

**Minutes of the Libeau Descendants Society Inc Meeting held at the home of Heather and Rob Libeau-Dow at 11.15am on Sunday 23 Oct 2016**

**Present**

Messrs: Bruce Clark and Cameron Parsonson  
 Mesdames: Heather Libeau-Dow, Patricia Stoneman and Desiree McKenzie

**Apologies**

Messrs Richard Warlow and Richard Clark  
 Mesdames: Wendy Brown and Leone Fuller

**Minutes of the last meeting**

Minutes of the Meeting held on 7 Aug 2016 were moved as a true and accurate record.  
 Moved H Libeau-Dow /P Stoneman  
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| <b>Topic</b>                            | <b>Discussion</b>   | <b>Action</b>  |
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| <b>Matters arising from the Minutes</b> | <b>La Gazette.</b> In future all correspondence to be published on the Society's Web Site is to be forwarded to the Web master in PDF Format. The La Gazette also to be published in PDF Format.  | <b>B Clark</b>   |
| <b>Accounts/Treasurer's Report</b>      | <p><b>Bank Balance.</b><br/>           Cheque Account \$9558.56<br/>           Savings Account \$3036.40</p> <p>Due to ill health, the duties of Treasurer have been delegated to Bruce Clark for the time being. As a result of this, Cheque Signatories will need to be changed as follows:<br/>           Delete - S de Jeu<br/>           Add - H Libeau-Dow (President) and B Clark Acting Treasurer).</p> <p>Discussed the need to update signatories after AGM changes. Leone was the person who replaced S de Jeu. Need to check with the BNZ. The third signatory is P Stoneman (Secretary). We discussed the three executives holding signing authority. Checking the Constitution.</p>   | <p><b>B Clark</b></p> <p><b>H Libeau-Dow</b><br/> <b>B Clark</b></p> |
| <b>Correspondence In</b>                | <p>E-mail from Kevin Clark re progress on the book being written. A number of people have received a copy of the draft and some good suggestions have been received. We would like to know if the Libeau Descendants Society would like the book produced in its name or independently. (Of course we will note that all information and opinion is the responsibility of the authors and not the Society). We don't mind either way but thought it may give the society some publicity if done under its auspices. Even if it is published independently, we will make sure there is mention of the Libeau Descendants Society so that readers may join up. We plan to publish it at no cost to the Society with cost of sales recovering editing and printing costs. The main thing to point out to the committee is that it is a book detailing what we have discovered and not all of it is complementary, particularly in relation to Joseph Libeau!! However we have tried to be honest and give as complete a picture as we can based on available information. We have also tried to ensure that the women in the family are rightly recognised which is difficult given the scarcity of information. We don't have a publication date but expect it will now be in the first half of 2017. Following discussion, Patricia to discuss with Kevin exactly what is meant by, 'book produced in its name'. If it means a Forward by the Society, then we would be happy to support that intent.</p> <p>E-mails from Gordon Heyward – see General Business. Lorne Douglas re Ill health of Dora and request her</p> | <p><b>P Stoneman</b></p> <p><b>B Clark</b></p>                       |

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| <b>Out</b>                    | <p>Resignation.<br/>Davis Bennett re the death of his Mother Margaret on 17 Jun 16.</p> <p>Melanie and Pip – Appreciation French Fest<br/>Wendy Brown - Illness<br/>Dora Douglas - Resignation</p> <p>Correspondence accepted.<br/>Moved H Libeau-Dow /P Stoneman<br/>CARRIED</p>   | <b>B Clark</b>  |
| <b>Communication Web Page</b> | See General Business  |   |
| <b>La Gazette</b>             | Should we have another before end of year as there have only 2 this year! I think Yes. Picnic etc. High Tea   |   |
| <b>L'Alliance Francaise</b>   | <p>L'Alliance Francaise Christchurch has plans for growth. The premises at 913 Colombo St will be auctioned on 4 Nov, hopefully securing a good price in order to purchase a more suitable property.</p> <p>The role of French Director has been revised and an Office manager appointed in order to position the L'Alliance for future development.</p> <p>Activities this term include an October Beaujolais launch and December Macaroon cooking class by Bruno, Check the Website for dates this term.</p> <p>The AGM is the last Sunday in Nov; like all organisations, we are looking for new committee members.</p>  |   |
| <b>General Business</b>       | <p><b>E-mail from Gordon Heyward</b> on behalf of his niece who is visiting France next year and wished to visit Family areas of interest. This sparked off discussion as it is but one of many requests for such information. To reduce the burden of family in and following discussion it was decided that we should put together a visit programme for visitors to France and Akaroa/Christchurch of Places of interest for them to visit. Basic information would be provided on each site with further information on a link back to our Website. Much of the information is already available; it is just a matter of bringing it together. This would be a Smart Phone based operation and would need to be developed in conjunction with the Web Master. In the meantime Heather is to develop a paper based programme for Gordon's Niece as a trial and ask her for some feedback on how it worked for her.</p> <p><b>Historical Location Board in Rue Grehan.</b> Patricia is to work with Cameron to move this project forward. Committee Members are to forward their ideas on what should be on the Board for Cameron to design ready for presentation to Heritage Zealand- Duty Planner-Brendan Smith ph 039418934 for Consent. It is hoped this will be ready for Committee approval on 4 Dec and then forwarded to Council with the appropriate documentation for approval. Included also would be a QL Code further Information on the sites.</p> <p><b>Photos from the 1990 Reunion.</b> Photos taken of the 1990 Reunion by Gordon Heyward are now archived with the Christchurch Museum. Copies are available at a cost.</p> | <p><b>H Libeau-Dow</b></p> <p><b>All</b></p> <p><b>To be included in La Gazette</b></p> |

**Closure**

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

**Next Meeting**

The date for the next Committee meeting will be 12 Feb 2017 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.