

**Minutes of the Libeau Descendants Society Inc Meeting held at the home of Patricia Stoneman at  
3.15pm on Sunday 14 October 12**

**Present**

Messrs: Bruce Fuller, Norman Clark, Richard Clark, and Bruce Clark

Mesdames: Patricia Stoneman, Leone Fuller, Desiree McKenzie and Heather Libeau-Dow

**Apologies**

Messrs Richard Warlow

**Minutes of the last meeting were taken as read**

Minutes of the Meeting of 8 Jul 12 were moved as a true and accurate record.

Moved L Fuller/ N Clark

CARRIED

<b>Topic</b>	<b>Discussion</b>	<b>Action</b>
<b>Matters arising from the Minutes</b>	Nil	
<b>Correspondence Inwards</b>	Various E-mails re visit of French family Feb/Mar 2013 with offers of assistance to Host visit during travel through New Zealand. E-mail received from Heather Smith (Australia) re the possibility of setting up a Branch in Australia. We will provide support where we can.  Correspondence was accepted. Moved N Clark/H Libeau-Dow CARRIED	
<b>Accounts</b>	Cheque A/c \$8364.18 Savings A/c \$2925.77 Bruce F advised that the subscriptions were slow coming in. New member Barbara Linton from Paihia. The family is planning a visit to France, so Patricia has forwarded some Family contacts to her.  Moved B Fuller/ N Clark CARRIED	
<b>Communication Web Page</b>	Facebook seems to be taking off and numbers building. Some good contacts being made. Information being received needs to go to both Leone and Richard W. Both accumulate information to publish in their media.	<b>All</b>
<b>La Gazette</b>	Need more information for publication. Profiles on personalities would be appreciated on family members both past and present. Heather L to do one on Richard W.	<b>Heather</b>
<b>Comte de Paris</b>	Web site up and running. Work being done on updating the Le Lievre Book Gravestones. A subcommittee has been set up to work in this area, See attached Headstone Meeting, French Fest 2013. Peter Breitmeyer and Lynda Sutherland are representing the Group on this Committee, Landing Day Lunch was held on 19 Aug. A well attended event with good speaker and a visual presentation about the condition of graves in the Akaroa area. Oktoberfest was held on 6 Oct and again an entertaining evening.	
<b>DVD's</b>	Now need to produce another DVD from video clips recorded 'over the years'.	<b>Patricia/ Richard C</b>
<b>Gravestones</b>	Reaffirmed commitment to place a Headstone on Joseph's (Snr) Grave. Bruce C to identify if there are any problems with completing this project and to get an updated costing. A decision on completing this project to be made at the next	<b>Bruce C</b>

	meeting. .	
<b>Libeau Family of Banks Peninsula - Reprint</b>	Now published and people should have their copy by now.	<b>All</b>
<b>AGM 2013</b>	As only 9 members attended the 2012 AGM there is a need to develop a different format. Following discussion the Chair moved that we try again the format to start in Christchurch and end in Wellington. Seconded H Libeau-Dow. However, need to get expressions of interest from our North Island members. Possible date to be Queens Birthday weekend in Wellington.	<b>Patricia</b>
<b>French Visit 2013</b>	Following is a proposed programme for Gilles & Michelline's visit. Following a visit to the North Island arrive Christchurch 5 <sup>th</sup> March. Stay with Leone and Bruce until you leave to go to Heathers. (see below) Our suggestions would be the trip around Christchurch on the Wednesday. Either Hanmer with us on Thursday or Friday and Tranz Alpine train with Norman and Elaine on the alternative day. Saturday to go to Heathers where we will have a dinner party for everyone who would like to catch up with them. Stay at Heathers Saturday night and continue your trip south on Sunday. On return to Christchurch prior to leaving New Zealand, stay with Heather and go to Akaroa. This to be considered by Gilles & Michelline and confirmed at our next meeting.	<b>All</b>

#### **Closure**

There being no further business the meeting closed at 5.20 p.m.

#### **Next Meeting**

Saturday 2 to 4pm at held at Leone and Bruce's home, 25 Hamel Ln, Kaiapoi.

P Stoneman  
Chairperson

Jan 12

L Fuller  
Secretary

Jan 12

#### **Items of business still to be discussed**

Storage of Memorabilia not specific to Family.  
Register location of archive material and objects on Web Site  
Generation X

## **Headstone Meeting 03-09-2012**

**Present:** Suky Thompson, Bruce Clarke, Linda Sunderland

#### **Topics Discussed:**

##### **1. Names of Settlers to follow up for damaged headstones:**

Waeckerle – Anglican cemetery

LeLievre- Catholic and Dissenters cemetery

Libeau – Anglican cemetery and L'Aube Hill. Joseph Libeaus headstone is not earthquake damaged and it's repair replacement is a 'desirable' action. The Libeau

family have a plan in mind. Joseph Jnr has natural damage and lead lost from the lettering.

Breitmeyer

Bouriaud – Catholic and Dissenters cemetery

Guindon – Catholic and Dissenters Cemetery

De Malmanche – Catholic and Dissenters cemetery

Francois

Fleuret

Veron

Gendrot

It was suggested by Suky that following on from the project of restoring the settler headstones the experience and knowledge gained could be utilized in restoring the headstones of other significant Akaroa settlers.

The first two headstones to be submitted to the CCC for restoration are:

Mary and C J Waeckerle

Francois and Justine LeLievre

Linda is also working on Virginie and Eugene Lelievre – a first generation daughter of Francois and Justine LeLievre.

## **2. Process**

An email has been received from Maria Adamski, CCC:

- Claire Gibb has been employed to assist maria in managing the repairs of heritage headstones
- the CCC will fund the earthquake damage repairs, any 'maintenance' or 'desirable' work would need to be funded through other means
- Maria is yet to speak to the Signage people at the CCC. All present agreed that The subcommittee would need to be careful as to what signage was proposed. The Group would like something sympathetic to the era that the settlers arrived in eg maybe sepia coloured, settler names, map of gravesites, historical significance written. It was suggested the Subcommittee decide on the design and ask for assistance from the CCC for making and funding the signage. There will need to be signs at least for the Anglican, and Catholic and Dissenters cemeteries.  
Suggestions – gather ideas from as many as possible, research ideas and take photographs of suitable styles.
- an inscription could be added to each headstone stating 'restored by etc'. This inscription could include a contact such as a website address.

## **3. Funding:**

At this stage there is \$586.50 in the special account set up for this purpose under the umbrella of the Comte de Paris Descendants Incorporated Society.

As above funding will be needed for 'maintenance' and 'desirable' work and possibly for signage if the Subcommittee wishes to spend more than the CCC proposal.

Funding Sources could include:

- the Akaroa/Wairewa Community Board
- the Parkinson Trust
- the Lotteries Commission – need to have some funding as a % before applying
- the Todd Foundation
- the CCC Libraries also have a nation-wide Fund View Database. You need a library card and Pin No.

Linda has since spoken with Sue Grimwood from the Community Board – Strengthening Communities section (ph 03 304 8659/03 304 5099). The Akaroa/Wairewa Community Board only has \$12000 per year to allocate due to it's small population base however could still apply. Sue is very happy to help with suggestions for obtaining funding from other sources.

## **4. Contacting Families:**

The CCC states the Subcommittee needs to take reasonable steps to contact families regarding restoring the headstone and asking for objections – eg direct contact, Public Notices.

The family contacts for Etienne Xavier Lelievre (1<sup>st</sup> generation) are Janet Drury and Paul Lelievre

## **5. Other:**

a. Some mistakes have been made on the plinth at the French cemetery on L'Aube Hill – some names are not included and others included who have not been buried there.  
The French cemetery could benefit from some 'work' to give it the atmosphere of a historic cemetery – could also do with an Information Board. A lynchgate and old fashioned roses were suggested.

b. Suky is now on the new Garden of Tane management board which could give an overall focus of restoration that includes the Anglican and Catholic and Dissenters Cemeteries along with the Garden of Tane – all are linked by land and pathways.

c. ? 8 Rue Grehan is the Bouriaud house

d. Suky will draw up a list of other significant settler headstones from Akaroa

Vangioni

Kotlowski – there is family in Akaroa

Rodriguez

Daly

Capt Bruce

George Hempleman

Dr Watkins – Linda knows of family

Pavitt

Haylocks