



MINUTES OF THE CEBS NATIONAL COUNCIL MEETING

Held at Middle Beach Education Centre and St Luke's Modbury, Adelaide on the weekend of April 22nd -24th 2005.

Attendance list

National Officers	Ven Conrad Patterson Chris Oliver	Adelaide	Ken Pidgeon Ynyr Foster Chris Martin
Melbourne	Denis Wright Bruce Anderson	Newcastle	No attendance
Brisbane	Peter Victor Callun Winter	Gippsland	Graeme Nicholls Kevin Clothier
Rockhampton	No Attendance	Visitors	Scott Amphlett
Sydney	Ken Harkness		
Western Australia	Stephen Day Don Rock		

Session 1 Fri 22/4/2004 9:05pm to 10:40pm

Ken. Pidgeon opened the meeting with prayer, the CEBS prayer and the CEBS Rule of Life.

Greetings read by Ken from Archdeacon Bob George (Acting Adelaide Diocesan Administrator) and Bishop Gary Weatherill. [Acting South Australian Metropolitan]
Ken welcomed all delegates, observers and visitors.

APOLOGIES:

Apologies were received from:

Past National Chair - Very Revd Chris Whittall.

Treasurer - Rev Warren Rumble.

National trading officer - Alan Thomas.

Chair-elect Ven. Conrad Patterson (until Sunday)

Rev Barry Costello (Diocese of Sydney), and
Alan Victor (Diocese of Brisbane).

MOTION: That the apologies be received.

MOVED: C. Oliver. Seconded: G. Nicholls. Carried

MEETING CHAIRMAN

MOTION: That Ken Pidgeon act as chairman.

Moved: B. Anderson Seconded: C. Martin. Carried.

ITEMS TO BE ADDED TO THE AGENDA:

Who does what in relation to the 4 secretarial duties?

Associate parish scheme.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

There was no report.

ACCEPTANCE OF 2004 MINUTES

The Minutes of the 2004 National Meeting have been circulated and were moved to be a true and accurate record of the meeting, following the acceptance of the following minor amendments.

Amendments to the 2004 meeting minutes:

- Peter Chenowith should be Peter Chenoweth
- Revd. Niel Malloy (ex National Chairman) should be Neil Molloy
- Page 2: "is Zambia" should be "in Zambia"
- Page 4: "like membership" should be "life membership".
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Moved: B. Anderson. Seconded: P. Victor. Carried

CORRESPONDENCE

In: None received by the secretary.

Out: Notice of 2005 meeting.

MOTION: That correspondence be accepted.

Moved: C. Winter. Seconded: D. Wright. Carried

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE 2004 MINUTES.

CEBS in Zambia?

No action required.

CNET representative

Chris Oliver was not able to attend CNET in 2004.

2005 C. Net and Y. Net conference brochure tabled.

The meeting felt that we should be represented at this conference.

G. Nicholls felt that Garry Allen should attend this conference in Melbourne due to his previous involvement and attendance.

Motion: That CEBS National fund the attendance of C. Oliver at the CNET conference in 2005 to the value of \$600.00

Moved: B. Anderson. Seconded: G. Nicholls Carried.

Motion: That Chris Oliver [Secretary] from WA represents CEBS National at the 2005 CNET conference.

Moved: P. Victor. Seconded: C. Martin. Carried.

Motion: That Garry Allen from Melbourne be asked to attend the 2005 CNET conference and that CEBS National pay the \$150 fee.

Moved: P. Victor. Seconded: G. Nicholls. Carried.

ACTION: The secretary to contact Garry Allen to ask whether he is available to attend.

Public Liability cover for the National body

Diocesan groups followed their local protocols in relation to those attending the National Camp earlier in 2005.

Some discussion on whether the national body has public liability cover. A comment was made that as a body incorporated in NSW, that we are required to have this cover. No one attending had this information.

It was resolved that Alan Thomas is the public officer.

ACTION: K. Harkness to:

- Inform Alan Thomas that he is to continue as the National trading officer.
- Enquire with Alan Thomas as to the current status of cover for the National body
- Ensure that we meet the requirements of an organization incorporated in NSW.
- Check the status of the lodgment of annual statements.

Northern Territory:

G. Allen tried to get back in touch with Greg Anderson with no further progress.

G. Nicholls informed the meeting that GFS have made representation through the NT.

CEBS National Web Site – www.cebs-australia.com.au

The chairman asked P. Victor to send thanks to A. Victor for putting the site together.

There was a comment that some of the links on other web sites, such as The Anglican Church of Australia's Web Site were out of date. The redirection to the old web site that was set up is failing, resulting in a broken link.

There was some discussion regarding the use of photographs on the web site. There is not really any formal procedure for obtaining permission; however the application form for the National Camp covered this for photos taken on the National Camp.

It was suggested that permission to use any photographs used on any web site should be sought by the source of the photograph.

It was felt that it was important that we have the statistics on the number of hits to the site.

ACTION: P. Victor will ask A. Victor to monitor these statistics and report.

The web master is open to any suggestions for the site. There are links to other useful sites. It was suggested that the sharing of information and resources could be effectively be done in a distributed way, that is if WA have useful resources, then the National page should provide a link to this site, rather than the information being sent to the web master to upload.

It was felt that a policy should be developed in relation to links out of the CEBS National site.

ACTIONS: P. Victor, G. Nicholls, C. Oliver, and Callun Winter to investigate policy points in relation to links from the National site.

P. Victor to check that the National minutes have been removed from the National web site.

Former CEBS Club/Friends of CEBS

G. Nicholls reported that the Gippsland Friends of Ceps and GFS group is very active and meets about five times a year. It has brought back some that have "moved away" from the circle of CEBS and GFS. This is coordinated from the Diocesan councils of CEBS and GFS. Graeme also told the meeting of the 18 – 25 year old group that also meets regularly. It is hoped that these people will generate some "positive press" in their parishes.

No other states have managed to achieve any groups such as those in Gippsland.

W.A have discussed similar ideas, and have looked at using Ex CEBS to help with groups, however it became too difficult in relation to child protection and police checks.

Sydney has a strong Men's ministry and is exploring how they may use this men's ministry within CEBS.

S.A. has explored the idea. September 2005 is the 20th anniversary of the building at the Barossa Goldfields camp site, and feels that this may be a good focus to draw ex members and friends back into the fold. There was a fair amount of good will at the 75th Anniversary.

National Records

K. Pidgeon has been in touch with the Adelaide Diocesan Archivist (Robin Radford) in relation to storage and archiving of CEBS records. SA has had their records gone over with a fine toothed comb in relation to recent pedophile actions. There was some discussion.

B. Anderson commented that we do not have an appropriate location to store the National records.

S. Day mentioned that WA stores their records at the state library. This gives a certain amount of security for the records.

K. Pidgeon feels that we may be able to ask Robin Radford to have a look at the records that we have, and give him some advice.

P. Victor reported that Canon Barry Greaves suggested that we have our records put onto microfilm.

MOTION: That

1. CEBS National records are sent to Robin Radford for her assessment as to what should be kept.
2. That what is recommended by Robin Radford to be kept is sent to K. Harkness for scanning, with separate copies of the scanned records kept by the secretary as well at an independent site.
3. That the original records be sent to Warren Rumble for storage
4. That we seek professional advice regarding the long term storage of the records.

ACTION: Ken Pidgeon to coordinate the above points.

Moved: C. Oliver. Seconded: S. Day Carried.

Session 1 concluded at 10:40pm 22/4/2005.

Session 2 Fri 23/4/2004 9:00am to 11:10am

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE 2004 MINUTES (Cont.)

National Field Worker

K. Harkness reported that Sydney proposed to Youth Works [Youth Works is the Sydney Diocese official agency for Youth and Children's ministry] that if Youth Works employed a full time youth worker for the Sydney Diocese then Sydney CEBS would provide half funding for this position for three years. Rev Barry Costello was employed in this position. Barry has a particular calling to ministry to males. CEBS put conditions that the position had to have a focus on boys' ministry and attend the monthly CEBS meeting.

The Diocese of Sydney is providing a high degree of support to this position and boys' ministry.

Youth Works have agreed to coordinate the 2008 National Camp with Barry Costello being actively involved.

C. Oliver asked whether Sydney would be open to Barry Costello becoming involved in a more National role. K. Harkness felt that the 2008 National Camp may be a catalyst to facilitate Barry traveling around Australia to promote the camp and recruit help.

Paper on Boys' Ministry.

C. Oliver mentioned some research done by Ian Lillico on boys' ministry.

ACTION: C. Oliver to follow up details of the papers produced, and to distribute material as appropriate.

Child protection and other associated issues.

It was asked whether there were any further formal requests for the revocation of National Awards. G. Nicholls asked how we handle a Diocese that is no longer active on the National council.

K. Harkness to circulate a list of all Award holders. Council members are to review the list for any people known to members that may be not worthy to hold a National award.

ACTION: K. Harkness

MOTION: That any National awards to the Rev Lou Daniels be formally revoked due to his conviction and imprisonment for pedophile activities.

Moved: K. Harkness. Seconded: Y. Foster Carried unanimously.

There was some discussion as to whether we should communicate the revocation of National Awards to the person in question.

MOTION: That we amend the National records noting the revocation of any National awards to Rev Lou Daniels, and record the revocation in the minutes of the meeting and that no further action is taken.

A time of prayer was held over this issue with the purpose of seeking God's guidance.

Moved: K. Harkness. Seconded: D. Rock. For - 6, Against - 5. Carried.

K, Harkness informed the meeting that another former National officer (John Percy Simons) was to be taken to court to face pedophile charges, however he took ill and died before he could appear before the court.

Declaration of 2005 Election Results.

The Returning Officer K.Pidgeon:

The Ven. Conrad Patterson was duly elected as the National Chair.

K. Harkness also stood

C. Oliver was unopposed for the position as National Secretary.

No nominations were received by the due date for the position of National Treasurer, therefore it was up to this meeting to fill the vacancy

Motion: That the Rev. Warren Rumble continues in the position of National Treasurer.

Moved: P. Victor. Seconded: C. Martin. Carried.

Motion: That Chris Amos be the National Auditor.

Moved: G. Nicholls. Seconded: D. Wright Carried.

National Stock

A. Thomas has provided a list of stock and the date each item was last traded to the National Treasurer. No further advice has been received.

It was resolved that the treasurer circulate to delegates the list of current trading stock, including the date each item was last traded and to receive feedback from delegates by June 30th 2005 with the aim of removing "dead" stock from the accounts during the current financial year.

ACTION: That the stock list is circulated by the treasurer to all delegates and that dead stock is written off the accounts.

MOTION: The National Treasurer to recommend items to be written of.

Moved: C. Oliver. Seconded. P. Victor. Carried.

Sharing Resources on Web Site.

Leader Development resources are to be available via the national web site.

National Duties:

The following National duties were allocated.

Planning the Annual Council Meeting - C. Oliver

Distribution of minutes to delegates.

Notification of next meeting and follow up of tasks.

Liaise with host State regarding logistics of setting up a National meeting.

Travel co-ordination

General Secretarial Duties - C. Oliver

Communications and National Directory

Resource Coordinator - Alan Victor

Receive and distribute resources between States, Dioceses, web master.

National Awards Register - Ken Harkness

Representation at the GFS Conference.

K. Harkness attended the 2004 GFS conference in Melbourne.

Ken discussed the letter he sent to GFS regarding the CEBS and GFS and our ability to work together more formally at a National level.

K. Harkness received letters from the Sydney and national GFS representatives which indicated that GFS do not see that there is a need for CEBS and GFS to work together in the way the letter he had authored indicated.

K. Pidgeon commented that CEBS and GFS seem to be working well together appropriately at a Diocesan level in ways that are appropriate to each Diocese.

The GFS National Council will be in Brisbane in 2005. **GFS have asked CEBS to run a games night during this meeting.**[P. Victor]

MOTION: That G. Nicholls be the National CEBS representative at the 2005 GFS National Council in Brisbane.

Moved: D. Wright. Seconded: K. Clothier. Carried.

GENERAL BUSINESS**REPORTS**

Diocesan, State & National Reports were circulated prior to the commencement of the meeting.

NATIONAL SECRETARY'S REPORT:

B. Anderson tabled and spoke to his report.

Thanks were expressed to Bruce for the work he has performed during the last 4 years in the position of National Secretary.

C. Oliver suggested that we may consider a formal minute secretary for future meetings, particularly in relation to electronic recording and/or typing of minutes as the meeting progressed.

Bruce volunteered to assist.

REPORT OF THE CEBS NATIONAL LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

G. Nicholls tabled and spoke to his report.

STATE/DIOCESAN REPORTS

C. Oliver offered to publish a guideline sheet for the standards expected in each State and Diocesan report.

ACTION: C. Oliver to publish a State / Diocesan report guideline.

Brisbane.

P. Victor tabled and spoke to A. Victor's report.

There was some discussion regarding the "blue card" used in Brisbane and whether it is appropriate that the incoming CEBS National Chairman be involved in lobbying different state "peak bodies" and to determine what appropriate course of action should be taken.

ACTION: C. Patterson, with the assistance of Ynyr Foster.

C. Oliver asked that any existing resources that are given out to new members be sent to him for consolidation.

Session 2 concluded at 11:10am 23/4/2005.

Session 3 Fri 23/4/2004 11:35am to 1:10 pm

STATE/DIOCESAN REPORTS (cont.)

Gippsland:

G. Nicholls tabled and spoke to his report, along with CEBS/GFS Gippsland News.

Melbourne:

B. Anderson tabled and spoke to his report.

Newcastle:

No Report received. No representative present.

Rockhampton:

No Report received. No representative present.

South Australia:

C. Martin spoke to the reports from the S.A. Chairman and Chief Commissioner.

Sydney:

K. Harkness gave a verbal report.

Sydney has 17 registered branches with 394 registered leaders and boys, and 5 branches not yet registered.

The number of camps and the annual dinner was maintained in 2004. The main camp run for the year was the September Adventure Camp which attracted over 100 boys and leaders.

The appointment of Rev Barry Costello by Youth Works has provided a positive direction for ministry to boys.

In 2004 a major regional program attracted 200 attendees. It ran on an Olympic theme. CEBS subsidized the hiring of an inflatable obstacle course.

Youth Works wants to double the demand on the Youth Ministry Training College at Camp Wannawong and are seeking a longer security on the property.

The direction that CEBS Sydney is moving is to potentially allow Youth Works run the ministry to boys in the future and that CEBS Sydney will slowly "let go" of the reigns.

Tasmania:

No Report received. No representative present.

Western Australia:

C. Oliver tabled and spoke to his report. W.A. has an active and on going leader development program and supports and facilitates personal development.

It was noted by K. Pidgeon that succession planning seems to be a common issue in all diocese.

GFS Report:

No report tabled as no representative present. G. Nichols reported the following: The current National Chair, Lesley Briggs, finishes her term in January, 2006. Debbie Wadeson will be taking over as the new Chair. The GFS World conference will be held in Philadelphia in July. Approx. 42 Australian representatives will be attending! GFS have recently visited PNG to see the completion of the overseas mission project.

MOTION: That National, State, Diocesan and GFS reports be received.

Moved: C. Winter. Seconded: Y. Foster.

Carried.

13th NATIONAL CAMP - GIPPSLAND 2005.

G. Nicholls tabled and spoke to his report.

A question was asked by D. Rock about what happens to surplus funds after the camp accounts are closed. National has a policy to handle this.

C. Martin asked about the possibility of having Camp badges.

ACTION: Graeme will organize this as it appears there will be surplus funds.

As a result of the camp experience, some older boys have offered themselves for cadet leader training, as well as leaders who were previously thinking of retiring, recommitting themselves due to the enthusiasm of the boys.

Thanks were expressed to G. Nicholls and the organizing team for a successful and rewarding camp.

Parish leader appointments.

D. Rock asked the question regarding the right of the Parish Priest to prevent a leader that is not a regular church attendee from being a leader in the branch. It was reaffirmed that by our Constitution, the Parish Priest has the final say over who can or cannot be a leader in the Branch.

Session 3 concluded at 1:10pm 23/4/2005.

Session 4 Sat 23/4/2005 8:30pm to 11:00pm

Report on the 14th National Camp – Sydney 2008

K. Harkness quoted statistics on the last few National Camps, and the decline in the number of branches in each diocese. The currently boys' ministry advisor employed in Sydney (Revd Barry Costello) shares a similar philosophy to that of CEBS.

Youth Works wants to reignite boys' ministry. CEBS Sydney have stated that they will not run a National Camp under the banner of CEBS, but would run as an **Anglican Boys' Ministry** Camp and would invite CEBS groups along, as well as other groups from around Australia. K. Harkness feels that it would be healthy to follow the model proposed.

K. Pidgeon reinforced that the invitation was given by the national council to CEBS Sydney to run the 14th National Camp. He asked whether there would be exclusion of any leader or child based on leadership or gender. K. Harkness gave his reassurance.

D. Wright asked the question as to whether the current Sydney CEBS branches would remain as being called CEBS branches. K. Harkness said that they would.

C. Oliver asked about the promotion of the camp to groups belonging to all levels of churchmanship throughout Australia. Ken H. reinforced that Sydney is a strongly evangelical diocese with connections with other evangelical parishes throughout Australia. These parishes will be the "first ports of call" in marketing the camp.

K. Pidgeon asked for clarification that the invitation from the National Council was for CEBS Sydney to conduct the 14th National CEBS Camp, but CEBS Sydney have responded that they are prepared to run an **Anglican Boys' Ministry Camp** to which CEBS groups will be invited.

K. Harkness responded that he believes that what Sydney is offering is what the CEBS National Camp is "evolving into". He feels that the 2008 Camp can be used as an opportunity to "re launch" boys ministry throughout Australia

Are we, as a body, prepared to run with the model proposed by Sydney?

At the National Council meeting in 2004, CEBS Sydney offered to run the 14th National Camp, and that the National Council accepted the offer.

C. Oliver agrees in principle to the widening of ministry to boys, but believes that the Sydney Diocese is blinkered in their focus of the level of churchmanship and will be focused on evangelical parishes to the possible exclusion of boys from parishes of other levels of churchmanship.

S. Day expressed concern at the progression of boys ministry, in particular where CEBS fits in. K. Pidgeon asked what would happen if the "flavour" of churchmanship offered by the new proposed model does not appeal to the majority of CEBS branches/parishes. K. Harkness said that if that occurred then he would take the proposal to the Sydney organizing body to run it as a "CEBS Camp" for their opinion. They may wish not to continue with the running of the next Camp.

G. Nicholls commented that National hands the running of the National Camp to a Diocese or State and then it is up to that Diocese or State to run the Camp. He asked how the running of the next Camp would fit in with the overall philosophy of CEBS.

Y. Foster asked about the promotion of a "boy's ministry camp" and the impact that girls may not find it appealing. She also expressed that all kids in CEBS groups look forward to the Camps and she feels that we may be in a slump now, and the continuation of these great events will help to bring numbers up.

K. Harkness reinforced that CEBS Sydney was interested in the promotion of "boy's ministry" and acknowledges that there are mixed boy/girl groups running under the CEBS banner that need to be catered for. Ken expressed that if the National Council does not have a vision for boys' ministry, then CEBS Sydney has no place at the National Council.

K. Harkness expressed that our prime interest is in boys ministry, but we have adapted to a mixed model where this was required to facilitate local needs.

P. Victor expressed his impression that the 14th National Camp would be run under the banner of "CEBS".

K. Harkness mentioned that Tony Willis of Youth Works has stated that they do not want to promote the camp under CEBS and want to run a "successful camp" based primarily on attendance.

D. Rock asked whether we are at a cross road and should we allow the old model to die/evolve into something different.

D. Wright said that he was having trouble understanding the desire to run the next National Camp NOT as a CEBS camp.

K. Harkness said that if it was decided that Sydney not run the next Camp, then they would probably continue to organize a camp in 2008. Ken mentioned that we would be excited about the camp if we attended. He feels that the National boys' ministry that moves out of the camp will grow with national enthusiasm.

The question was then raised:

Can we ethically promote a camp as a CEBS camp if it is not truly a CEBS camp?

C. Martin commented that each National Camp has been different and we look forward to these differences continuing. He feels that a National Camp is not the place to "hijack" the movement. He feels that if it is a CEBS National Camp, then it has to be a CEBS National Camp.

C. Oliver reinforced that we are reaching out to branches that are not CEBS branches. He feels that the branding of the next National Camp must include the CEBS name such as "Incorporating the CEBS 14th National Camp", and that Cebes branches be given the first chance to fill positions.

G. Nicholls identified two threads:

- 1) Is a new ministry to boys emerging? There are other ministries emerging, Kids Plus +, Boys Plus + allowing loose affiliations with each other as a network of boys ministry. Are CEBS looking at adopting a new, evolving ministry?
- 2) How is the boys' ministry going to continue in the parishes once the Camp is over? How will the Camp organizing team resource parishes for ongoing boys' ministry?

Graeme asked about the CEBS branches in Sydney that want to stay as CEBS branches, and how they fit into the vision K.Harkness is promoting?

K. Pidgeon wondered whether the meeting may be happy to allow the Camp to continue if the promotion includes "Incorporating the CEBS 14th National Camp" or such.

G. Nicholls asked whether the leaders from CEBS around Australia will be integrally involved in the Camp, both with the activity and devotional program. K. Pidgeon asked K. Harkness to express to the organizing team that leaders from CEBS be involved in all aspects of the Camp.

S. Day felt that we need to go to the Camp proposed by Sydney and enjoy the experience and continue on in the models of boys' ministry that we are comfortable with.

K. Harkness expressed that CEBS in Sydney are comfortable with their identity as CEBS. Youth Works have said that if we want them involved then it cannot be run as a CEBS camp. CEBS Sydney wants Youth Works involved so that they can bring their resources to help run a big, exciting camp. He feels that what Youth Works is proposing gives CEBS the opportunity to be involved in what he believes will be a growing movement of boys' ministry.

The meeting noted the Sydney delegate, reporting that Sydney CEBS still wishes to conduct the 2008 CEBS National Camp but it wishes to promote the camp beyond the CEBS movement and to promote it other than as the CEBS National Camp, hopefully with a view to the camp leading to a substantial expansion of Boys' Ministry within the Anglican Church in Australia.

MOTION: That Sydney CEBS be permitted to proceed with the 14th CEBS National Camp on this basis with the following provisions (which the Sydney delegate indicated that he expected would be acceptable).

1. The camp brochure clearly identify that the camp is incorporating the 14th CEBS National Camp.
2. That all CEBS leaders will have the opportunity to participate as leaders in the programme of the camp including the devotional programme.
3. That appropriate steps be taken to ensure that members of CEBS branches (including female members) are given the opportunity to register for the camp.
4. That the camp organizing committee remains a committee of Sydney CEBS.

ACTION: The meeting noted that Sydney CEBS [through K.Harkness] will remain in open communication with The National CEBS Council regarding the progress of the planning for the Camp.

Moved: K. Harkness. Seconded: C. Oliver. For -14, Against 1 - C. Martin
Carried

MOTION: That we move on the next item of business.
Moved: S. Day. Seconded: Y. Foster. Carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer's report was tabled.

MOTION: That the accounts be received.
Moved: C. Winter. Seconded: Y. Foster. Carried.
 K. Harkness expressed our thanks to W. Rumble.

G. Nicholls was concerned that he received \$1000.00 towards the 13th National Camp but can only identify \$996.60 shown in the accounts.

A question was also raised about the loans from the general account to the trading account.

NATIONAL TRADING ACCOUNTS.

Report tabled. The National trading officer was not present to talk to his report.

MOTION: That the National Trading Accounts be received.
Moved: G. Nicholls. Seconded P. Victor. Carried.

NATIONAL AWARDS.

There were no recommendations for National Awards.

VENUE AND TIME FOR NEXT NATIONAL COUNCIL MEETING IN 2006

Motion: That the 2006 National Council meeting is held in the Perth Diocese on a date to be fixed in 2006 avoiding the Commonwealth Games and long week ends.

MOVED: S. Day. Seconded: C. Martin. Carried

ACTION: C. Oliver.

NEW BUSINESS

NEW INITIATIVES FROM STATES

WESTERN AUSTRALIA tabled a document "A New Initiative" and talked to the paper. The basic thrust of the initiative is to promote an affiliation program to children's ministry groups in the diocese.

It was advised that WA be careful with the names that they are using and be careful not to tread on the toes of other groups by using similar names as them.

The meeting resolved the new initiative of CEBS WA as outlined in the tabled paper, and gives CEBS WA our blessing, and asks for regular feedback on the progress of the scheme.

K. Harkness commended C. Oliver for his labors over the years in the area of ministry to children.

FAITHFULNESS in SERVICE.

Each diocese reported on how this is being adopted.

Gippsland: The bishop has set up all requirements in the Faithfulness in Service.

W.A: No action.

Brisbane: Has existing processes which incorporate the Faithfulness in Service principles.

Melbourne: “Protecting People, Protecting Property” is being promoted and adopted.

Sydney: No action

Adelaide: No action

IN MEMORIUM:

The meeting acknowledged with sadness the passing of the following ex members:

- Judy Perry (Brisbane – former Leader Development Officer)
- Bernard Barber (Brisbane)
- Ken Pollard (Brisbane – AMS Representative)
- Noel Davies (Brisbane)

C. Oliver suggested that the secretary write with the families of the above mentioned on behalf of the National Council.

ACTION: Secretary.

It was agreed that the Council should formally write to the former Chairman thanking him formally for his 10 years of service to the society.

ACTION: Secretary.

It was agreed that the Council should formally write to the Retiring Secretary for his service for the past 4 years as Secretary.

ACTION: Secretary.

It was agreed that the Council should formally write to Warren Rumble expressing thanks for his continuing role as Treasurer.

ACTION: Secretary.

Formal thanks were expressed to Ynyr Foster, Scott Amphlett, Nicole Pace, Margaret Amphlett, Sarah Dyson for site and food preparation, and to Chris Martin for the wine tasting.

Thanks were expressed to Ken Pidgeon for stepping in as Chairman for the meeting.

Guidelines for Web Site content: Report from sub group.

- Must be Registered branch with affiliation.
- Photos need parental permission.
- Meeting nights not to be advertised.
- Must have a link to the National Web Site.
- No Surnames of children to be used.

Session 4 concluded at 11:10pm 23/4/2005.

Session 5 Sun 24/4/2005 11:15am to 12:00pm
St Luke’s Modbury

Ven. Conrad Patterson in the chair.

Ven. Conrad Patterson welcomed delegates and expressed thanks for the acceptance of his nomination and subsequent election to the position of National Chairman. He apologized for not being able to attend the rest of the meeting, and explained that he has been sitting on a Synod Tribunal.

Thanks were expressed to Ken Pidgeon for chairing the rest of the meeting.

Annual Leader's Get Together:

Ynyr Foster advised that the older boys enjoyed the National Camp and would like an event that would allow leaders to get together. Ynyr is aiming to arrange the first such event in January 2006. It is an initiative from the younger leaders. It was agreed that we should encourage their enthusiasm and use this type of event to nurture them as future National leaders.

Stephen Victor has suggested the Pointro camp in QLD as a suitable location. It was expressed that a more 'central' location may be financially fairer to attendees.

MOTION: That a leader's convention be held annually for leaders and cadets 16 years and above.

Moved: Ynyr Foster.

Seconded: Ken Pidgeon.

Carried.

G. Nicholls was asked to consider some leadership training for the convention.

Victoria was happy with the concept and mentioned the possibility of some financial support.

NSW was happy with the concept in principle. Ken Harkness mentioned that they would require some significant spiritual content and that steps were taken to ensure a high tone and standard of behavior at the convention.

Conrad mentioned that whoever helps to run the programme is extremely important. He felt it must challenge and 'push' those attending.

Ynyr mentioned that the event would be organized similarly to a National Camp.

The meeting felt that G. Nicholls would be an ideal person to lead the convention.

ACTION: It was suggested by Conrad that Ynyr, Ken Harkness and Graeme Nicholls be involved in putting a proposal together by June 15th for circulation and that Graeme chair the sub committee. Submissions are to be sent to Graeme within a week of this National Council meeting.

What are the Perceptions of CEBS and how to Repair Negative Perceptions.

Conrad explained why his commissioning was not held at the cathedral, due to recent events within the Adelaide diocese. He asked the meeting to consider the issues facing CEBS for each of us in 5 words or less.

Denis Wright (Melbourne): An opportunity to support boys' ministry.

Callun Winter (Brisbane): People don't understand.

Graeme Nicholls (Gippsland): How can we enable “good things” to go on.

Kevin Clothier: (Gippsland): Boys ministry – support.

Peter Victor (Brisbane): Overloaded.

Ynyr Foster (Adelaide): Continue to minister effectively.

Ken Harkness (Sydney): The church to take ownership of boys’ ministry.

Stephen Day (Perth): Making Christ REAL in boys’ lives.

Don Rock (Perth): The image and perception Priests have of CEBS.

Chris Martin (Adelaide): To be proud of what we are doing.

Chris Oliver (Perth): The barrier ‘incorporation’ creates.

Bruce Anderson (Melbourne): Work, family, church, CEBS – fitting it all in.

Conrad Patterson (Adelaide): Priests seem to put a priority on youth over children.

Some discussion followed.

Ken Harkness: We hold on because clergy don’t and we don’t have resources. We are not able to speak with a common voice with GFS.

Conrad Patterson: Where is clergy focus? CEBS can help.

Bruce Anderson: Volunteers seem to be have become ‘devalued’ over the last decade. There is a trend toward ‘paid teams’ in parishes.

Chris Oliver: C. Net/Y.Net had only 8 Dioceses represented, and only 1 representing children’s ministry.

Ken Harkness: There is a big market for boys groups that people want to send their boys to.

Conrad Patterson: We need good quality leaders. We need Parish Council members to be advocated for children’s ministry. Conrad asked how the position of Children’s Ministry Advisor was created in Sydney. Ken Harkness responded that it was a push from CEBS Sydney and sympathetic members of Youth Works.

Conrad said that as an executive we need to exercise advocacy on a wider scale. We need to “target” people in each of our own Dioceses.

Ken Harkness suggested that the changing of the guard in GFS in January may be an opportunity for Conrad to begin dialogue with GFS.

Peter Victor: The CEBS National web site promotional banner needs “new vision”

Don Rock: We should be heading in the same direction Nationally, and have a common goal.

Conrad Patterson: Doesn't like mission/vision statements and feels that they are like band aids.

Chris Oliver: We must break down the negative perceptions. We need to reach out to parishes and priests that do not have any current association with CEBS.

Conrad Patterson: offered a question: "What am I going to do or be when I grow up to be a man"?

Session 5 concluded at 12:00 pm 24/4/2005.

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