



MINUTES OF THE CEBS NATIONAL COUNCIL MEETING

Held at Camp Bindaree, Melbourne on the weekend of
April 30th - May 2nd 2010.

Attendance list

National Officers	Rev. Warren Rumble (Acting Chairman/ Treasurer) Chris Oliver (Secretary) Graeme Nicholls (Leader development Officer)	Gippsland	Gary Prosser Matthew Prosser
Melbourne	Bruce Anderson		
Western Australia	Kerry Lovejoy	Visitors	Dennis and Jenny Wright Ken Pidgeon

Session 1 Fri 30/4/2010 8:00pm to 10:44 pm

C. Oliver outlined the proposed time table with some changes, for the meeting.

Motion: That Rev Warren Rumble sit as acting chair for the meeting.

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

Acting Chairman, Rev Warren Rumble welcomed delegates and (after brief introductions) opened the meeting with prayer.

The Cebs Prayer and Rule of Life were said by all.

The Acting Chairman talked of the Bendigo diocese speaker Graham Buxton, and his book **"Dancing in the Dark - The privilege of participating in the ministry of Christ"**

B. Anderson welcomed the delegates on behalf of the Melbourne Cebs Diocese.

Chairman invited delegates to submit other items of business.

- Feedback on 2013 centenary celebrations.

APOLOGIES

The Rt. Rev. Bill Ray (National Chairman). Alan Victor. Peter Victor. Kate Brewer [GFS]. Graham Stanton (Principle Youth Works college-Chair Boys' ministry committee-Youth Works)

Motion: That the apologies be accepted.

Moved G. Prosser

Seconded K. Lovejoy

Carried

B. Anderson to be the minute secretary for the meeting

NATIONAL CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

W. Rumble read the national chairman's report on behalf of the absent chairman.

The meeting expressed appreciation of our chairman's support, prayers and work on behalf of Ceps throughout the last year.

ACCEPTANCE OF 2009 MINUTES

It was moved that the Minutes be received as circulated. Carried

Motion: It was moved that the circulated Minutes from the 2009 meeting be taken as a true and accurate record of that meeting.

Moved: C. Oliver

Seconded: K. Lovejoy

Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

OUT: Emails to chair of Youth Works Sydney re Ceps groups operating in Sydney and invitation to National Council and requesting contact details for 16 operating Ceps group.

Letter of condolence written to families of Geoff Browne and Dick Pidgeon. (Return to Sender received for letter to family of Dick Pidgeon).

IN: Reply from chair of Youth Works (Sydney) explaining structure of boys' ministry in Sydney.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE 2009 MINUTES

Ceps shop price list and order forms are now on the web site

A national register of leaders is being compiled by the secretary.

He is still waiting for Melbourne and Sydney leader details.

There was comment about not including leader names on the directory due to privacy laws. It was decided to produce the National Leader list as a separate document.

The National Secretary to complete the National Registry of Leaders.

The **National Directory** was reviewed and corrected.

Cebs National Newsletter: W. Rumble passed on that Garry Allen had not received any material to include. There seems to be some confusion regarding the process. It was agreed that this newsletter is still worth pursuing. It was suggested that we aim for two issues each year.

Delegates should be encouraged to get some material to Garry Allen by the end of May.

B. Anderson will include Garry Allen when forwarding the GFS newsletter to Cebs Melbourne members so that he can see ideas on how GFS are doing newsletters.

National awards list. We have details up to 1983. There was comment that we also should follow up National Cross awardees.

C. Oliver is still following this up with K. Harkness.

McKay is not a Cebs club, but a kids club.

15th National Camp – The Chairman has been in contact with Tasmania and it was suggested that the time is not right.

No action on **Boys Ministry Conference**.

National website is updated.

Sydney Cebs structure has been followed up

National Accounts have been rationalized to one account – “**Cebs Australia Inc. General Account**”

Cebs Australia Funds/investments were left as is.

The registered name “**Cebs Shop**” is no longer registered with NSW office of Fair Trading. It was allowed to lapse as at 30th June 2009 as it was felt it was no longer necessary.

The secretary has searched previous minutes and made amendments to

The CEBS Register of Honours.

The Secretary to make further amendments on receiving the update from Ken Harkness.

There has been some work on developing an **online leader development presence**.

G. Nicholls has been doing work on this item.

Graeme will report to the 2011 meeting.

CNET/YNET REPORT

Report tabled. C. Oliver spoke to the report.

Chris commented that it is a pity more diocese are not represented. He feels that it is a worthwhile gathering.

Some time spent discussing the paper "Study of Reported Sexual Abuse in the Anglican Church" tabled at the CNET/YNET meeting. Chris felt that there is unfair specific references to Cebes in the report, as opposed to more general references to other aspects of the Anglican Church.

There was discussion that we should go forward remembering the vast number of leaders that have done great work for God through Cebes.

The 2010 CNET/YNET meeting is being held in Brisbane in August. There was discussion on whether we feel there is value attending. C. Oliver felt that over recent years that Cebes is beginning to be accepted more as a part of the Anglican ministry to children.

C. Oliver has offered to be a representative of Cebes at the 2010 meeting. C. Oliver commented that he acknowledged that the national funds are low and offered to subsidize 50% of the cost of attending. The meeting felt that we can find ways to fully fund C. Oliver's attendance.

C. Oliver to distribute notes on sessions presented at the conference.

MOTION: That C. Oliver be endorsed as the National Cebes representative at the 2010 CNET/YNET conference in Brisbane.

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

WEBSITE REPORT

C. Oliver spoke to the website usage report received from Alan Victor.

The report shows that we receive around 300 visits a month. There seems to be some interest in the resource section.

C. Oliver encouraged each diocese to keep information flowing to Alan Victor for inclusion on the web site.

NATIONAL SECRETARY'S REPORT

Report tabled. C. Oliver spoke to the report.

Session 1 concluded at 10:00 pm

Session 2 Sat 1/5/2010 9:15am to 12:45 pm

Opened in prayer.

DIOCESAN REPORTS

Perth

Report tabled. Kerry Lovejoy spoke to the report.

Cebs Perth did not provide accurate branch member numbers as they are not keeping track of numbers as in the past.

* There may need to be some discussion on how the reporting of diocesan members to national should go forward.

Perth have produced a Boys' Ministry brochure, and are working well with their affiliation model. Perth are providing an initial three months leader training to affiliated school groups. These groups must commit to providing ongoing leadership.

C. Oliver commented on the ministry name/logo they are promoting "Boys' Ministry Australia (WA)" shows a wider ministry to boys, but emphasized that Cebs is still overseeing the whole ministry process.

Melbourne

Report tabled. B. Anderson spoke to the report.

There was some discussion on registration vs. affiliation. This will be discussed at a later point of the meeting.

Gippsland

Report tabled. G. Nicholls spoke to the report.

Sydney

No report tabled.

GFS

Verbal report by G. Nicholls. GFS mid term conference is coming up in June, 2010.

GFS seem too be going through the same issues that Cebs are. They see the next five years are crucial in defining their future as a society in Australia. GFS are discussing affiliation vs. registration.

Motion: That the reports as tabled be received.

Moved: G. Prosser

Seconded: M. Prosser

Carried

Session 2 concluded at 10:30 am

SPECIAL SESSION Current Trends / Future trends of CEBS

Session 3 Sat 1/5/2010 11:00am to 1:00 pm

Registration vs. Affiliation

D. Wright commented on YMCA and Newsboys foundations that reached points in their history where they nearly “went to the wall”, but reinvented/evolved to continue their work/missions

G, Nicholls talked about the Gippsland model:

What is the difference? Leader development and camps etc are supported in a greater capacity for registered groups vs. affiliated groups. E.g. Leader training, resource trailer offered at a lesser cost (or no cost) to registered groups.

Affiliated groups are invited to the network meetings. Cebs groups/leaders have full voting rights for Cebs specific issues.

D. Wright asked the question as to what constitutes a “registered group” as far as what the “core values” are.

PERTH:

Registered groups:

- Must be named and recognized as a Cebs group in the parish.
- Encouraged to include the Cebs branding/logo.
- Encouraged to be involved in council meetings.
- Full access to grants
- Full access to resources at no cost.

Affiliated Groups:

- Able to take part in policy discussions, no voting rights.
- \$50 affiliation fee after the 1st year.
- Access to all activities and resources at reduced rates.

The WA list of Benefits to Registered and Affiliate branches to be distributed by secretary.

Gippsland:

Registered groups:

- Greater financial support
- Full use of resources
- Full voting rights

Affiliated

- Discounts
- Minimal resource hire fees
- Inclusion in discussions

There was some discussion on where the constitution stands. There was comment that the constitution does not reflect the reality and needs to be reviewed at both a national and diocesan level. It was agreed that a constitution can provide a framework and constancy and can also provide protection from interest groups that may have motives inconsistent with those of the society.

G. Nicholls summarized the national constitution and pointed out that it does not hinder or dictate what a branch MUST do.

*** Each diocese needs to ensure that their local constitutions reflect their registration/affiliation structures**

Some of the shortfalls of a loose network, such as CNEY/YNET seems to have no power or ability to initiate/drive changes.

G. Nicholls reflected that we are in a similar position as they were in 1925 – few scattered branches, constitutional revision, redefining the future model.

What is the status of diocesan affiliated groups in relation to the national council? If all groups in a diocese were affiliated, then no funds would flow through registrations.

There was some discussion regarding the financial status of the national council.

A question was asked as to whether there was a need for the national council?

The meeting agreed that there was, as it provides a common forum to support and nurture those that attend. Face to face interaction is still important. We must keep in mind that our chairman reminded us to “be patient”.

C. Oliver shared that he has a vision to open the national council to diocese that have boys’ ministry in existence in some form. There was a suggestion to meet in different diocese and invite local leaders involved in boys’ ministry to participate.

There was a suggestion that we could get the business of the society out of the way on Friday night and Saturday morning, then focus the Saturday afternoon on a special interest forum that other leaders would be invited to.

GFS seem to have a focus on leader development at their meetings.

What can the national council offer to those trying to get children’s ministry going in their local area?

Bringing boys to know Christ through regular “Blokey Boy Stuff”.

We need to be confident that we are offering ministry to boys.

Male Leadership was identified as a significant issue.

There was some discussion on how to encourage/empower potential new group leaders:

- Seeding groups with initial leading.
- Provision of program resource help.
- Groups must commit to providing ongoing leaders.

Some discussion on some of the groups that are providing programs for groups primarily of different cultural heritage, such as Sudanese. The number of these groups are increasing. Are we able to cater or provide some help to these groups.

FUTURE DIRECTIONS/INITIATIVES

PERTH:

- More open approach to Boys Ministry
- Working alongside diocese
- Empowering leaders for the future

MELBOURNE:

- Who will be leading Cebs in Melbourne in 5 – 10 years from now.
- How do we continue to maintain and run Bindaree – retired volunteers?

GIPPSLAND:

- Leadership is an issue.
- Numbers dictate that boys and girls groups are often required.
- Affiliation model

Session 3 concluded at 1:00 pm

The National Council delegates participated in the Cebs Melbourne social afternoon which was held at Cebs Camp Bindaree. We enjoyed a sumptuous lunch (thanks to Denis and Jenny Wright), spent time chatting, listened to the proposed development plans for Bindaree and watched an old promotional video from the 1970's.

Delegates then had a leisurely drive into Warburton.

Session 4 Sat 1/5/2010 5:30pm to 7:00pm

15th NATIONAL CAMP

G. Nicholls suggested that the national camp to be held in conjunction with the Centenary celebrations should be held in January 2014. This would mean that the next national camp should be held in January 2014.

Some suggestions for locations included:

- Perth
- Touring trip to QLD. (There was some concern regarding the amount of driving time involved).
- Stuart Mill (Bendigo) could include:
 - 2 day trip to Swan Hill – River boat etc.
 - Grampians
- * QLD based camp. Peter and Alan Victor would need to be contacted to see if they thought this was a possibility.

NATIONAL ACCOUNTS

Report tabled. W. Rumble spoke to the report

MOTION: that the accounts as tabled be received and accepted.

Moved: K. Lovejoy. Seconded: G. Nicholls Carried

MOTION: That our invested funds be changed to the CBA

Moved: Matthew Prosser. Seconded: G. Nicholls Carried.

MOTION: That the majority of activities of Ceps Australia Inc. are no longer carried out in the state of NSW. As a result voluntary cancellation be applied for on form 23 to the NSW office of Fair Trading Department of Commerce.

Moved: K. Lovejoy Seconded: C. Oliver Carried

W. Rumble is to apply for incorporation in the state of Victoria.

Session 4 concluded at 7:00 pm

Session 5 Sat 1/5/2010 9:30pm to 10:20pm

NATIONAL AWARDS

No nominations received.

There was discussion that we need to ensure that although we don't have an updated awards list, that we continue to nominate anyone worthy of this award.

It was noted that those awarded National Life President should be included in the notice of meeting, as they are eligible to attend.

C. Oliver to include Life Presidents on the notification list.

W. Rumble to look through his copies of the national minutes to assist in updating of the awards register.

National Leader's Convention or Substitute

No action has occurred on this item. **To be carried over.**

CENTENARY CELEBRATION 2013:

Communication with Holy Trinity Kew needs to be commenced.

Ideas could include:

- There was an idea that there could be a site that could host a "Historical Cebs Banner" display. Does the diocese have a Historian?
- A Dinner
- Gatherings at prior Cebs locations, culminating with a gathering at The Cathedral or Holy Trinity Kew.
- The society started as a motion of Synod. Could Cebs make a presentation at the 2013 Synod and have the original motion recognized, along with a positive statement about Cebs in 2013. Could a past chairman be involved?
- Could the Archbishop invite the Bishop of North QLD (current chairman) and 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 Cebs has had in the life of the Anglican Church.
- Basketball. The NBA basketball club. The Melbourne Tigers, grew out of the Churches Basketball competition. How can the NRL be involved and acknowledge it's origins in Cebs. Andrew Gaze?

* Can this be a "Centenary Festival"? **How do the other states celebrate?**

The Centenary celebrations could occur between October 2013 (synod Motion) and October 2014 (Formation of the first branch).

How do we move this forward? **There was a suggestion that a committee be formed to commence preliminary idea gathering.**

There needs to be an initial request to the Archbishop of Melbourne advising him of the anniversary and that we would like a chat to begin preliminary discussions.

K. Pidgeon will investigate the date of the 1913 synod.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS OF A CEBS LEADER.

- Must be 18 years of age or older.
- Must be approved by the parish priest/parish council.
- Must satisfy a current national police check and applicable local state and diocesan working with children regulations.
- Should preferably be a practicing Anglican.
- Should have undergone some training in boys ministry.

*** The above need to be taken back to each diocesan council.**

IN MEMORIUM

Rev John White – former Cebs Melbourne Chairman, GFS chaplain to Gippsland, National camp chaplain.

Geoff White – Former Leader Training officer.

Bishop Ben Wright – Bishop of Bendigo, Member of National Council, Cebs Leader.

2011 MEETING VENUE

Perth has offered to host the 2011 National council meeting.

Tentative Meeting Date – Friday 29 April, 2011 – Sun May 1, 2011.

This date is to be cleared with the national chairman.

EXPRESSIONS OF THANKS

Thanks were expressed to Denis and Jenny Wright for their care and catering for the weekend.

Thanks to be conveyed to the Melbourne national council for their generous offer of free board and catering at Bindaree.

Thanks to Rev Warren Rumble for standing in as acting chairman for the weekend.

The meeting concluded at 10:20pm with the Grace being said.

Session 3 concluded at 10:20 pm

Confirmed as a true and correct record:

Date:

Signed:

National Chairman