

Minutes of the Canterbury Schools' Debating Council AGM

14 November 2013

1. Attendance

1.1. Present

14 eligible electors attended the meeting.

1.2. Apologies

11 eligible electors put in their apologies. They were:

- Brendan Biggs
- Jenni McLaughlin
- Paul O'Connor
- Helaina Coote
- Jo Dwan
- Jessica Stokes
- Chris Rayward
- Chris Cooper
- Elaine Thwaites
- George Mander
- Nola Kilpatrick

2. President's Report

2.1. Report

The report was delivered by Megan Dickie. It is attached in the appendix.

Motion (moved Tom O'Brien, seconded Sean Maskill) to accept the President's Report for 2013.
Motion carried.

2.2. Discussion

A query was made regarding whether coaching has increased under the new system of payment. It was discussed that the number of schools taking up the option of coaching has increased (including those who have not previously arranged pro bono coaching), but that otherwise there isn't enough

information to make a comparison. A suggestion was made to move to granting of honorariums to coaches at the AGM, rather than through cash payment during the year.

3. Treasurer's Report

3.1. Report

The report was given by Tom O'Brien. It is attached in the appendix.

Motion (moved by Billy Clemens, seconded by Sophie Maher) to accept the Treasurer's Report for 2013. Motion carried.

3.2. Discussion

The \$350 debit attributed to Sean Maskill was discussed. It was concluded that the debit was made due to the fact that some schools had mistakenly sent cheques for Regionals that should have been sent to NZSDC to CSDC in error. This was changed to an expense for Nationals 2012.

A query was made as to whether the ESU has received a proposal from CSDC this year. Discussion was had around the fact that that a meeting last year with the ESU Trust last gave the impression that a binding ongoing agreement had been secured, and that therefore a new proposal was not needed. It was noted that given the winding up of the ESU Society's Canterbury branch, it is unlikely that the ESU Trust will pay the amount for this year.

It was also emphasised that the winding up of the Canterbury ESU Society would make it more difficult in future for CSDC to secure funding from the ESU Trust.

4. Constitutional discussion

4.1. Adoption

Motion (moved Megan Dickie, seconded Bill Dieckermann) to adopt a Constitution for the Council along the lines of the Draft proposed by the incumbent Council. Motion carried.

4.2. Amendments

Motion (moved Sean Maskill, seconded Tim Bain) to make the following amendments to the draft Constitution:

- 4.2.1. Adding a provision specifying that the handover between the incumbent and elected Councils will take place 20 days after the AGM. Motion carried.
- 4.2.2. Adding a provision specifying that the Council has the power to do anything necessary in the service of the purposes outlined in the Constitution. Motion carried.
- 4.2.3. Adding a provision specifying that on dissolution the assets of the Council would go either to the New Zealand Schools' Debating Council or to the University of Canterbury Debating Society. Motion that the latter organisation should be the sole recipient

carried, with the proviso that the grant should be made on trust for the Society to continue acting in towards the purposed of the Council.

4.2.4. Adding a provision on interpretation of the Constitution specifying that it should be the Council's prerogative and that its power should be interpreted liberally. Motion carried.

4.2.5. Modifying Section 1 so that Subsection (a) is specified as the primary purpose of the Council, and that Subsection (b) should be specified as outlining the secondary purposes of the Council. Motion carried.

4.2.6. Modifying the description of the Convenor in Section 2 to clarify their autonomy with regards to all NZSDC business. Motion carried.

4.2.7. Modifying Section 2 to specify that the Council will consist of a President, a Vice-President, a Treasurer, and two General Members. Motion carried.

4.2.8. Modifying Section 8 to specify that a person is eligible to vote and speak at General Meetings if they have coached a secondary school team in a CSDC competition in the previous 12 months." Motion carried.

5. Election of officers

5.1. President

5.1.1. Nominations: Tim Bain (nominated by Tom O'Brien, seconded by Pete Harris).

5.1.2. Tim Bain was elected.

5.2. Vice President

5.2.1. Nominations: Tom O'Brien (nominated by Tim Bain, seconded by Sophie Maher).

5.2.2. Tom O'Brien was elected.

5.3. Treasurer

5.3.1. Nominations: Bill Dieckermann (nominated by Pete Harris, seconded by Tom O'Brien).

5.3.2. Bill Dieckermann was elected.

5.4. General Member

5.4.1. Nominations: Sophie Maher (nominated by Tom O'Brien, seconded by Sean Maskill), Ashleigh Ooi (nominated by Pete Harris, seconded by Bill Dieckermann), George Mander (nominated by Pete Harris, seconded by Bill Dieckermann), Ben Maguire (nominated by Tom O'Brien, seconded by Sean Maskill), Billy Clemens (nominated by Jennifer Smith, seconded by Bill Dieckermann).

5.4.2. Sophie Maher and Ashleigh Ooi were elected.

6. Election of Life members

Motion (moved Sean Maskill, seconded Tim Bain) that Jeremy Johnson be elected Life Member of the Council. Motion carried.

Motion (moved Sean Maskill, seconded Tim Bain) that Hayden Ryan be elected Life Member of the Council. Motion carried.

Motion (moved Sean Maskill, seconded Tim Bain) that Rose Austen be elected Life Member of the Council. Motion carried.

Motion (moved Sean Maskill, seconded Tim Bain) that Erin Jackson be elected Life Member of the Council. Motion carried.



President's Report 2013

1. 2013 Review

1.1. Rounds

This year the programme of Thursday round debating continued to run smoothly, and we saw the reintroduction of semi-finals and finals for all rounds, which were received positively by students and teachers.

We also put a strong focus on making sure that rounds were organised and announced in advance to give teachers enough time to organise students. While further improvements can still be made in this area huge thanks need to be given to Tim, Pete and Laura for working hard in this area.

1.2. Regionals and Nationals

This year we saw an increased attendance at Regionals which was pleasing to see.

Year	2010	2011	2012	2013
Teams	25	N/A	14	24
Schools	23	N/A	10	18

Thank you very much to Unlimited Paenga Tawhiti for stepping in at the last minute and hosting. Congratulations to Burnside for winning.

Nationals once again took place this year in Wellington, with the same format as introduced last year. Canterbury once again sent two teams, and competed well. We are fortunate that both teams were made up of a number of year 12 students, putting Canterbury in good stead for the future. Those who went to Nationals have also remained actively involved in debating post – tournament, both attending some university debating evenings and trainee adjudicating junior rounds.

Daniel Maier-Gant was selected for the New Zealand Development Team, and we congratulate him on this achievement.

1.3 Coaching

This year the Council introduced a programme where schools were offered three hours free coaching sessions, funded by CSDC. 27 hours of coaching were given out to schools, and the Council feels that this was a valuable use of money. By paying coaches we were able to offer more coaching sessions than in previous years, and these were utilised by schools that previously have not had access to much coaching. Some schools, such as Riccarton High, have used the coaching service to build up a base of debaters for next year, which we think is a great example of this resource in action!

As this is the first year of the programme there are obviously improvements that could be made, and things like the amount paid to coaches could be reconsidered by the Council next year.

1.4 Judging

Thank you to all of those people who gave up their time to adjudicate debates this year. I would recommend that next year's Council continue to work with Canterbury DebSoc to source and develop adjudicators, and continue to utilise the skills and experience of those who have graduated, such as Erin Jackson, Nicky Allely, Sarah Hoffman and Jeremy Bell-Connell.

2. Administration

2.1. Constitution

This year's Council has drafted a proposed constitution that is to be discussed by the AGM.

2.2 Sponsorship

Sponsorship will be an issue for CSDC in the future given the winding up of the English Speaking Union. Next year's Council should look to find additional sources of sponsorship, particularly to cover the cost of second coaches at Nationals. The Council is looking to recover the money owed by the ESU this year.

3. Thanks

I am not standing for re-election this year. I would like to thank Tim, Tom, Pete and Laura for all of their hard work this year. It has been a pleasure working with you all.

Thank you again to those who have assisted with adjudicating, teaching or participated in debating for 2013 and good luck for the future!



Treasurer's Report 2013

Credits

School Fees \$1,350

Interest \$22.11

Debts Owinq

ESU Trust \$3,000

Sean Maskill \$350

Debits

Website Maintenance \$138

Regionals \$241

Coaching \$675

Nationals (2013) \$1114.30

Nationals (2012) \$350

Simon Inder (2012) \$51.11

Totals

Starting Balance \$6768.82

Ending Balance \$5572.52

Including Debts Owinq \$8872.52