

**Minutes of the Libeau Descendants Society Inc Meeting held at the home of Norman Clark at
3.00pm on Sunday 21 Apr 13**

Present

Messrs: Bruce Fuller, Norman Clark, and Bruce Clark

Mesdames: Patricia Stoneman, Leone Fuller and Desiree McKenzie

Apologies

Messrs Richard Warlow , Richard Clark and Heather Libeau-Dow

Minutes of the last meeting were taken as read

Minutes of the Meeting held on 19 Jan 13 were moved as a true and accurate record.

Moved

B Fuller/ N Clark

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Topic	Discussion	Action
Matters arising from the Minutes	Nil	
Correspondence Inwards	Letter from Margaret Castleton requesting that she be removed from the membership of the Society as family interest has waned.	Bruce F
Outward	Notice from Alastair McGowan announcing the birth of a grandson - Eden Daniel Nathan McGowan, son of Kirsty & Nathan McGowan. New member Michael Watts – line of Mary Ann Hedgman. Bereavement – Gertrude May Clark 9 Jan 1919 – 2 Mar 2013. Letter of thanks to be sent to Steven and Robyn Matheson, thanking them for opening their house at Akaroa - 54 Rue Grehan, for the Fournat Family, to view. This cottage was the original home of Joseph Lucien and Clemence Gendrot. Correspondence was accepted. Moved D McKenzie/B Fuller CARRIED	Leone
Accounts	Cheque A/c \$8713.84 Savings A/c \$2943.45 Bruce F advised that 12 more members need to be removed from the Membership list as they had not had responded to letters sent to them. The Chair thanked Bruce for his efforts to maintain a current membership record. Reimbursement of \$209.68 was requested for envelopes, stamps and printer inks. Moved B Fuller/ N Clark CARRIED	
Communication Web Page	Facebook seems to be taking off and numbers building. Some good contacts have been made. Information being received needs to go to both Leone and Richard W. as both accumulate information to publish in their media. Patricia to contact Steve Lowdnes, Chair of the Akaroa Civic Trust, to obtain the history that was gathered on 56 Rue Grehan before it was burnt down in Jun 2012 and to also pass this on to Suky Thompson, who manages tours in Akaroa. Another point of contact is Gaye Thompson of the Akaroa Coronation Library – djameson@clear.net.nz	All Patricia
La Gazette	A request has been made for more contributions for the La Gazette. This includes Family Notices, profiles or articles on past or present times. It was also requested to encourage those who hosted Gilles and Michelline Fournat during their stay in New Zealand to forward a short reflection on their visit for the La Gazette.	All

Comte de Paris	<p>Leone reported on the meetings with the Fournat Family in both Akaroa and Christchurch and the presentations received and given.</p> <p>The C de P are producing copies of the presentation (a scene of Rochefort Harbour circa 1840) for members who wish to purchase one.</p> <p>Two enthusiastic members are researching and will make up costumes for re-enactments of the landings in Akaroa.</p> <p>Upcoming Dates 2013: 9 Jun 13 – AGM 18 Aug – Landing Day Lunch and 10th anniversary of the Society 11 – 13 Oct – French Fest.</p>	
L'Alliance Francaise	The Alliance has purchased a house at 913 Colombo St, near Bealey Ave, for their new premises. This will be opened by the French Ambassador, Monsieur Francis Etienne on 19 Apr 13	Heather
AGM 2013	<p>The AGM will be at the L'Alliance rooms at 11.00am Sun 19 May 13. The AGM will be followed by a 'finger' food lunch and social time. The meeting will not continue on in Wellington as proposed, as attendance would not warrant it. A number were interested but overseas or otherwise engaged.</p> <p>Members are asked to bring along any artefacts they may have for a display.</p> <p>There is a need to start thinking about the 175th Anniversary in 2015.</p> <p>As well as the notification in The Press, Bruce F is to send out a personal note to all the Christchurch based members.</p>	<p>ALL</p> <p>Bruce F</p>
French Visit 2013	<p>The visit of Gilles and Micheline Fournat went well even though we could not do as we wished at Akaroa as the museum was closed due to Earthquake related problems.</p> <p>The Presentation exchange went well at the Soiree hosted by Heather and Rob Libeau-Dow. Thank you Heather and to all those who hosted Gilles and Micheline during their stay in the country.</p> <p>The presentation included a greeting from the President of the Libeau- Rochefort- Akaroa Group in France, Jeanne Mazet and a print depicting Rochefort Harbour circa 1840.</p> <p>This is now being appropriately framed for preservation.</p> <p>In exchange reciprocal greetings were made and a rimu relief of Banks Peninsula presented.</p>	
Libeau Family of Banks Peninsula – Reprint	<p>The Chair has written and spoken to Alison Honeyfield of Evagean Publishing. This has established that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The French section was sent to her in French. They then had this translated into English. Unfortunately we did not know this, as we could have had it translated in Christchurch and been able to pick up any errors. • We need to advise Evagean Print of any further errors found and these corrections will be included in further printings. Evagean Print will also advise the Society of any corrections made. • An Addenda will be published and any further corrections published in La Gazette and on the Website. <p>Above procedure Moved P Stoneman/d McKenzie. CARRIED</p>	All
Winter Meetings	Winter meetings will start at 1.30pm.	All

Closure

There being no further business the meeting closed at 4.30 p.m.

Next Meeting

To be held after the AGM

P Stoneman
Chairperson

Jun 13

L Fuller
Secretary

Jun 13

Items of business still to be discussed

Storage of Memorabilia.

Register location of archive material and objects on Web Site

Next Research Workshop

Format of a 175th Reunion in 2015