

in the 21st century. The glory days are gone. Etc. We need to focus on our local cebs ministry. Maybe a way forward is to work as though what we do is valuable to us, and the children we are ministering with. We are an important channel to God for the boys and their families that we minister to.

How do we build on the focus to our local ministries? Maybe we can link a branch in one diocese with a branch in another and possibly help resource each other and support each other. This will help us to remember that we are part of an Australian Anglican church.

There is something to be said for faithfulness and perseverance.

A suggestion from the floor was that we set up a “phone tree” which will help flow information around, or group distributions in our e-mails.

A comment from the floor was that we need to celebrate and promote our successes. We need to be Bold and Strong.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE 2002 MINUTES.

Our Name

No work done on this item. This item will be looked at later in the meeting

Child Protection Policies from each State.

Perth has distributed their policy nationally. Are following diocesan protocols.

Adelaide has done a fair amount of work. All leaders have been police checked and followed their local protocols for all leaders.

Brisbane: Following state legislative protocols they are in the process of being issued their “Suitability for Child related Employment for Volunteers.”

Also have become signatories of the youth alliance child protection charter.

Gippsland: Follows diocesan protocols and leader development follows youth works papers.

Melbourne: Following diocesan protocols through parish

Sydney: Leaders attend sessions run by church on child protection. Feels it is the responsibility of the parish to ensure that leaders follow local law.

National Web Site

The National Web Site does not exist as the account through the service provider Alphalink was cancelled.

A. Victor offered to set up and maintain the national web site. He produced some search results showing many sites around Australia referring to Cebs.

MOTION: That the national council requests that A. Victor take on the responsibility to develop and host the national web site, and that the national council pay costs associated with hosting the site (currently \$24 per annum).

Moved: B. Anderson. 2nd P. Victor. Carried.

B. Anderson to follow up on any material that may be left from the old national site.

MOTION: Thanks expressed to Damien for his efforts in the past on the web site.

Moved: K. Harkness 2nd G. Nicholls Carried

The chairman to write letter of appreciation to Damien Calvert.

National camp update

Framework document has been distributed by A. Victor. G. Nicholls reported that some preliminary discussions have taken place.

CNet Representative Appointment

Garry was to attend if he was available. However he was not available last July. It was still felt that we should still try to have a representative. It was suggested that we send a representative from the state where CNET is being held.

MOTION: That the national council appoints a representative to attend the annual CNET gatherings, and the representative be a person from the state where CNET is held.

Moved: C.Oliver. 2nd G. Nicholls Carried.

GFS has wondered how Cebs and GFS can work together to ensure representation at CNET.

This will be explored later in the meeting when discussing our relationship with GFS.

K. Harkness has raised the suggestion that Sydney consider funding a full time worker to the tune of \$30k/year and that other states/diocese consider making up the difference. This will be discussed over the weekend.

Promotional Brochure

K. Harkness circulated the brochure as requested.

Former Cebs Club.

P. Victor mentioned a paper he had discussing a "Friend of Cebs" concept.

A. Victor to obtain an electronic copy and send to B. Anderson for national distribution.

Letter of appreciation to L. Kevin (from last year) needs to be sent out by B. Anderson.

CORRESPONDENCE

In: Letter from Phillimon Zulu in Zambia regarding resources for them starting a similar ministry

Email from Greg Anderson in the Northern Territory, the aboriginal ministry development officer for CMS, regarding ministry to indigenous boys.

Out: Response to Phillimon Zulu in Zambia informing that his requests are to be taken to national executive.

Response to Greg Anderson in the Northern Territory informing that his requests are to be taken to national executive.

MOTION: That correspondence in and out be accepted.

MOVED: G. Allen. SECONDED: A. Victor.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Session 2 Sat 29/3/2003 9:00am to 10:30am

REPORTS

Diocesan, State & National Reports were circulated at the start of the meeting.

NATIONAL SECRETARY'S REPORT:

B. Anderson spoke to his report.

REPORT OF THE CEBS NATIONAL LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

G. Nicholls spoke to his report.

The question was asked at to whether there was a leader training curriculum in existence. G. Nicholls replied that there were certificates available for those who wish to undertake training based on their local need.

C. Oliver to put together a directory of courses and training that has been undertaken or available.

STATE/DIOCESAN REPORTS

Western Australia:

Chris Oliver spoke to his report.

Chris distributed their paper – “CEBS WA – A New Initiative.”

Chris made available copies of programming and resource materials that are used in W.A. to delegates

South Australia:

Ynyr Foster spoke to the report from the S.A. chairman and secretary

Brisbane.

P. Victor spoke to his report.

Revd Iain Furby has resigned as director of the society in Brisbane. A Victor has taken up the role of Director.

Brisbane did not seem to suffer “burn out” after the national camp.

Brisbane is to send a copy of their paper on “Friends of Ceps” to B. Anderson for distribution.

Rockhampton:

Report tabled. Rockhampton representative not present to talk to the report.

Gippsland.

G. Nicholls spoke to his report.

GFS Gippsland are holding a lunch for supporters of the children’s ministry in the diocese. There are expected to be approximately 50 in attendance.

Leader Development - Victoria

G. Nicholls spoke to the Victorian Leader Development Committee report.

Melbourne.

B. Anderson spoke to the report.

Sydney.

K. Harkness spoke to his report.

Newcastle:

No report received. Newcastle representative not present to talk to the report.

Tasmania:

No report tabled.

GFS Report:

Report tabled (ex parte)

MOTION: That national, state and diocesan report be received.

Moved: C. Oliver. Seconded G. Nicholls

Carried.

NATIONAL TRADING ACCOUNTS.

Report tabled. A. Thomas spoke to his report.

K. Harkness to e-mail a copy of the price list to B. Anderson for distribution.

A. Thomas moved that his report be accepted. Seconded. A. Victor

Carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT

It is noted that the accounts for 2002 were audited after the 2002 council meeting.

Treasurer's report tabled. The treasurer not present to talk to his report.

B. Anderson to contact treasurer regarding references to "ABS", which should be Ceba -The Anglican Boys Society .

Motion: That the accounts be received subject to audit.

Moved: G. Nicholls.

Seconded: A. Thomas

Carried.

Sydney, WA, Brisbane, Rockhampton, SA Gippsland 2002 affiliations have to be confirmed by each state/diocese. Each will check their own and contact treasurer.

Travel fund details for 2002 have not been sent to the treasurer for travel fund balancing. Each State/diocese to send 2002 and 2003 travel details to treasurer for travel fund calculations.

Melbourne need to pay 2002 travel fund invoice number 36 to national treasurer.

NATIONAL AWARDS.

No national award nominations have been received.

KIDS PLUS UPDATE

The trade marking of Kids Plus+ has now been completed through Cebs/GFS in Melbourne. Permission is granted for this trademark to be used throughout Australia. Note to be careful regarding using appropriate logos. Be aware of the French company trading under Kids Plus.

G. Nicholls to sent correct trade mark details and logos to all states/diocese.

Session 3 Sat 29/3/2003 11:00am to 1:00pm

NEW BUSINESS**NEW INITIATIVES FROM STATES**

Chairman indicated that we have been made aware of possible groups running in Mackay and Townsville in the diocese of North Queensland. Over that last number of years we have progressively loosened the structures to prevent our structures becoming burdens to our ministry.

G. Nicholls reported that, at the GFS conference, he met up the leader from Mackay. We now have contact details. Townsville is running a mixed boys/girls group.

We have an informal, loose connection with many children's ministry groups. How do we relate to these groups at the grass roots.?

Resource Pool

C. Oliver spoke of training materials and resources that W.A. is putting together. He has asked delegates to inform him of other resources that they know are available which may become a part of a "resource pool" which could be made available to leaders on a national basis. Also a list of resources should be made available through the web page.

G. Nicholls mentioned that we need to be careful of copyright issues when sharing resources.

Networking

G. Nicholls reported that Gippsland hold a children's ministry network meeting a few times a year which is available to all parishes to send representatives to.

The chairman floated the idea that we can make available to "lone" groups possibility of allowing of becoming affiliated with the national executive for support and resource sharing. We need to let groups know what we have to offer that would encourage them to want to be affiliated with them.

The idea of setting up partnerships with other children's ministry networks was discussed briefly.

Leadership Support

C. Oliver told of an initiative of parishioner support. These parishioners financially support the ministry of Cebs. The supporters are also actively involved in a limited way. A party is held once a year where the branch invites all the supporters to thank them for their support.

Adult Membership

G. Nicholls told of Friends of Cebs where adult supporters pay an affiliation fee. Social activities, get togethers, all age activities are held where fellowship and sharing occurs. This avenue allows the supporters to contribute and become involved. The concept aims to develop a feeling of good will. The network is not organised by the leaders.

Start small with those that you have already got involved, and slowly build up the membership. It takes time. This group can also become a valuable resource.

Paper of Boys' Ministry

G. Nicholls indicated that Trevor Smith has been contacted. He indicated that he was interested. Some preliminary information was sent to him. Due to travel and leave (both Trevor's and Graeme's) it has been hard to coordinate. Graeme feels that due to Trevor's busy schedule that he may not have time to do justice to the paper.

Graeme showed a paper prepared by Ian Lillico in W.A. focussing on issues in boys' education and boys' and their schooling for our consideration. He may be an appropriate resource to prepare our paper.

The chairman asked whether we felt that we still needed to pursue this direction.

MOTION: That a "paper" on boys' ministry, as envisaged in 2002, is now considered no longer necessary, and that a shorter "vision statement" be developed along with some practical suggestions for it's implementation.

MOVED: C. Oliver Seconded A. Thomas Carried.

A lot of existing resources are available that can be used and referred to support the vision statement.

REQUEST FROM ZAMBIA.

After receiving a request for training materials from Phillimon Zulu in Zambia, through GFS, the chairman wrote back letting Phillimon know that his request would be put to out meeting. He also requested that Phillimon write back to us letting us know a little more of what he wants to achieve with this training material.

It was commented that we need to be careful that we are fitting in with existing structures and programmes operating in Zambia.

G. Nicholls has e-mailed the Zambian bishop in the region re diocesan endorsement for this initiative. questing a response in this matter.

The chairman will contact the bishop in the region to seek endorsement for this initiative. If endorsement is received, then the leader development officer will forward a leader resource training pack at national council expense.

MINISTRY TO INDIGENOUS BOYS IN NORTHERN TERRITORY

The chairman read the correspondence from Greg Anderson from the Northern Territory. The chairman wrote to Greg letting him know that we would be discussing his request at our national council meeting and for him to contact his bishop to let him know of his request to us.

We need to establish what they are looking for from national council.

It was suggested that Garry contact Greg Anderson and discuss what he requires and what type of material may be appropriate. It was suggested that Garry may also follow up with a visit. Garry indicated that he is interested in pursuing this action.

MOTION: That the chairman contact Greg Anderson to let him know of our discussions and that:

- **Garry Allen will be in touch with him as our liaison,**
- **That some training materials will be sent to him by Garry and Graeme.**
- **Offer a personal visit if appropriate at the expense of national council.**
- **Offer an affiliation with the national council to assist with resources.**

Moved: C. Oliver. Seconded: A. Thomas. Carried

Session 4 Sat 29/3/2003 2:00pm to 3:30pm

RELATIONSHIP WITH GFS

G. Nicholls commented that due to communications breakdown Iain Furby did not attend the GFS national council meeting. G. Nicholls, who attended the council meeting, gave an impromptu verbal report. Graeme felt that it was worthwhile attending. One of the things that we can do well is networking. Events such as the national council meetings are ideal opportunities to achieve this.

The new national chairperson of GFS, Lesley Briggs, has indicated that she is looking forward to working a lot closer with Cebs over the next few years.

Two motions from the 2002 meeting regarding 1) Establishing a national secretariat, and a national Anglican Conference focusing on children's and youth ministries did not have any action taken over the last 12 months.

G. Nicholls mentioned that GFS are planning to hold a conference in Melbourne on the queens birthday weekend in June 2003. He asked whether it was appropriate that we approach GFS requesting attendance at part, or all of that conference.

MOTION: That the chairman write to the National Chairman of GFS indicating that Cebs is keen to strengthen solid working relationships with GFS for the purposes of mutual support, and requesting advice of appropriate national activities in which Cebs can participate.

MOVED: A. Victor. Seconded: G. Nicholls Carried

NATIONAL CAMP UPDATE

P. Victor spoke to his National Camps Framework & Checklist paper. This paper was developed soon after the 2002 National Camp.

MOTION: The meeting noted with appreciation the framework and guidelines checklist prepared by Brisbane following the 2002 national camp and that this be passed on to the organisers of the 2005 national camp for such assistance as it may be with the request that they prepare a similar document for the organisers of the following camp

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

G. Nicholls reported that the 2005 camp should be located in Gippsland, fairly close to Melbourne. Graeme suggested we consider the activities in relation to public liability issues. He suggested that professionals be used to conduct any high risk activities.

The question of who we offer the camp to, other groups outside Cebs, may affect any public liability issues. A. Thomas noted that through his enquires he has established that there is no longer a mandatory requirement to have public liability cover.

It was suggested that G. Nicholls investigate the liability requirements through his diocesan channels.

Each diocese will be surveyed by G. Nicholls regarding the potential market for the national camp in 2005.

MOTION: That the chairman will contact the secretary of the General Synod at the first opportunity regarding public liability cover for the national body.

Moved: A. Thomas. Seconded: G. Nicholls Carried

A National Camp web site is being developed and will be available soon.

NATIONAL RECORDS

Discussions on where the national records should be stored. There was a suggestion that records be scanned and stored on CD. Financial records only need to be kept for 5 years.

There was a suggestion that B. Anderson investigate scanning records to CD and storing in a safe deposit box. Once investigated Bruce will e-mail to all national delegates with the results.
B. Anderson

OUR NAME

It was felt that considering an change of name is no longer relevant due to the new initiatives discussed throughout this meeting.

NATIONAL REGISTRATION BADGES

There was some discussion as to whether we continue with the national registration badges.

MOTION: That the badge be no longer manufactured.

Moved: A. Victor. Seconded: G. Allen Carried.

Session 5**Sun 29/3/2003****9:00am to xx:xxam****ELECTIONS FOR 2004.**

2004 is election year for this committee. The positions which require nomination include Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer.

The chairman indicated that he would like to stand down after this year. He indicated that if there are no other nominations then he would be prepared to continue in this position.

There was some discussion regarding the role of the secretary as it was broken down in 2001. C. Oliver to contact K. Pidgeon about how best to coordinate resources being put up onto the newly developed web site.

B. Anderson to notify everyone of the positions that are to come up at the next election.

NATIONAL FIELD WORKER

K. Harkness spoke of a constant frustration of the movement being that we have no full time field worker.

Difficulties arise when employing a part time person. Sydney has a surplus income of approximately \$30,000 per year. As we are all currently acting in a voluntary capacity it is often difficult to devote appropriate time to help move the society forward.

Youthworks is apparently supportive of boys' ministry. If Youthworks could not totally fund a full time boys' ministry worker, then Ken suggested that he could offer a fully funded position, where that position would have national responsibilities to Ceps. The role of this position would be fully detailed in the job description, including responsibilities to Ceps outside Sydney.

Then chairman suggested that we discuss the philosophy of the above idea and not discussing operational details.

C. Oliver suggested that we took the idea back to our diocese to discuss, and come up with a model that is fair and equitable. What are we wanting to achieve from the proposed appointment?

The principle suggested that a small working group be formed to put together a proposal and job description to take this idea forward.

MOTION: That a working party of the following people (C. Oliver, P. Victor, Ynyr Foster or K. Pidgeon, K. Harkness, G. Allen) be established to look at the possibility of a part time national executive officer. Following support from the diocese and states that the executive committee is authorised to make an appointment as put forward in the proposal.

Moved: K. Harkness. **Seconded:** G. Allen. **Carried.**

WHO IS OUT THERE

There was some discussion on how we find out what ministry to boys is operating in our respective diocese. It was suggest that direct contact to each parish be made to find out whether there was any ministry to boys happening. If there is we could ask whether we could keep in contact with them.

It was suggested that some valuable information may be gleaned from diocesan parish returns.

What do we do when we find groups out there.

- Suggestion of a twinning program to help establish links.
- Establish regular communication (phone or e-mail)
- Visit if geographic location allows.

MOTION: That we encourage branches to establish links with other boys' ministry groups in other parts of Australia.

Moved: K.Harkness **Seconded:** A. Victor **Carried.**

G. Nicholls Has offered to include details of this initiative in the next AUS Ceps Leader.

VENUE AND TIME FOR NEXT NATIONAL COUNCIL MEETING IN 2004

Motion: That the 2004 National Council meeting be held in Warragul in the Gippsland diocese on 26th – 28th March, 2004.

MOVED: K. Harkness. **Seconded:** K. Lovejoy

Carried

MOTION: Thanks expressed to K. Harkness for all of his organising of the weekend, venue and outing.

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

Meeting closed at 10:50am