

# Australian Lithuanian Community Federal Executive

## ~ MINUTES OF MEETING 7: 21 OCTOBER 2007 ~

**PRESENT:** Andrius Vaitiekūnas, Birutė Prašmutaitė, Dennis Gaylard, Loreta Cizauskaitė-Tigani, Lilija Kozlovskienė and Vytautas Krivickas.

**Birutė assumed the chair and opened the meeting at 10.10 AM.**  
Aurelija Sadauskienė from Melbourne attended the meeting as a guest.  
Greta Fletcher from Sydney attended the meeting as a guest.

### **AGENDA:**

- Distributed by Birutė and adopted.

### **APOLOGIES:**

- Audrius Skeivys and Edvina Utemiševa.

### **PREVIOUS MINUTES:**

- Draft minutes of Meeting 6, 7 September 2007, distributed by Dennis and adopted (moved Dennis, seconded Birutė).

### **BUSINESS ARISING:**

- History of Lithuanian Migrants in Australia project:
  - Birutė to investigate why the 'history' is only up to 1990; what agreements were made in relation to intellectual property rights (noted that they usually stay with the funding body), editorial rights, publishing arrangements and when draft text was to be provided by.
  - It was noted that the original Fondas application stated completion of text by end-December 2006.
  - It was also noted that if ALBK is to do the editing and publishing, to get the book released by mid-2008 draft text and other content will be required by end-December 2007. It was agreed that it would be appropriate to ask for a refund of all money paid if text could not be delivered in that time.  
Birutė to seek information from Romas in Adelaide.  
Birutė and Dennis to then discuss options with Fondas.
- Post war arrival commemorations:
  - Station Pier event planned for 11 November cancelled as it clashes with events in both the Melbourne and Geelong communities.
  - Bonegilla Open Days on 8 & 9 December including local Greek and Dutch choirs and dancers (Tel 02 6020 8734).  
Loreta to place notices in newspapers.
- Further business arising was referred to respective Reports and General Business.

### **CORRESPONDENCE:**

- As per emails.
- Articles prepared and sent to MP (Birutė) and TA (Birutė & Dennis).
- Notice of conference for Lithuanian Media organizations received.  
Birutė to forward to all community radio and print media outlets.
- Letter from the Communist Crimes Research Committee requesting donation to assist with English language publication of their book.
  - The motion that "this Committee provide a token contribution of \$200 towards the publication of the findings of the Communist Crimes Research Committee" was accepted (moved Andrius, seconded Loreta).  
Andrius to arrange payment and advise Australian Communities.

- Newsletter received from Gold Coast community.
- Invitation to send groups to the 2008 North American Dance Festival received.
- Letter from the editor of the PLB monthly journal requesting community information, photographs, etc.  
Lilija to send information about Greta's talk in Melbourne.
- Book about deportee experience received and forwarded to the research library at University of Tasmania.
- Book about life of a Lithuanian monk received, to be forwarded to Melbourne community library.

#### **FINANCIAL REPORT:**

- Andrius reported that both accounts remain in positive balance.
  - Operating Account: \$4,764.88
  - Investment Account: \$6,000.00
- Noted financial contribution from Sydney community.  
Andrius to write to Sydney community thanking them for contribution.  
Andrius to write to other communities requesting contributions.

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

- It was noted that 2009 is the 1,000 year anniversary of the first Western written reference to the country of Lithuania. Each community should organize its own event to commemorate the occasion.
- TMID has requested that each national Diaspora community have a flag for use at official events. Guidelines are available from the TMID website. Agreed to run a flag design competition to officially launch the new Austlb website.  
Lilija, Loreta and Vytautas to form sub-committee.
- It was noted that TMID has offered to make awards available for organizations and individuals who provide significant assistance to communities. Three organizations in Geelong that assisted with ALD to be nominated. Communities to be requested to nominate appropriate organizations by 1 February.  
Birutė to prepare nominations for three Geelong organizations.  
Lilija to forward application forms to communities.

#### **ALB MELBOURNE UPDATE:**

- Dennis reported that in accordance with the directions of the Committee he:
  - Has assumed control of the ALBM bank accounts;
  - Has dealt with correspondence that arose;
  - Has consulted with the Department of Consumer Affairs about the situation;
  - Is making arrangements for a meeting to elect a committee in November; and
  - Has prepared notices for MP and TA about the situation.
- It was noted that three people had to date expressed an interest in forming a new ALBM committee.
- It was also noted that Dennis' ALBK responsibilities must necessarily be reduced by the temporary responsibilities as appointed administrator of the ALBM.

#### **WEB PROJECTS UPDATE:**

- Deferred

#### **SPECIAL PROJECTS UPDATE:**

- Deferred.

#### **ALJS UPDATE:**

- Deferred.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

- ALB Sydney AGM:
  - Greta advised that the AGM had been held and she was elected President.
  - ALBS plans to concentrate on Lithuanian language lessons and ALD 2008.
- ALD 2008:
  - Greta advised that the ALD Committee is working well and all event venues have been booked and confirmed.
  - It was noted that some community members from Melbourne and Geelong have expressed concerns following publicity of assaults and street violence in and around Bankstown. Greta advised that the main Bankstown venue is next door to the local police station.
  - The ALB business sessions have been scheduled across three mornings. Greta will advise dates, times and venues.  
Birutė and Lilija to make agenda recommendations to next meeting.

**NEXT MEETING:**

- 10.00 AM, 2 December at Lithuanian House, North Melbourne.