

Malvern Red & Black Society
Executive Committee
7:00 p.m., 14 June 2011
Archives Room, Malvern C.I.

Present: V. Masemann (Chair), A. Ashby, I. Hubel, S. Munro, S. Nathwani, W. Pace, R. Tennyson

Regrets: S. Burk, E.J. Butchers, D. Halliday, R. Watson

1. Minutes of May meeting

Acceptance moved by Adele, seconded by Irene. Accepted.

2. Matters arising from the minutes

(a) A copy of *The Wayward Life And Times of a Dipsy Doodle Dandy* by John Parker was been received and vetted by several committee members. They had a very positive response to the book. He has suggested two options for possible MRBS involvement: use the book as a fundraiser for the MRBS or put an advertisement in the next *Musings*. In the latter case, he would handle the sales. After some discussion, it was decided that the second option would suit better. It was also decided that we would not charge him, but would place a notice in the *Musings*. A second book by Andrew Carswell, *Under the Wire*, about his experiences during World War II will be treated in the same way. The author would be gently encouraged to make a donation to the MRBS but there would not be a mandatory fee.

(b) Further discussion concerning the principal's suggestion about using the Archives Room for instructional space is on hold.

3. Announcements

(a) The MRBS meeting dates for the rest of 2011 and the first half of 2012 are as follows: Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m. on 13 September, 18 October (please note the later date), 8 November (may be cancelled), 13 December, 10 January, 14 February, 13 March, 8 May, and June 12.

(b) During the month of November, the War Memorial unveiling will be on Friday 4 November with a 1:30 p.m. arrival time and the ceremony from 2-3 p.m. There will be a small reception for the dignitaries at 1 p.m. The MRBS AGM will be on Saturday 5 November, and Remembrance Day and Malvern Commencement both fall on Friday 11 November.

4. President's Report – Vandra Masemann

(a) Vandra chaired the meeting of the War Memorial Committee on 24 May at which the program for the ceremony was planned. There are now two committees, one for the 4 November event and the existing War Memorial Committee, which will concern itself with the restoration project and the future maintenance of the memorial. The event committee now has teachers involved, and plans include the dignitaries, a pipe band, an honour guard of soldiers in World War I uniforms, the student body, trustees, representatives of the regiments of the soldiers whose names are on the memorial, a Malvern band and choir, and a stationary gun.

David Fuller is preparing a biography of each of the soldiers being honoured, as well as the programme booklet.

(b) Vandra also attended an OMF meeting at which an annual report was distributed that contained only the financial data required by the government. An AGM was not held. There will be a new treasurer in the fall who is a professional accountant. The OMF has handed over \$200 (\$203 to make up for a previous clerical error) in further donations for the War Memorial Fund.

5. Vice-President's Report – Adele Ashby

Adele noted that the special *Musings* issue was well received at the 40s/50/60s reunion. A preliminary list of items for the fall issue was discussed, including requests for assistance, especially technical, several items for the In Memoriam column, information about the AGM in November, a report on the reunion, a notice about the Vintage Malvern Wear and the two books notes above, a reminder about the Dancap offer, and the President's report.

6. Reunion Report – Rod Tennyson

Rod reported that the 40s/50s/60s Reunion was a great success with over 313 people who registered. There may have been more who did not. The net gain was \$1558.41, which should cover the cost of the next two *Musings*. Rod noted that the success was a team effort and thanked those who had taken part. The fact that the music was too loud and there were parking problems was discussed along with a possible change of venue should there be a repeat. A motion was put forward to give a donation to the music department for their contribution.

Moved by Vandra that the MRBS donate \$500 to the Malvern Music Department for its contribution to the success of the May 2011 40s/50s/60s reunion.

Seconded by Adele. Passed unanimously.

Reunion Report – Donna Halliday

Donna was unable to attend the meeting but had emailed her report that covered attendance, food, donations, and souvenirs.

7. Group ticket update – Sandra Burk

In Sandra's absence, there was no report, but Vandra noted that the eblast from the school to remind students and parents about the previous offer did not go out. [She sent an update by email. She is planning a Malvern outing/date to see *Memphis* in December. VM note.]

8. Communications Reports

In Bob and Donna's absence, Vandra noted that all communications traffic had slowed noticeably since the reunion.

(a) Mail – Sonya Munro

Sonya reported that there has been almost no mail.

(b) Phone and Email – Bob Watson

Vandra reported on Bob's behalf that only 9 messages have been received since the last meeting.

(c) Database – Donna Halliday

Vandra reported for Donna that she was working on the database to prepare for the fall *Musings*.

8. Treasurer’s Report – Evan Butchers

In Evan’s absence, he had emailed his report. Our current bank balance is \$32,793.89, of which \$28,791.51 is for the War Memorial project.

10. Technical Director’s Report – Shanta Nathwani

(a) At our last meeting, Shanta had been asked to investigate possible new hosting options. She circulated a chart with her findings and her criteria for selection. The following motion came out of the ensuing discussion.

Moved by Bill, seconded by Sonya that Shanta be given permission to proceed to sever our relationship with our current web hosting provider and to test Bluehost as an alternative.

(b) The issue of the redesign of our current website was discussed. A committee was struck consisting of Vandra and Shanta and possibly Han.

11. Other Business

There was no other business.

12. Motion to Adjourn

Moved by Adele, seconded by Irene.