



MINUTES OF THE CEBS NATIONAL COUNCIL MEETING

Held at Lesmurdie, Perth on the weekend of APRIL 21st -23rd 2006.

Attendance list

National Officers	Ven. Conrad Patterson (Chairman) Rev. Warren Rumble (Treasurer) Chris Oliver (Secretary) Graeme Nicholls (Leader development Officer)	Adelaide	Ken Pidgeon
Melbourne	Ray McGahey Dennis Wright	Sydney	Ken Harkness
Queensland	Pam Wedgwood (Western Region)	Gippsland	Paul Byle
Western Australia	Stephen Day Don Rock	Rockhampton	
Newcastle		Visitors	Bishop David Murray Rev. Chris Hind Ms Kate Brewer GFS Brad Young, WA AYM Graham Jamison

Session 1 Fri 21/4/2006 8:00pm to 9:35pm

Chris Oliver welcomed the delegates to WA and outlined some administrative issues for the weekend.

Chairman welcomed delegates and opened the meeting with prayer, the CEBS prayer and Rule of Life.

APOLOGIES: Peter and Alan Victor (Brisbane), The Rev. Barry Costello (Sydney).

The Chairman invited each of the delegates to introduce themselves.

Items to be added to Agenda:

Conference call with Rev. Barry Costello Saturday at 1:30pm

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

No written report.

Remarks: There is a watershed position for CEBS. Troubled times in Adelaide. Blight of recent history of exposure of past abuses. Little prospect of revitalization of CEBS in the foreseeable future. Archbishop declined presidency of CEBS in Adelaide. Organisation is not "fashionable" although the need for boys' ministry is. Parents are anxious about children. Children are suffering health difficulties from lack of physical experiences. This council should encourage involvement with young people. What Warren Rumble is doing in his parish is an example of what can be done. We should not wait for someone else to start. We should look for what we can do and as Chairman he will support us in that.

Graham Nichols remarked, confirming the Chairman's concerns and the damage done to the national reputation of CEBS.

Further general discussion of surrounding issues.

ACCEPTANCE OF 2005 MINUTES

Minutes of the 2005 National Meeting have been circulated and were moved as a true and accurate record of the meeting by **Chris Oliver**. Seconded by Ken Pidgeon.
Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

In:

* Letter of greeting to the National Council from the Archbishop of Perth Roger Herft

* Letter of greeting from Primate of Australia, Phillip Aspinall **(Copy to be circulated to each diocese and request that they circulate to each branch)**

* Letter of apology from Bruce Anderson (Melbourne)

* Letter from Precentor of Perth Cathedral inviting Council to attend on 23 April.

* Letter from Sue Sneddon advising C-Net & Y-Net Meetings.

Correspondence accepted

Moved: Chris Oliver Seconded Paul Byle

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE 2005 MINUTES.

- C-Net and Y-Net conferences to be held on 16-20 August, 2006 in Morpeth, Newcastle. Proposed that Chris Oliver attend as CEBS representative at CEBS cost. Moved Graham, Seconded Ken Pidgeon. Agreed. The meeting expressed the hope that Rev. Costello might also be able to attend and represent CEBS.
- It was again noted that the National Council does not have public liability insurance as it does not conduct any programme. (The national camp is the responsibility of the host diocese.
- National Website. Chris Oliver tabled the statistics prepared by Alan Victor on "hits". There has been an increase over time. Moved approval of reimbursement of Peter Victor \$ 140 for website domain name (being \$ 70 per year). Warren Rumble Seconded: Graham Nicholls. Carried.
- Chris Oliver read out the proposed guidelines for official CEBS websites. Proposed that it be adopted as the official policy of National CEBS. Warren, Pam. Carried. (Agreed that these guidelines be circulated to the diocese to circulate to their branches.)
- Ken Pidgeon reported that boxes of national records held by him have been lodged with the Adelaide Diocesan archivist.
- Papers on boys' ministry have been circulated.
- KMH tabled a Register of national awards for suggestions of any persons that should be removed.
- National Stock Value. The National Treasurer reported that the National Trading Officer, Alan Thomas reports to him. A write-down of stocktake value by \$ 10,000.00 has been carried out by the Treasurer as a fair estimate of the dated stock. There has been very little stock purchased in 2005.
- Representation at GFS National Conference. Graham Nicholls attended and tabled his report. It was a valuable time to attend. Brisbane CEBS leaders were involved. Good representation of GFS delegates around Australia. Good GFS outreach work in Northern Territory, Papua New Guinea and Solomon Islands. Positive feedback from Archbishop of Brisbane. New National President is supportive of CEBS. Positive motion supporting CEBS was passed. No proposal for National Council arising out of meeting. Appreciation expressed for Graeme attending.

Session 1 concluded at 9:35 pm 21/4/2006.

Session 2 Sat 22/4/2006 9:00am to 12:30am

The Chairman welcomed Bishop David Murray.

Bishop Murray welcomed the delegates to Western Australia and spoke of the challenge of youth and children's ministry, competition with government sponsored organisations. He asks how the Anglican Church can be in touch with the community at its point of need and the importance of looking forward to how we can "imagine" our organisation to be in the future, say by 2010. How can that happen? How we can involve the voice of use in that. We

should identify our strengths of the past. He expressed his support for the particular ministry of CEBS and suggested we continue to promote the ministry to the senior clergy.

Delegates expressed their appreciation for Bishop David's attendance and participated in a general discussion of the issues raised.

The Chairman also welcomed Bradley Young, Field Officer, Perth's Anglican Youth Ministry to the meeting.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE 2005 MINUTES - CONTINUED.

- It was noted that most of the diocese have followed the new standard guidelines for reports.
- There was a discussion of "child protection" requirements, noting that these vary from state to state but that each CEBS group is required to comply with their own state's law and any additional diocesan requirements.
- The Chairman suggested we consider how we can publicise the outcome of this meeting in our diocese.
- New Resources. Chris Oliver drew attention to a table of material available for inspection. There was a discussion of the resources available. Chris also drew attention to the links to resources on the National CEBS website.
- 13th National Camp – Gippsland, 2005. Further report and badge situation. Badges have now been prepared and will be circulated to campers.

REPORTS

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

NATIONAL SECRETARY'S REPORT:

Chris Oliver tabled and spoke briefly to his report.

Moved that the Report be received: Moved Chris Oliver, Seconded Ken Pidgeon. Carried.

[10:00am Bishop David left the meeting for another engagement.]

STATE/DIOCESAN REPORTS

Western Australia:

C. Oliver tabled and spoke to his report.

There was some discussion.

The Chairman commended Perth's initiatives and that other diocese should try to find their own way of participating in their diocesan ministry structure.

South Australia:

Ken Pidgeon tabled and spoke to his report.

Melbourne:

Dennis Wright tabled and spoke to his report.

INTEREGNUM 2008 National Camp

Ken Harkness tabled notes of 2008 National Camp meeting. Discussion of issues relating to the National Camp including role of CEBS and CEBS leaders and the opportunity for CEBS girls to attend.

Gippsland:

Graham Nicholls tabled and spoke to his report.

Sydney

Ken Harkness tabled his Report and spoke to it. (A view was expressed that Sydney's financial contribution to National Council might be more commensurate with its size.)

Brisbane

Pam Wedgwood tabled the Brisbane report and briefly spoke to it.

Newcastle:

No Report received. No representative present.

Rockhampton:

No Report received. No representative present. Pam Wedgwood advised that they still have branches and they are still operating in some strength.

Sydney:

Ken Harkness tabled the Sydney report and briefly spoke to it.

Tasmania:

No Report received. No representative present. There is a contact with Peter Smith (State chairman) who advised they still have a council, some funds, but no branches.

GFS Report:

Deferred.

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

Moved: Chris Oliver Seconded: Paul Byle.

Carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer's audited report tabled. Nett income for \$ 889.00. Liquid reserves total about \$ 15,500.00. For 2006 we will cease to be registered for GST.

Moved that financial statements be received. Moved by Warren Rumble.
Seconded by Dennis Wright.. Carried.

Moved that the second investment account be closed and credited to the General Account in the sum of approximately \$ 3,973.00 Moved by Warren Rumble. Seconded by Ken Pidgeon.

Moved that any two of the Treasurer, Dennis Wright and Graham Nicholls be appointed as co-signatories to accounts. Moved Warren Rumble, Seconded Ken Pidgeon.

National Trading Officer's Report

Report received from Alan Thomas and approved as part of the Treasurer's Report.

NATIONAL AWARDS.

No new nominations.

Moved that the National Award made to John Simons in 1969 be revoked posthumously in view of substantial allegations and charges of criminal behaviour towards minors which were commenced but not finalized before his death.

Moved Ken Pidgeon, Seconded Don Rock

Session 2 ended 12:30pm

BARRY COSTELLO TELEPHONE CONFERENCE

From 1:30 to 2:30pm a conference telephone call was held with Rev. Barry Costello of Sydney who began by introducing himself and his background.

Since January, 2005 Rev. Costello has been the Boys' Ministry Advisor for Sydney Anglican Youthworks.

Rev. Costello is on the Sydney CEBS Taskforce to organise the 2008 National Boys' Camp. In response to questions asked, Rev. Costello advised that he expected there would be an opportunity for campers aged 15-17 to attend the camp and participate in age-appropriate programmes, there would be appropriate opportunities to acknowledge the participation of CEBS in the conference.

Rev. Costello reported on the work he has done with boys' ministry in Sydney and new directions he is proposing with the ministry. He is planning to establish resources in devotions, games and craft to enable new branches to be started.

Rev. Costello responded to various questions.

Session 3 Fri 21/4/2006 8:00pm to 9:35pm

Chairman welcomed Kate Brewer, National Vice-President of GFS who tabled and read her Report from GFS.

Relations between National GFS and National CEBS were discussed.

Proposed that the report be accepted. Moved Chris Oliver, Seconded Stephen Day. Carried

Item of Business Pertaining to Finances

Unclaimed Monies from defunct CEBS entities

It was moved that National Treasurer, Rev. Warren Rumble, be authorised to contact ASIC and any other state or federal government authority and lodge a claim on behalf of any defunct CEBS organisation for the recovery of unclaimed monies. It was also agreed that the role of the Treasurer in this was to collect such funds and report to the National Council for any decision on their allocation. Moved Ken Pidgeon. Seconded by Paul Byle. Carried unanimously.

New Initiatives

Chris Oliver reported on new CEBS brochure issued by Western Australia. Chris Oliver tabled adapted new opening & closing service for CEBS branches.

It was noted that electronic templates of these were available to those who wanted them.

Proposed Young Leaders Conference

It was noted that this proposed conference was not organised due principally to the limited resources of the movement. A suggestion was made to ask national GFS to consider a joint conference and a feasibility study be made with CEBS.

REPORT OF THE CEBS NATIONAL LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Graham Nicholls tabled and spoke to his report.

State Reports on leadership development were tabled.

Discussion of paper on Possible Strategies for CEBS towards 2010.

The meeting broke into small groups to briefly consider this paper.

Following general discussion the Chairman asked the Secretary to consider a draft strategy in the light of the comments made.

In Memorium

The Secretary advised he was not aware of any deaths of past members.

Perception of CEBS & Repair Strategies for Negative Images.

The Chairman urged delegates to continue their work in this regard.

Communications

There was discussion of circulating information about events in our own dioceses through the national secretary.

Ken Harkness advised he expected to circulate notes of future National Camp Taskforce meetings.

The meeting noted that Sydney Ceba will remain in open communication with The National Ceba body regarding the progress of the planning for the camp.

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

VENUE AND TIME FOR NEXT NATIONAL COUNCIL MEETING IN 2007

Motion: That the 2007 National Council meeting is held in May in the Sydney diocese on a date to be fixed in 2007.

MOVED: Don Rock. Seconded: Warren Rumble Carried

Expressions of Thanks

The Chairman thanked Chris Oliver, National Secretary, for organising the meeting, Ken Harkness for taking the minutes, the delegates for their participation, the Dean for his invitation to attend and participate in the Cathedral Service, Warren Rumble for his work as Treasurer, Bishop David Murray, the caterers.

The delegates expressed their appreciation to the Chairman.

Chris Oliver expressed his appreciation to the other WA delegates for their valued contribution.

Administrative matters were discussed.

Chris Oliver will prepare a Summary of Action from the Minutes.

Meeting closed at 9:10pm 22/4/2006 with prayer.

Confirmed true and correct record:

Date: _____:

Signed: _____: