



MINUTES for Meeting of The Leadership Team
held at 6:25pm on Thursday 26th September 2024,
At the Robin Hood Hotel, Portrush Road, Norwood SA

Chris welcomed everyone to the meeting.

1. PRESENT

Peg Argent, Michael Barton, Ann Ewer, Heather Ford, Rosanne Fuller, Jan Goulter, Shez Hobbs, Keith Holland, Wendy Hunt, Margaret Hurrell, Denise Johnston, Cindy Massey, Gaylene Morgan, Chris O'Brien, Kathleen Rossini, Julie Symons

In Attendance:

2. APOLOGIES: Ros Wyatt, Jackie Harris, Sue Knuckey, Kerry Brand, Jill Radcliffe, Bev McBride

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

It was agreed that the Minutes of the meeting held on Friday 30th August 2024 be approved.

Moved: Shez Hobbs

Seconded: Heather Ford

All in Favour

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Heather advised the "red" phone is now being used as the Guild phone. The number remains the same. The old phone will be discarded.

5. GUILD BUSINESS – LEADERSHIP TEAM

5.1 President (Chris)

5.1.1 Chris pointed out some agenda item numbers have been re-organised and/or put under different headings. This is to be confirmed with Candy for searching purposes.

5.1.2 Chris showed 5 donated vintage and antique quilts, there is a total of 8 quilts plus a teddy bear. As the owner of the quilts gave no instructions as to what she would like to do with them, a few suggestions were put forward and, after discussion, it was agreed to have a silent auction. It was agreed not to put it on Facebook, to advertise it in I-Patch with an explanation of how a silent auction works and the quilts be displayed at a meeting. Photographs to be taken. It was discussed if a reserve needs to be put on them of \$100-\$200. All were in agreeance with this concept. **All in Favour**

It was discussed as to where the proceeds received from the silent auction should go. A chosen charity or the charity nominated for the year were suggested. There was a suggestion it be split between a city and country charity. It was further discussed that SAQ and QE do alternate years for a charity group, this could cause issues with QE having a country charity each year. Cindy to take it to the next QE meeting and to advise of their charity for 2025. Ann asked that it be on the agenda for November as FoQ need the information for the printing of the raffle tickets. **Cindy**

5.1.3 Three emails have been received for information on donating vintage/antique quilts. They were advised to get in touch with the Geelong Wool Museum and the Lions Club of Quilters Victoria.

As there are no facilities in SA to display textile art, it was suggested to approach the Migration Museum and lobby the SA Museum.

5.2 Finance (Keith/Jan)

5.2.1 Advised the August financials have been completed and will be sent out in the next day or two.

There is \$3,200 in the Suspense account and \$5k has been transferred to the Incentive Saver account to maximise it for interest.

QE and General accounts have \$30k – two invoices from QE waiting for payment.

Net income for the year is approximately \$150k, will have a more of an idea at the end of October.

5.2.2 A date for the Finance Committee has been set for Thursday 24th October at 4.30 pm at Keith's office in Aldgate. Attending will be – Chris O'Brien, Heather Ford, Rosanne Fuller, Ann Ewer, Keith Holland, Jan Goulter and Margaret Hurrell.

5.3 Secretariat (Gaylene)

Booking for the Burnside Hall for 10th January 2025 for the purpose of an audit of equipment and items stored from 2 pm to 4 pm has been confirmed. A copy of the invoice to be forwarded to Keith and Jan for payment by 1st January. The library will also complete their audit on the same day.

5.4 Membership (Kathleen)

Membership – Total 546:

Life Members - 35

Junior – 4

Student – 1

Associates – 5

Individuals – 501 (including 34 shops)

Heather put a proposal of an additional method of recognition be implemented to acknowledge long term membership of SA Quilters. This would be added to the existing service awards already in place. It would recognise the length of continuous membership as at the end of the previous membership year at the following AGM. It was suggested:

- 10 and 15 years membership – names read out at the AGM;
- 20, 25, 30, 35, 40 & 45 years – Certificate awarded at AGM;
- At the 2025 AGM read the names of those who are at 5 years.

Then we are caught up and the time frame listed can be implemented starting in 2026 to acknowledge the 5th and 10th year milestones.

Heather proposed that recognition of length of continuous membership of SA Quilters be implemented when 10 years of continuous membership is attained. Seconded by Kathy.

All in Favour - Carried

5.5 Meetings Team (Wendy)

Planning has been done for 2024 and for 2025. A copy to be sent to Kathy.

5.6 Meetings General (Raffle – Shez / Welcome – Wendy / Guest Speaker – Diane)

Shez: All okay.

Wendy: All okay.

Guest Speaker: Chris advised there has been a change for the November guest speaker. Michele will be held over for a later date in 2025.

5.7 Groups Liaison (Rosanne)

5.7.1 A group newsletter has been sent out and asked it be forwarded on to affiliate members.

5.7.2 Group exhibitions: Rosanne questioned how do we let all that need to know of them, is a record kept? Some exhibitions have been missed. There is no process in place for this. Unless Groups advise SAQ they are holding an exhibition and is mentioned at a meeting and/or an advert in I-Patch. there is no process in place. Margaret advised she has a database for this for insurance purposes. Margaret to advise Rosanne

Margaret

5.7.3 Anyone going to Silver City, Port Augusta, Mannum or the Tea Tree Gully shows in October? Heather advised a judging team, with trainee judges, are attending the Port Augusta and Mannum exhibitions as a training exercise. Rosanne to ask them to send photos and a report.

5.7.4 Affiliate groups have been grouped into 7 regions and Rosanne is seeking some ideas as to how we can support them.

5.7.5 It was suggested that group liaison needs to have a team. Peg, Cindy, Margaret, Heather volunteered with Rosanne as convenor and will work on a strategy.

5.8 Workshops (Ros) T

5.8.1 Suzane Gummow's two-day workshop has been held over until next year due to illness. All participants will be contacted and offered a credit or full refund.

This now creates two vacant dates. 9th November will be offered to everyone who has done a workshop in 2024 as a sit and sew day to complete their workshop project, or come and have a sit and sew day. There will be a fee of \$10 with shared morning/afternoon tea and BYO lunch. There is no tutor.

The second vacant date on 16th November will be offered as a pop-up sewing day for team leaders and team members, 9 am to 3 pm. A \$10 fee will apply with shared morning tea and BYO lunch. Heather will notify the team leaders.

Heather

5.8.2 A request to purchase a portable frame for use at workshops was made. The Tiger Team have sold a sewing machine for \$200 which could be put towards the purchase. Heather has researched the cost being from \$210 to \$290, including a bag. Ros has volunteered to store the frame.

Heather proposed that \$300 be allocated for the purchase of a portable frame. All in Favour

5.9 Shops Liaison (Peggy)

5.9.1 Shops .

Another shop located in Naracoorte, "Arts On Ormerod", Ruth Dickerson, has been found. Ruth has been a member since FoQ, and willing to travel to be a shop at a meeting. This information came from the group emails.

After talking to Rosanne and Heather, and checking the shops list, we thought we may offer three shops to be at Country Forum in 2025 as Rural roundup often have four shops.

On Monday 30th Peg will be emailing out to 17 Shops who have not had a gig this year. On offer there will be 3 spots for CF and 11 spots at monthly meetings. She does have an idea who will be at QE next year and will not be inviting those two shops to take part in the above. We can only hope 3 are not able to attend in 2025.

Peg heard the two shops at QE this year were very happy with sales. Kerry De Garis, The Rural Stitch Co at the September meeting also was very happy with her first time with us.

5.9.2 40th Birthday Badges -

On the 9th September Peg emailed approximately 80 groups asking for a list of their SAQ individual

members. She has had a response from 40 groups, and still has a few envelopes to be handed on, many country groups do not have any SAQ members.

Peg has visited a few groups and now has 176 members who have not had their badge and 26 unfinancial members.

5.10 Insurance (Margaret)

An email was received from the TTG group enquiring if visitors to their exhibition are covered by SAQ's insurance. They were advised they have to be a member or an affiliate member. The premises where their exhibition is to be held should cover this.

It was suggested a short piece be put in I-Patch to this effect. Chris asked Margaret if she would give a short synopsis of what SAQ insurance covers at a meeting.

Margaret enquired if there is anything in the Constitution for half membership. Informed there is nothing in the Constitution, half membership only applies at FoQ as a promotion.

5.11 Events

5.11.1 – *Mystery Bus Trip* (Cindy/Wendy)

Cindy advised 25 tickets have been sold and the Leadership Team can now be invited to join the trip. All information regarding pricing, parking, meeting place etc were conveyed to the team and a friend, who does not have to be a member, can also accompany them.

Chris thanked Cindy and Wendy for organising this event.

5.12 SAQ Policy Review 2024 (Julie)

Nothing further has been done.

5.13 Library (Michael)

Doing well, three new books have been ordered.

5.14 Merchandise (Shez)

Bags are not selling

5.15 Assets Register (Gaylene)

A white cutting out table has been acquired by the Tiger Team and is stored at Vermont.

6. COMMUNICATIONS (Kathy)

6.1 Communications Team

6.2 I-Patch (Kathy)

Ali is doing I-Patch.

6.3 Website / Facebook / Instagram / You Tube

Kathy puts 1 to 2 posts on Facebook everyday and receives requests for further information.

Cindy has more photos from QE to be put on Facebook.

6.4 Mail In

Thank you emails received from QE participants, Debra Wight, Margaret Bergin, Robyn Johnston, Julie Perry and two thank you cards.

An invitation received to attend the 10th anniversary of Chrissy's Quilts. Chris has replied that unfortunately no one is able to attend, but SAQ will donate to Chrissy Quilts via Comfort Quilts this year.

7. GUILD BUSINESS – GENERAL

7.1 Frame Hire (Angela)

7.2 Judging Panel (Jill Christian)

7.3 Appraisal Panel (Heather)

7.4 Patron

7.5 Royal Adelaide Show Sponsorship (Heather)

Heather attended the show and spoke to the Lace Makers and Spinners & Weavers at their booths. There were not as many booths this year and were many more display cabinets used instead. Judging consists of one trained Judge and one undisclosed, untrained Judge for the senior section and one undisclosed, untrained Judge for the junior section. As SAQ supply \$100 sponsorship there should be a qualified judge and SAQ flyers on display.

7.6 Bernina Contract

8. GUILD PROJECTS:

8.1 Australasian Quilt Convention

8.2 Quilt Australia (Chris) Next zoom meeting Thursday November 14th at 7pm AEDST

8.3 Scholarships and Grants (Heather)

8.4 Dare to Differ (Sue Knuckey) To be held in 2025

Chris advised Sue will be launching Dare to Differ at the next meeting.

8.5 Festival of Quilts (Ann Ewer)

8.5.1 Establish 2025 charity – held over to next meeting.

8.5.2 FoQ 11th to 13th July 2025 to be held in the Jubilee Pavilion which has more space. SAQ will have a booth.

8.5.3 Ann asked for suggestions for demonstrators at the next FoQ. It was suggested to have workshops for juniors.

8.5.4 AMQF

- Classes commence on 27th March, open to public from 28th – 30th March 2025, to be held at the showgrounds;
- Craft Alive have accepted the suggestion for a competition for amateurs and professional and will supply prizes;
- SAQ will have a booth;
- Ann will do an article for I-Patch.

8.6 Quilt Encounter (Kerryn)

Cindy showed the contents of the goodies bag given to the QE participants and thanked the Tiger Team for the amazing 'stuff' donated and the brilliant packaging. A suggestion was put that a list of SAQ's projects and a membership form be included in next year's bag.

All the participants were very positive

The couch talk with Sue Spargo and Jen Kingwell was well received, QE very happy with the format. The Leadership team added it was very good.

Next year's dates are 14th – 19th September 2025.

8.7 Country Forum (Rosanne)

An email has been received from a previous attendee suggesting the venue of Adelaide West Uniting Church is too small and suggested it be moved to a school and they also do the catering. This would mean a change of date, research the previous CF's feed back sheets.

8.8 Modern Mix (Jill Radcliffe)

Cindy thanked SAQ for donating the funds to hold two online tutorials with an American quilter.

8.9 Sit and Sew

8.9.1 *Sew it's Wednesday* (Cindy)

Numbers were down at the last get together.

8.9.2 *Unplugged Stitchers* (Jackie)

Wendy reported using the big room was much better, easier to move around. Had four tables which were full.

8.9.3 *Saturday Stars* (Therese)

8.10 Quilts of Love (After Dark Quilters – Jill Clausen)

Peg advised Jill has been approached by the Women's and Children's for isolette covers and have specified they be 33"x38".

8.11 SA Quilters: Comfort Quilts

This group is still not sorted and have a cupboard full of quilts and are only being distributed to Mary Potter Hospice. Quilts are not being checked after being quilted, the quilter may be taking them direct to Mary Potter. The hospice at Flinders is happy to receive quilts. Chris will attend the CQ group on Saturday to clarify these issues.

Can support 18+ years with quilts – no children's fabric.

8.12 Flinders Kids (Chris O'Brien)

Chris reported an article was published in the last I-Patch regarding donated fabric and had a very good response from groups and most of the fabric has been distributed.

9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

9.1 Thank you email from Zara Zannettino – SAQ Sponsorship Adelaide Show prize.

9.2 Heather reported the portable PA did well at QE but there is a need for 2 microphones. It was discussed to get a bigger and better system with 2 microphones. Research has been done and narrowing it down to two, being \$1,500 and \$1,599 which is portable, has bluetooth, provision for 4 microphones, battery and power.

Heather proposed to allocate \$1,600 to purchase a new system.

Moved: Kathy

Seconded: Peg

All in Favour

MEETING CLOSED: 8.45 PM

NEXT MEETING: Thursday 31st October 2024 at The Robin Hood Hotel [5.30 pm Dinner – 6.30 pm Meeting]