



## **Timeline Festival Committee Minutes.**

**Saturday October 12th 2013.**

The meeting convened at 2.45 pm at Keith and Chase's property at Mt Egerton VIC 3352.

Present: Committee members Keith Day, Sandy Sempel (by phone), Mark Haviland, Chase Day, Fiona Anderson and Freda Ackroyd.

Also in attendance Emmajayne Pioch (Household de Coucy)

### **Previous Minutes**

- The minutes of the previous meeting were read and proposed as accepted as correct by Sandy Sempel and seconded by Mark Haviland and carried unanimously.

### **Correspondence**

- Mark presented two items of correspondence, namely a Timeline attendance form from Pixie of Hodegon and a communication from the Justice Department, including a cheque, a refund for overpayment of fees.
- Keith acknowledged the receipt of the resignation email from Emaleen Sheerin, which all committee members had read and Keith discussed his response to Emmaleen.
- Further, Keith read out an email which had been sent to Justin Holland with regard to November's one-day event. Justin had replied positively to this email. The event would last from 9 a.m. to 5.30 p.m. and be primarily focussed on the early to late mediaeval periods. Activities would take place in the main arena in half hour blocks. In the evening there would be a banquet for a hundred people.
- Keith had also emailed Justin regarding merchants staying over for the Sunday. Justin had replied that he was comfortable with both merchants and re-enactors in general (as long as they were in costume) returning for the Sunday.
- Sandy proposed a motion that the correspondence be accepted and Freda seconded and the motion was carried unanimously.

### **Financial / Account Status**

- Apart from the newly received cheque there was no change on the financial front. Freda proposed that the financial report be accepted and Sandy seconded it and the motion was carried unanimously.

### **New Member Applications**

- There were no new member applications

### **Vote of confidence**

- Keith raised the issue of Emmaleen's resignation again as well as highlighted the negative comments made by a small minority of re-enactors on the Timeline Festival Facebook page towards the committee, and in particular to the personal attacks on committee members and the way they have conducted themselves in the handling of the event organisation. Keith said that he felt responsible as president of the committee for the direction that the committee has taken and was happy to stand down if the committee felt he was leading them down a path that they were not comfortable with. Keith also said that it was important that we support each other and that he had the confidence of the committee moving forward.
- A vote of confidence in Keith as president was proposed by Sandy, seconded by Mark and was passed unanimously.

### **2013 Event postponement**

- Keith reported that he had spoken to a number of the club presidents / group co-ordinators of those groups who planned to attend the 2013 event personally after the postponement announcement. All had responded in a very positive and supporting manner and despite a sense of disappointment that the event had been postponed a number had given their full support and commitment to attend the rescheduled event.
- There was a general discussion regarding the postponement of the main Timeline event into 2014. It was noted that relations between Kryal Castle Management and the Local Council historically were not particularly good but Kryal had made significant inroads since the new management team had taken over the castle.

### **November one day event**

- The timetable for the November event and the participants for same were discussed. There was debate of the use of various rooms in the castle complex. It was proposed that re-enactors be scattered all through the site.
- Keith will attend the next meeting with Kryal management on October 18<sup>th</sup>. It was proposed by Chase that Fiona attend also. Sandy seconded the motion.
- Sandy proposed a motion that Kryal management be asked for a building to accommodate static displays and/or traders, and Freda seconded it.

- Freda proposed a motion for displays to be held on the terrace outside the main gate. Mark seconded it. It would represent part of the presentation to Kryal management and the general public of what they might expect from the 2014 event.
- It was noted that a traditional bow-shoot is to be held in Ballarat on Sunday November 24<sup>th</sup>, which would most likely be an incentive for some re-enactors to stay on.
- Currently, estimates of the number of re-enactors expected for the November event vary between 93 and 150. There was discussion of whether it would be preferable to put a cap on numbers or open it up. Freda suggested that a cap be imposed although Keith suggested that only the feast be capped as Kryal had agreed that they would allow anyone attending in period costume free entry. The idea of a display to indicate what the full 2014 event would look like was mooted.
- Keith will issue invitations to mediaeval groups that have not thus far been invited to the November event, i.e., Dubh-Linn, Vlachernai and Hodegon.
- Their inclusion would definitely take the number of participants over a hundred. Consequently, tickets for the evening banquet would have to be shared proportionately between the groups if the number wanting to attend the feast went above 100. As a prerequisite, we will need to know how many people want to come to the banquet. Chase proposed sending out an email to that effect as soon as possible.
- A small number of tickets will have to be held back for guests (local council, press, photographers etc.)

#### **Alternative location**

- If it turns out in the future that Kryal Castle is not an option for the Timeline Festival, alternative locations must be considered. Discussions considered Ballarat Lake, Ballarat Showgrounds, Bacchus Marsh camp ground and also the Ballarat polocrosse grounds; although it was felt that the latter was likely to be too small for our purposes. Keith suggested we also look at locations within closure proximity to Melbourne. Whatever the venue, issues to be examined would include the cost of the venue, camping facilities, fencing, security, parking and upfront costs.

#### **General Business**

- The committee vacancy was discussed. Keith will see if there is any interest with Ballarat Living History Group or with the LARPs
- The next meeting will be held on Saturday November 2<sup>nd</sup> at 2pm (Venue to be confirmed)
- The meeting closed at 4.30 pm