

MINUTES OF THE CEBS NATIONAL COUNCIL

MEETING

Held at Coalville Holiday Camp, Gippsland Victoria on the weekend of MARCH
26th -28th 2004.

Attendance list

National Officers	Very Revd Chris Whittall Bruce Anderson Revd Warren Rumble	Victoria	Garry Allen
Melbourne	Bruce Anderson	Newcastle	No attendance
Brisbane	Alan Victor Peter Victor	South Australia	Ynyr Foster Chris Martin Scott Amphlett
Rockhampton	No Attendance	Gippsland	Graeme Nicholls Mary Nicholls (GFS) Paul Byl
Sydney	Ken Harkness	Visitors	Marie Barnes Kevin Clothier
Western Australia	Chris Oliver Stephen Day		

Session 1 Fri 26/3/2004 10:15pm to 11:00pm

Meeting opened in prayer at with the Very Revd Chris Whittall in the chair.

The chairman welcomed all delegates, observers and visitors.

Mary Nicholls welcomed attendees to Gippsland.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

The chairman has been in the position for 10 years now. The time has passed quickly. We have come along way in relationships, understanding of each other, and focusing on the really important issues facing the society. It was reinforced that if even one person is brought to Christ through Cebes, then it is all worth it. The chairman is grateful for the privilege of serving in this role.

This will be the last meeting that the current chairman will chair.

ACCEPTANCE OF 2003 MINUTES

Minutes of the 2003 National Meeting had been circulated and were moved as a true and accurate record of the meeting on the motion of **A. Victor**. Seconded by **C. Oliver**.

Carried

CORRESPONDENCE

In: Reply from the Secretary of the General Synod re insurance query.

Out: Reply to Phillimon Zulu from Zambia. Letter to the Philimon Zulu's bishop . Letter to G. Anderson from CMS Northern Territory. Letter of thanks to D. Calvert.

MOTION: That correspondence in and out be accepted.

MOVED: G. Nicholls. **SECONDED:** P. Byl.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE 2003 MINUTES.**Cebs is Zambia?**

The chairman reported that he had written back to him as a response to his enquiry, but have not received any further correspondence. The chairman also wrote to Phillimon Zulu's bishop informing him of the enquiry.

CNET representative

The chairman asked whether anyone would be able to attend the next CNET meeting, which is to be held in the Riverina. C. Oliver from WA offered that he would be able to attend. He requested some assistance in relation to associated costs of attending. The meeting was happy that Chris attends on behalf of Cebs National. Chris Oliver said that WA would be able to fund the cost of the accommodation at CNET.

Motion: That Cebs national fund the attendance of C. Oliver at the CNET meeting in 2004 to the value of \$600.00

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

Motion: That Chris Oliver from WA represent Cebs National at the 2004 CNET conference.

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

Secretary to notify CNET that C. Oliver to be our representative.

Public Liability cover for the national body

The chairman contacted the General Secretary of the General Synod to see whether we are covered under the General Synod Insurance cover. The response is that we are not covered by the General Synod public liability insurance for national activities.

G. Nicholls suggested that all attendees of the national camp be recorded in the parish council minutes prior to attendance to the camp.

REPORTS

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

NATIONAL SECRETARY'S REPORT:

B. Anderson gave a verbal report.

REPORT OF THE CEBS NATIONAL LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

G. Nicholls gave a verbal report.

STATE/DIOCESAN REPORTS**Western Australia:**

C. Oliver spoke to his report.

South Australia:

C. Martin spoke to the report from the S.A. chairman and secretary

Brisbane.

A. Victor spoke to his report.

Rockhampton:

C. Whittall spoke to the report.

Gippsland.

G. Nicholls spoke to his report.

Melbourne.

B. Anderson spoke to the report.

Sydney.

K. Harkness gave a verbal report.

A significant development that will occur later in 2004 will be the employment of a full time youth/field worker through Youth Works.

Newcastle:

No report received.

Tasmania:

No report tabled.

GFS Report:

2003 GFS Annual Report tabled

M. Nicholls spoke to the report. Mary expressed that GFS are experiencing many of the same issues as Ceps. Mary mentioned the conference to be held in June 2004 and encouraged members of Ceps to try to attend. GFS in Gippsland has recognized that older ex GFS members are occasionally gathered together for a social get together to help them to renew their fellowship with GFS.

The GFS national camp had to be cancelled due to the lack of members in the age group of 12 and older. There is a greater number primary age members, who are not eligible to attend.

MOTION: That national, state and diocesan and GFS reports be received.

Moved: P. Victor. Seconded: P. Byl **Carried.**

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer's report tabled. Revd. W. Rumble spoke to his report.

References to ABS in the financial reports have now been changed to read Cebs.

Motion: That the accounts be received.

Moved: W. Rumble. Seconded: K. Harkness **Carried.**

K. Harkness expressed our thanks to W. Rumble.

A question was asked as to why we have two investment accounts. The larger account is derived primarily from national camps.

NATIONAL TRADING ACCOUNTS.

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

W. Rumble moved that the report be accepted. Seconded. P. Victor **Carried.**

MOTION: That we request W. Rumble to liaise with the national trading officer with regard to the current state of the national stock and report to the next meeting.

Moved: C. Martin. Seconded: G. Nicholls. **Carried**

NATIONAL AWARDS.

A recommendation was received from the diocesan council of Brisbane nominating Peter Victor for the National Award.

MOTION: That Peter Victor be awarded the National Award.

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

NEW BUSINESS

NEW INITIATIVES FROM STATES

Melbourne – Grants Scheme

Brisbane – Kids Plus presentation to synod. Use of Kids Plus as a “new brand” for children's ministry.

Perth – New meeting model being tried to encourage more leaders to attend.

Session 3 Sat 27/3/2004 1:30pm to 5:40pm

NATIONAL CAMP UPDATE

G. Nicholls distributed draft copy of notice of camp form and report of progress so far. The primary camp location will be at Delhuntie Park at Trafalgar East, with Cebs camp Bindaree used as base for activities around Melbourne.

Dates for the camp – Arrive January 1st and break camp on January 10th.

There was some discussion regarding possible locations for the 2008 national camp. It was suggested that NSW was to hold the 2008 national camp. Sydney agreed.

RESOURCE SHARING

The meeting was reminded that resources to be made available to leaders around the country should be sent to Ken Pidgeon in SA. Ken then sends it through to A. Victor.

It was suggested that the materials should be sent directly to Alan and Peter Victor.

It was suggested that A. Victor could compile a list of leaders email addresses so that he can periodically notify leaders when new material is posted to the web site.

VENUE AND TIME FOR NEXT NATIONAL COUNCIL MEETING IN 2005

Motion: That the 2005 National Council meeting be held in the Adelaide diocese on 22nd – 24th April, 2005.

MOVED: K. Harkness.

Seconded: Ynyr Foster

Carried

FUTURE DIRECTIONS and STRATEGY

Where do we want to be in 5 years? What would help our mission?

- Diocesan support
- Supporting other ministries to boys/children outside Cebs.
- Outward looking (outside Cebs), non restrictive constitutionally.
- Is the name important? Ensure the logo remains?
- Sharing of resources
- Ensure that we are **seen** as being “active” in children’s ministry.
- Gathering young boys, men and their families together to allow them to experience the living God.

The chairman commented that over the last 5 or 6 years we have released ourselves to provide ministry in our local areas in the way that is appropriate and effective.

We need to continue to remind the Anglican Church at all levels that we are still relevant. We need to continue to sell ourselves internally.

There is a real need today for “community” and relationships. How can we stand and support or be a part of this model. We need to “gather” rather than wait for members to come to us.

There was some discussion that we may need to be more demographically focused. Some research has showed that kids from less affluent families do not have as much to fill their time (computers, sporting options etc) and are looking for things to do.

Time poverty amongst the clergy and lay people needs to be considered. We all seem to be “over committed”.

As a church we need to coordinate our resources effectively.

Strategies:

The person to take the society into the future would ideally:

- Be able to talk to the church nationally and at a diocesan level
- That has profile in the church that the church will respect and listen to.
- That has time available to devote to the role and follow up on action points.
- Be a “hands on” person.
- That will work with us as a part of a team.

- Have vision and be able to express it.
- To be able to travel and lobby on behalf of the society.

Invite non-Cebs groups to take part in our activities. Share our resources.

Local activities that branches can invite kids from neighboring churches to such as fun days, billy cart derbies etc.

Have executive members attend the GFS member's conference.

Cebs chairman to write to the chairman of GFS reinforcing that Cebs and GFS need to strengthen out relationship and suggest that Cebs and GFS work more actively together.

Look for common ground between the Cebs and GFS to see what how we can move forward together in strength.

IN MEMORIUM:

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

- Bishop Oliver Heywood (ex National Chairman)
- Barry Waldeck
- Dick Southern
- Wallace Kier
- Roley Cole
- Di Parker
- Joyce Jenkins
- Peter Chenowith
- Vere Clarke
- Revd. Doug Laver
- Ern Bennett
- Alan Oates
- Revd. Niel Malloy (ex National Chairman)
- Lynette Sommerville
- John White
- Bishop Ralph Wicks
- Noel Jimmieson

ELECTIONS FOR 2005.

The national secretary will put in place the electoral process as per the constitutional requirements.

The chairman expressed thanks to the national secretary.

The meeting expressed its thanks to the chairman for his last 10 years as chairman.

Meeting closed at 5:45pm 27/3/2004

Confirmed true and correct record:

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