

Minutes of Sydney Branch ASSLH Executive 22 June 2011

Meeting opened at 6.05pm

Attendance: Nick Dyrenfurth, Sarah Gregson, John Dean, Danny Blackman and Sue Tracey

Sydney Branch Website

Secretary is in the process of uploading the minutes from beginning of 2010 onto the website. The minute from 2002 will be lodged with the Branch's records in the Mitchell Library.

Email

The Secretary is going to set up a gmail account for the society. Danny advised turning off the joining conversational threads.

Proposed Sydney Branch Events:

AGM must be held by end of September. After discussion the AGM was set for Wednesday 28 September. Another talk is to be possibly scheduled in either October or November.

The following are possible speakers:

- Frank Bongiorno could perhaps speak at our AGM? He can speak on a range of relevant topics. (Nick to follow up)
- Nick Martin on GDH Cole and Guild Socialism
- Organisation Romance –topical in view of ADF Academy scandals. Possible speakers? (Sue & Sarah to check)
- Neville Kirk, British Labour Historian from Manchester, *Labour & Empire* could possibly have an Australian Book Launch on November 3 or 4. As Sydney branch normally has a dinner with national ASSLH at the end of November. Could that be brought forward? (Probably not) Nick to check if Neville is available at some other time.

Venue for Meetings

The last meeting in the Shannon was well attended but a few hiccups. Firstly although it had been booked there was resistance to Sydney Branch going to the downstairs which had been arranged previously with the proprietor. There were also some noise issues. Danny will check with the hotel as to whether we could meet there again and if so what will be required. Otherwise another venue to be booked. The Branch wants to get a permanent meeting place.

Commemorating Titanic as an Industrial Disaster

Sarah reported that she has booked the Atrium of Trades Hall. This will be a joint event with the MUA and Trades Hall. It is envisaged there will be event on Saturday 14 April 2012, the centenary of the sinking, together with a photographic exhibition. The exhibition will remain up for some time afterward.

It was agreed that Sarah should apply for funding to the Bede Nairn fund to provide resources for preparing photos for the exhibition..

National Museum of Labour History

The museum is a unions and ACT initiative. Several of the state branches have already subscribed to the Museum. Sydney Branch has not yet subscribed. There was discussion as to whether ASSLH should subscribe nationally and if so what influence that the Society could have in the direction of the Museum.

Danny and Sue will investigate further.

Meeting closed at 7.05pm