

MINUTES COMBINED OLD GIRLS' ASSOCIATION MEETING

SUNDAY 8 AUGUST 2004

HELD: Methodist Ladies' College Prep.-Year 2 Building

TOUR OF MLC: 1.00PM – 2.00PM

MEETING COMMENCED: 2.10PM

**WELCOME: Leonie Thomson
President MLC Old Collegians' Club**

PRESENT:

**Academy of Mary Immaculate Past Pupils
Caulfield Grammarians' Association
CLC Old Collegians'
Genazzano Alumni
Ivanhoe Girls' Old Grammarians' Association
Korovian Club
Loreto Mandeville Hall Past Pupils' Association
Lowther Hall Old Grammarians' Society
Melbourne Girls' Grammar School Old Grammarians' Society
MLC Old Collegians' Club
Morongo Old Collegians' Association
Old Fintonians' Association
Old Kilvonians' Association
Old Lauristonians' Association
Our Lady of Sion Past Students' Association
PLC Old Collegians' Association
Presentation Convent Windsor Old Collegians'
Sacre Coeur Alumnae
St. Catherine's Old Girls' Association
Tintern Old Girls'
Toorak College Old Girls' Association**

APOLOGIES:

**Clyde (no longer interested)
St. Leonard's Old Girls'
St. Margaret's Old Girls'
Sacred Heart Old Collegians' Association
Maria Mercuri MLC Alumnae Relations
Cheryl Wilcox MLC COGA Committee**

CORRESPONDENCE:

Nil

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

Read as correct.

Moved: Presentation College Old Collegians'

Seconded: PLC OCA

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES:

Correction to page 4 question 8. The Sun Newspaper has not been involved in the tennis competition for many years although the name was retained – the letter to Old Ruytonians' was sent by the Old Girls' Tennis Committee.

Correction to page 5. Toorak school song should read games song.

SPEAKERS:

Meredith Prime, Executive Officer Girls' Sport Victoria, spoke about the aims of GSV & how associations can become involved.

Sue Markey, Convenor MLC Centenary Committee, gave a brief synopsis of the functions, souvenirs etc. which are contributing to a successful Centenary Year for the Old Collegians' Club.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

M. Mannes (MLC OCC) raised the issue of attendance at the AGM. 53 invitations were sent, 21 acceptances, 4 apologies. Many of the associations who did not reply have not done so over the past 14 years & some have never attended; it was suggested letters be sent to these associations to see if they wish to remain on the mailing list.

J. Wilson (MGGS OGS) moved that a more personal approach be taken & offered to make contact.

Seconded: L. Franke (Tintern Old Girls')

Discussion followed regarding co-ed & boys schools associations. A committee was formed to look at the possibility of meeting from time to time & to look at any broader issues.

Convenor: Jan Wilson (MGGS OCS)
Wendy Fishley (PLC OCA)
Jayne Dance (Korovian Club)
Merrilyn Beeny (MLC OCC)

A motion was passed that letters be sent to co-ed & boys associations to gauge interest in meeting.

Moved: K. Janka (Loreto Mandeville PPA)

Seconded: A. Kelly (Sacre Coeur Alumnae)

M. Mannes to forward information to J. Wilson

DISCUSSION TOPICS:

1. REUNIONS At what intervals are they held?

The norm is every 5 years.

OLA – for younger members 1 & 5 years out – casual stand up with drink paid for by girls. 10 year out - 5.30pm light meal eg. quiche/salad, finish at 9.00pm then free to spend evening together – very successful.

MGGSOGS – OBE (over bloody eighty) lunch; lunch for older members with an ex-olympian to speak; Doncaster/Marysville & boarders lunch – all very successful.

PRIVACY – is permission required from past students to release information?

TCOGA – old girls who object indicate on a form or the information will be used.

IGOGA – handing out names & addresses at functions where names are given freely is appropriate but giving names & addresses to solicit activity is not appropriate.

2. OLD GIRLS' SPORTING COMPETITION

OLA – interested in encouraging old girls' to continue with their sporting teams.

Meredith Prime – Girls' Sport Victoria may look at taking on this aspect. The model looked at was beyond GSV's capabilities so put on backburner. If people are interested assistance can be given & perhaps GSV website can be used to send out information.

TCOGA – received email from past student looking at commencing a hockey & netball competition in the SE suburban area. Those schools interested noted email address.

3. WEBSITES

IGOGA - offered to host permanent COGA web page on their website. They are upgrading their website to make it user friendly, accurate & up to date.

4. GIFTS

TCOGA - have gifts donated by old girls' which need refurbishment & have the funds donated to restore them, however, school stepping in to reorganize the refurbishment. There is a problem with donations & ownership.

PLC OGA suggested certain items should not be refurbished eg. trophies as it takes them out of their original state.

It was suggested associations meet with the schools to come to some agreement.

5. CONSTITUTION – what should be included?

Keep simple. Clubs which are not incorporated do not require a constitution.

Has any association undergone a name change?

Genazzano Alumni & Loreto Mandeville Hall PPA both removed the word “old” from their titles by a vote at AGM.

6. SCHOLARSHIPS

TCOGA – cannot raise enough for a scholarship so they provide bursaries.

7. STRATEGIC PLANNING

MLC OCC currently working on a strategic plan.

LMHPPA – document being produced; this has required a great deal of effort by past students, school Council and the school. Happy to provide to other associations.

8. MENTORING

LHOGS – very involved with the careers officer; have an extensive list of past students involved with current students & now want to look at past students who have been at university 2-3 years & link up career opportunities associated with their degrees.

9. INTERNATIONAL COGA IN USA/UK.

Would be difficult to organise. Some associations do hold overseas reunions. Suggestion to contact IONION'S who have clubs in every Australian state & New Zealand & meet at Australia House in London – contact gail.boyle@BEinternet.com

10. BUILDING COMMUNITY AWARENESS

**OFA - fundraising not successful unless you build your community; joint event event at Aquarium by old girls' & school.
CGA – have a large number of younger members on committee; suggest year 12's be invited during their final year to join .**

11. FUNDRAISING

LMHPPA – holding a 7.00am women's breakfast with speaker.

**NEXT MEETING - Korovian Club – 21 August 2005
Old Ruytonians Association - 2006
St. Catherine's Old Girls' Association - 2007**

It was acknowledged that Our Lady of Sion Past Students Association were represented at the meeting for the first time.

Leonie Thomson thanked all for their attendance & extended an invitation to remain for afternoon tea.

Meeting closed 3.50pm.