

# Australian Lithuanian Community Federal Executive

## ~ MINUTES OF MEETING 3, 24 MARCH 2007 ~

**PRESENT:** Birute Prasmutaite, Dennis Gaylard, Edvina Utemiseva, Lilija Kozlovskiene and Loreta Cizauskaite-Tigani.

**Birute assumed the chair and opened the meeting at 11.15 AM.**

### **AGENDA:**

- Distributed by Birute and adopted as amended after some discussion.

### **APOLOGIES:**

- Andrius Vaitiekunas and Vytautas Krivickas.

### **CULTURAL AND EDUCATIONAL PROJECTS UPDATE:**

- Lilija reported that she has compiled a contact list for Community cultural groups.
- A copy of the DVD "Kaip Moku Taip Soku" has been ordered from TMID as a resource for dance groups.
- Linas from Geelong would be accepted for the 2007 Dance Festival if they are interested. Loreta advised that they have decided to apply for the 2009 festival instead.
- TMID survey on educational activities will be forwarded to all community ALBs.  
Lilija to advise Committee of outcomes when survey completed.
- Melbourne Malunelis and Gintareile dance groups in abeyance as teacher is now working weekends. Likely to restart later in the year after parents meetings to determine suitable times and structure.
- Bonegilla Commemorative Exhibition may be available to be displayed at interested Community venues. Community ALBs may wish to supplement the exhibition with relevant local photos.

Birute to contact exhibition curator.  
Loreta to coordinate the exhibition tour if available.

### **PREVIOUS MINUTES:**

- Minutes of February meeting unavailable.  
Tabled by Birute for discussion at next meeting.
- Draft minutes of 11 March meeting distributed by Dennis and adopted as amended after some discussion (moved Dennis, seconded Loreta).

### **BUSINESS ARISING:**

- Edvina distributed KV and Community ALB contact details.
- Dennis advised that formal KV letters have not been able to be sent as a letterhead (and business card) design is yet to be settled by the Committee.
- Copies of the Mission Siberia article were forwarded electronically with Draft Minutes.

### **CORRESPONDENCE:**

- As per emails.
- Edvina advised that she has had a poor response from Communities to her request for events calendars for publishing on the website and forwarding to TIMD.  
Dennis to send follow-up letters in English.

### **FINANCIAL REPORT:**

- None.

### **ALJS UPDATE:**

- None.

**SPECIAL PROJECTS AND RESOURCES UPDATE:**

- Loreta will survey dance groups to ascertain what their priorities are in relation to music and dance descriptions before attempting to source appropriate resource materials.

**WEB PROJECTS UPDATE:**

- None.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

- Vitalius Zelba addressed the Committee about changes to the interpretation of the Lithuanian law that has effectively stopped the issue of dual citizenships to the diaspora.
  - It was noted that the PLB has an internet petition supporting reinstatement of the previous dual citizenship arrangements. That petition closes on 12 April.
  - It was agreed to draft a supporting letter and forward the petition to Communities by email with a request that completed petition forms be scanned and forwarded to PLB and KV by 10 April.

Birute to draft letter and email to Edvina.

Edvina to email letter and petition to Communities.

**NEXT MEETING:**

- 11.00 AM, 21 April 2007 at Lithuanian House, North Melbourne.
- Items for discussion:
  - Mission Siberia project.
  - Folk costume resources.
  - Learnings from the Cultural Activities Seminar in Vilnius.
  - Draft Workplan.