

Minutes of the Libeau Descendants Society Inc Meeting held at the home of Heather and Rob Libeau-Dow at 11.15am on Sunday 7 Aug 2016

Present

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

Apologies

Messrs Richard Warlow and Cameron Parsonson
 Mesdames: Wendy Brown and Desiree McKenzie

Minutes of the last meeting

Minutes of the Meeting held on 26 Jun 2016 were moved as a true and accurate record.
 Moved H Libeau-Dow /P Stoneman
 CARRIED

Topic	Discussion	Action
Matters arising from the Minutes	Finance. Bruce to talk to Wendy re: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interest earnings • Transfer of money to Savings A/c 	B Clark
Accounts/Treasurer's Report	<p>Bank Balance. Cheque Account \$9522.42 Savings Account \$3035.09</p> <p>Accounts for payment: Annual Hosting of Domain Name for Web \$41.28</p> <p>Receipts: Interest \$1.28 Subscriptions \$125.00</p> <p>Moved W Brown /P Stoneman. CARRIED</p> <p>Subscriptions. We currently have 25 subscriptions outstanding which I will endeavour to chase up in the next week or so.</p>	Wendy
Correspondence In	<p>E-mail from Kevin Clark re progress on the book he is writing. The draft is out to a few people for feedback and correction as necessary. A final draft will then be made and sent to an editor for reading a correction.</p> <p>Correspondence accepted. Moved H Libeau-Dow /P Stoneman CARRIED</p>	
Communication Web Page	<p>Ideas for inclusion on the website. Committee to actively encourage members to provide cameos of old identities from the 'The Libeau Family of Banks Peninsula'. These could add interest to the site and create interaction with 'stories' being told. Another area would be stories of visits to other family members in New Zealand and other parts of the world. Record this request into the next La Gazette.</p> <p>Facebook. Cameron to talk to Richard W re Facebook notifications of the Society's activities.</p> <p>Information for the Web Site. Bruce to check with Richard W if it should be in PDF Format or Word.</p>	All
La Gazette	<p>The next La Gazette to be published at the end of next week.</p>	B Clark
Comte de Paris	<p>The Akaroa Heritage Festival Society (AHFS) has requested feedback on two questions from Committee members:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What are the objectives of French Fest • What is our wish list for French Fest 2017? <p>The Comte de Paris Committee decided that their objective for the French Fest is to promote the history and heritage of Akaroa. Their wish list is to promote, celebrate and inform the general public on Akaroa's heritage. We agreed that the timing of the festival is up to the people of Akaroa.</p>	

	<p>As far as the re-enactment of the Landing for 2017 – it was agreed we need to inform the AHFS that the Comte de Paris Descendants Group no longer has the man-power to organise the Landing and Parade as in the past. There is also the consideration of liability now that the Christchurch City Council is not involved.</p> <p>The Auckland Branch has had its first meeting and has plans to meet again. They have booked a luncheon for 10 Jul at a café (pre Bastille Day) and tentatively planned to meet again on 16 Oct to chat and share knowledge. Their intentions have been posted on the web site to inform other descendants in the Auckland Region.</p> <p>There is concern regarding the decreasing numbers on the Committee based in Christchurch.</p> <p>All agreed the Group is very healthy in other respects – financially, growing membership numbers, another branch in Auckland, wardrobe of period costumes, banners and placards and other resources.</p>	
L'Alliance Francaise	<p>This year Bastille Day was celebrated with a focus on families- a shared lunch and children's circus games entertained those who attended this event in the Fendalton Community Centre. A French- themed Market at Mt Pleasant the day after the Nice attack was a time of sadness and sharing rather than a publicity stall; but could lead to an outpost class in this area. AF has a strong focus on growth which involves marketing and strategic planning. The lack of emphasis on French language at secondary school level is a concern. Developing stronger links with the French community is a priority.</p> <p>A new initiative is a Saturday afternoon class this term for francophone children 7-11 years.</p> <p>A holiday programme for school-age children was very popular.</p> <p>The Petit Matin Croissant breakfast continues to be a great meeting place for all; held on the last Sunday of the month from 9.30-11.30'.</p> <p>There is a 'French for Traveller's' course on Saturday mornings for those who want to communicate on holiday!</p>	
General Business	<p><u>Northern Region Representative.</u> Following discussion Patricia will contact Morgan Libeau to see if she would take over this roll.</p> <p>French Breakfasts - Libeau family event throughout the regions, including France. Send photos for the Gazette!</p> <p>Connect for croissants and coffee on Sunday 30 Oct.</p> <p>Christchurch members meet at Alliance Francaise at 913 Colombo St - 9.30 for their Petit Matin Croissant held monthly.</p> <p>Libeau/Comte de Paris relationship and where are we heading. Libeau Family for the future.</p>	Patricia

Closure

There being no further business the meeting closed at 1.15pm.

Next Meeting

The date for the next Committee meeting will be 23 Oct 16 at Heather's at 11.00am.

H Libeau-Dow
Chairperson

P Stoneman
Secretary

Events to be confirmed

4 Dec 2016. Joyeux Noel High Tea.
Third Sunday in January 2017. Picnic Lunch in Akaroa with Comte de Paris Group and the visit
Robinsons Bay.
12 Feb 2017. Committee Meeting.
9 Apr 2017. Committee Meeting.
21 May 2017. AGM.
18 Jun 2017. Committee Meeting.

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. How should we recognise 175 years?
2. 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.
3. To continue with an Historical location board in Rue Grehan.
I am still interested in ensuring this is completed.