

Minutes of the Libeau Descendants Society Inc Meeting held at the home of Heather and Rob Libeau-Dow at 11.15am on Sunday 12 Feb 2017

Present Messrs: Richard Clark
 Mesdames: Heather Libeau-Dow, Patricia Stoneman, Leone Fuller

Apologies
 Messrs Richard Warlow, Bruce Clark and Cameron Parsonson
 Mesdames: Desiree McKenzie

Minutes of the last meeting

Minutes of the Meeting held on 23 Oct 2016 were moved as a true and accurate record.
 Moved H Libeau-Dow /P Stoneman
 CARRIED

Topic	Discussion	Action
Matters arising from the Minutes	BNZ Cheque Signatories resolved and changed at Bank. President, Secretary and Acting Treasurer.	
Accounts/Treasurer's Report	Bank Balance. Cheque Account \$9558.56 Savings Account \$3036.60	B Clark
Correspondence In	Request from Tracey Allison – where can I obtain copies of photos from the 1990 Reunion. Request from Barbara Linton – Inquire re the Hunt Family. Partly by referring the request to Kevin Clark. Correspondence accepted. Moved P Stoneman/ R Clark CARRIED	P Stoneman B Clark
Communication Web Page	Uploading of material for Ideas for trips to the Charente Maritime region has been assembled. These include brochures, photos and ideas from members who have travelled in the region. Photos of the 350 th Anniversary of Rochefort have been emailed by Michele Libaud to the Libeau Descendants Society. It was decided these should be posted on the website and Bruce select several to place in the next issue of La Gazette. Thank you, Michele! Photographs of historical interest. Material has been gathered ready for Cameron and Richard to up load. Thank you for the work you do behind the scenes, Richard. I know you have plans to add the Family Tree also. Other information to include should include a section listing where important Research books and documents are to be found. Requests have been received to access to The Libeau Family of Banks Peninsula. These are now stored in Wellington at the Turnbull Library and the National Library. Contact information This has been changed on the website via CINCH	
La Gazette	Next La Gazette to be published during the week starting 12 Mar 17. Bruce has Minutes and La Gazette and currently Acting Treasurer until the A GM. How can we assist?	
Comte de Paris	As this is to be the French Fest Year at Akaroa, 2017, every alternate year, the reflection on the previous French Fest was on the successful aspect but expressed areas of concern. A research student from Lincoln University led a brainstorm with specific questions. The result indicated the workload is heavy especially as some of the committee are now well over 70 and unwell, with others working fulltime. And looked at improvements in planning the next French Fest. The Christchurch City Council has indicated it will no longer support or be involved in the organisation of this Event which means no financial input and full time staff from the council. Leone read out the expenses to organise the Landing and	

	<p>display on the Recreation Grounds. The Council had previously covered these costs.</p> <p>There is a Festival Committee which meets in Akaroa, a long haul once a month to attend meetings. The C d P has two representatives who always attend.</p> <p>The Comte de Paris Group are happy to still be responsible for the Landing and have two representatives with a small group, who like us, need manpower and financial assistance but they will need support. They were very appreciative of the support from Pip and Mel Tainui from Runga Unuku.</p> <p>There was discussion on gaining sponsorship and additional Akaroa support plus a wider variety of food stalls, particularly French.</p> <p>The second issue is the building of the Memorial Entrance at the Catholic Cemetery. Fr Paul Shanahan has been involved with the Cemetery and ideas for extending the plots and repairing headstones. With a fund of \$851 they will need sponsorship. The plans have been drawn up and Peter Breitmeyer has been sourcing builders and costing. Thanks were expressed for Leone's input on this committee and the group indicated we would be happy to provide support.</p>	
L'Alliance Francaise	<p>Alliance Francaise report February 2017</p> <p>After a successful auction of Colombo St in November, AF has moved into a new building at 275 Cashel St. Poised for growth in all areas this year you are encouraged to visit and check out the premises.</p> <p>Classes for all ages have commenced this week and functions such as Petit Matin Croissant and Film evenings and Apero will be held here from March once refurbishment is completed.</p> <p>The annual French Film Festival commences on March 9 for three weeks. Programmes are available from AF CHCH or Heather Libeau-Dow.</p> <p>www.alliancefr.org.nz for the full programme.</p>	
General Business	<p>Historical Location Board outside 54 Rue Grehan. Contact has been made with the ChCh City Council. Suzanne located all the relevant information and has forwarded the legal requirements stated on the website .http:// proposed district plan. ccc.govt.nz/.</p> <p>The next step is to discuss the idea with Steven and Robyn Matheson and hopefully receive their permission to proceed.</p>	

Closure

There being no further business the meeting closed at 12.30pm.

Next Meeting

The date for the next Committee meeting will be 23 Apr 2017 at Leone and Bruce's at 11.00am.

H Libeau-Dow
Chairperson

P Stoneman
Secretary

Events to be confirmed

23 Apr 2017. Committee Meeting.
21 May 17. AGM
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14 Jul 17. Bastille Day
????????? Landing Day
21 Jan 2018 Picnic

Items of business still to be discussed

Register/ location of archive material and objects on Web Site
Site map of the graves for Web site.
Storage of Memorabilia.

Held over from last meeting

1. Calendars featuring Festivities/Features of Rochefort and family places.
This has been discussed but need to involve family members with an interest in photography.
Not necessary a committee activity – co-coordinator.