the writing of this paper.

Gathering of some of the papers that exist around the country to send out to existing leaders with the purpose of refocussing their thoughts on the importance of ministry to boys, and to widen their thoughts beyond their parish and group.

C NET.

C Net reports to General Synod on matters relating to children. They meet annually.

C. Oliver to email a copy of the last C Net minutes to B. Anderson for distribution.

Only 7 diocese represented at the last meeting. Agenda is fairly informal. There seemed to be more of a youth representation than children. Cebs and GFS had representation at the meeting.

Chairman suggested that we appoint an official representative at C Net meetings. Small working group to consider possible delegates

C. Oliver to send email copy of Term program materials to B. Anderson for distribution.

Session 3

Sat 20/4/2002

11:00am to 12:30pm

OUR NAME

Chairman suggested that W.A. prepares a discussion paper on the name we have and the pros and cons of a change of names.

There were some comments How much does our name help or hinder our mission? The name Cebs is both an asset and a liability. How do we balance them?

GFS are also struggling with their name in similar ways to Cebs.

Perth, Adelaide work together to prepare a paper to present to the 2003 council meeting for discussion.

ADMISSION OF GIRLS

The motion from the 1999 council meeting read:

Moved - Ken Pidgeon. Seconded - Garry Allen.

That this National Council recommends that, where groups contain both boys and girls, that, for administrative, legal and insurance purposes, subject to local needs, the boys, be registered with CEBS and the girls with GFS in the relevant Diocese. **Carried**

There have been some differing interpretations of the original motion. The meeting clarified that the original motion gives no compulsion to register boys with Cebs and Girls with GFS but gives guidelines allowing registration with the society most relevant to local needs.

GFS have more of a concern with who Kids Plus groups are registering or affiliating.

CHILD SAFETY ISSUES

From 1998

“Rev Derek Jones gave a follow up report on the document in regards to child abuse that was tabled at the 1997 Council meeting. The Western Australian document has been up-dated with additions in regards to a child abuse committee. The document is available on disc. The document will be sent to State and or Diocesan Councils for adoption by the States and can be adapted to suit State laws.”

The chairman reinforced that we need to ensure that the protocols in place to the point that all leaders are aware of the protocols and are able to put them in place immediately and appropriately in the event of a situation involving child safety arises.

Motion: National camp brochures should include a statement in relation to the child protection policy that applies to that camp. This should similarly apply to other national and interstate Cebs events.

Moved: K. Harkness. 2nd Iain Furby. Carried.

Motion: That each Cebs state and diocesan organisation investigate the highest standard of child safety and protection available and report back to the 2003 national council meeting.

Moved: T. Morris. 2nd: Ynyr Foster

K. Harkness commented that control of leaders is done at the parish level. He was concerned that we may be spending our limited human resources on matters already being looked at on a more local level.

C. Oliver tabled the latest update of the Dioceses of Perth Protocol on Child Protection. This will be made available to all dioceses.

C. Oliver to forward an email copy of the policy to B. Anderson for distribution.

In favour = 8. Against=4 Carried.

Session 4 Sat 20/4/2002 1:30 am to 3:40 am

NATIONAL CAMPLAST CAMP UPDATE

Report tabled. Alan Victor spoke to his report.

Overall the camp was succesful.

K. Harkness suggested that a person be responsible for orderliness and cleanliness of meals area. Also another person to be responsible for equipment maintenance.

K. Harkness passed a motion of heartfelt appreciation to Alan Victor and the QLD camp organisers and volunteers for their succesful planning and execution of the 2002 national camp. 2nd: Allen Carried

2005 CAMP NEWS

G. Nicholls spoke about the next national camp in 2005. Preparations have begun. At this stage the plan is to base the camp in the Gippsland area, utilising Cebs camp Bindaree for Melbourne based activities. The camp will be held in January 2005. The camp would probably be of a similar duration the the 2002 camp. (Approx. 10 days).

G. Allen floated the idea of offering places on the camp to boys from outback areas, or such.

SYDNEY CEBS PROPOSAL REGARDING NATIONAL CAMPS.

K. Harkness spoke to his report.

“National Organising Committee”: C.Martin felt that by the local nature of national camps that a national committee may not streamline or make the organisation any easier. It was agreed that checklists and organisational documentation would be of definate advantage to the organising committee.

Motion: That the National Council establish a “National Camp Committee” as a permanent committee to plan the national camp in cooperation with the host state, and persons involved in the previous camp.

Move: K. Harkness. 2nd: A. Thomas.

The main concern with a national committee was with the logistics of the national team meeting the number of times that are required to put a camp together. Another concern related to the importance of the local knowledge needed to put a succesful camp together.

Motion not carried.

It was suggested that QLD and Victoria establish a framework and set of checklists to be distributed to national delegates for review by the end of October, 2002.

These frameworks and checklists are to be forwarded to B. Anderson by the end of October for distribution to national delegates.

“National Camp Frequency”. In light of the decision on a National Organising Committee, K. Harkness did not need to visit the item of national camp frequency.

REPORTS

Diocesan, State & National Reports were circulated.

NATIONAL SECRETARY'S REPORT:

Bruce spoke to his report.

Comments that the distribution of resources sent to K. Pidgeon have not filtered down to leaders etc.

This needs to be clarrified with Ken.

There needs to be follow up with Ken regarding the national resource register.

Register of awards is being maintained by K. Harkness.

The National directory is being updated by G. Allen

K. Pidgeon needs to ensure that his email distribution list needs to be updated to ensure correct distribution.

REPORT OF THE CEBS NATIONAL LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

G. Nicholls spoke to his report. Graeme feels that some of the smaller diocese may need individually planned leadership development programmes.

STATE/DIOCESAN REPORTS**Melbourne.**

G. Allen and B. Anderson spoke to the report.

The national committee passed on our prayerful consideration to Garry for his new directions in the future.

Gippsland.

G. Nicholls spoke to his report.

Sydney.

Verbal report by K. Harkness.

Appointment of fulltime field worker. Paid for by Cebs – employed by for Youth Works.

Ken reports the sudden death of the diocesan secretary, Stuart Parkes.

A major event was the publication of “Who is doing Anglican Ministry”. If delegates want copies, please contact K. Harkness for a copy.

Representation at the Mens conference resulted in some interest.

Rowena Hall finished her employment with Cebs Sydney.

Currently 29 branches. Approx 540 members.

GFS REPORT

A report from GFS was tabled.

Janice Doyle spoke to the report.

Session 5 Sat 20/4/2002 8:15pm to 9:00pm**Brisbane.**

Iain Furby Spoke to his report.

Western Australia:

Chris Oliver spoke to his report.

Motion: That the national council thank Lindsay Kevin for his outstanding and long service to Cebs.

Moved: C. Oliver. 2nd: T. Morris.

Carried.

B. Anderson to write the letter to L. Kevin.

South Australia.

Chris Martin spoke to the reports from the chairperson and state chairman.

Motion: The council offers it's congratulations on their 75th anniversary.

Moved: G. Nicholls. 2nd Iain Furby.

Carried.

Newcastle:

No report tabled.

Rockhampton:

No report tabled.

Tasmania:

No report tabled.

National, state and diocesan reports received under the motion of P. Victor, seconded Iain Furby. Carried.

NATIONAL SECRETARIAT.

K. Harkness spoke briefly to his idea of a national secretariat. He spoke about the funding that would be required to establish this position. The chairman suggested that the small group looking at the future of Cebs can explore this idea and present their thoughts to the meeting tomorrow.

NATIONAL STOCK - SLOPPY JOES

The national trading officer asked whether there was any interest in sloppy joes. If so he will arrange purchases of the required stock.

FORMER CEBS CLUB

P. Victor talks about the "Friends of Cebs" idea that has been tried in Brisbane. Due to those organising it being busy, the idea has dropped off, but still has merit.

G. Nicholls told of conversations with AMS in Melbourne that Cebs may be able to work together to try to make contact with men that have been involved with either Cebs or aAMS in the past. These contacts may provide opportunities in relation to ministry to boys in Melbourne.

P. Victor to forward some of the materials he has used to G. Nicholls for distribution through the AUS Cebs Leader publication.

Session 6 Sun 21/4/2002 9:00pm to xxxam

CEBS REPRESENTATIVE AT THE GFS WORLD COUNCIL - 23Sept - 2nd October 2002

Motion: That Revd Iain Furby be the official Cebs representative at the conference.

Moved: P. Victor 2nd:G. Allen Carried.

Iain Fuby will prepare a verbal report to present if required at the GFS National Council meeting.

C NET REPRESENTATIVE.

It was suggested that we appoint an official representative to the next C Net conference.

Garry Allen has offered to become our representative on the basis that he is available when the conference is on.

Motion: That the executive invites the Revd Trevor Smith, or other consultant to complete a paper on boys ministry by 31st October 2002, and that Cebs state and diocesan councils be approached to fund the paper.

Moved: G. Nicholls 2nd: G. Allen. Carried.

There was some discussion on what guidelines we need to provide to assist in the scope of the report, such as the intended audience of the report, the age of our ministry is aimed at, theological vs organisational aspects.

The report should not be a "how to" manual, but be more of a "why" report.

It was commented that as 2003 is the secular year of the child, the timing of this report is important to allow us to get the most leverage from this year.

A sub committee was formed to organise the logistics of preparing and commissioning the paper.

COMMISSIONING OF A PAPER ON BOYS' MINISTRY

Motion: That a small committee consisting of G. Nicholls (convenor), K. Harkness and B. Anderson be formed to commission a consultant, organise funding, and prepare a draft brief for distribution to executive members for comment, and to publish the paper.

Moved: T. Morris. 2nd:Iain Furby. Carried.

It was felt that a budget of up to \$5000 be used to commission and publish the report.

Motion: That the executive on the basis of the report commissioned on boys' ministry make representations to the council of bishops, general synod, and diocesan synods.

Moved: G. Nicholls. 2nd: Iain Furby. Carried.

NATIONAL ANGLICAN CONFERENCE FOCUS ON CHILDRENS' MINISTRY

Motion: That the executive approach GFS and Kidsplus to develop a common strategy to ensure a future national Anglican Conference focus on children's and youth ministries.

Moved: C. Oliver. 2nd C. Martin. Carried.

ACTIVE REPRESENTATION ON C NET.

Motion: That the national executive appoints a representative to C Net with the aim of having an active presence on this network.

Moved: K Harkness. 2nd: P. Victor. Carried.

NATIONAL SECRETARIAT

Motion: That the Ceba national executive discuss with GFS Australian executive strategies to establish national secretariats, and the we look for sources of funding to ensure the continuation of these positions.

Moved: G. Nicholls. 2nd: G. Allen.

Amendment (K. Harkness): That the Ceba national executive discuss with GFS Australian executive strategies to establish a national secretariat for children's ministry, and the we look for sources of funding to ensure the continuation of this position.

The amendment became the motion based on acceptance of the original mover and seconder.

Carried.

G. Allen to forward his paper on the stumbling blocks we are facing to B. Anderson for distribution to national executive members. This document should be marked confidential, and not to be circulated further.

BROCHURE UPDATE.

K. Harkness to distribute the brochure to the different diocesan representatives, including pricing for different sized printing runs.

DISSEMINATION OF INFORMATION FROM THE NATIONAL COUNCIL MEETING.

Information relating to the council weekend should be filtered through to state and diocesan Ceba leaders by each state and diocesan representative.

VENUE AND TIME FOR NEXT NATIONAL COUNCIL MEETING IN 2003

Motion: That the 2003 National Council meeting be held in Sydney on Friday 28th - 30th March, 2003.

MOVED: K. Harkness. Seconded: A. Thomas Carried

Appreciation

Motion: Thanks expressed to B. Anderson for his work as secretary.

Moved: A. Thomas. 2nd: P. Victor.

Thanks expressed to Darrel and Lindsey Dalby for their catering and looking after the delegated over the weekend.

Thanks expressed to our chairman (Revd C. Whittall) for his chairing and facilitation of our the meeting.

Thanks expressed to C. Martin for all of his organising of the venue and the wine tasting experience.

Meeting Closed 11:00 am