

MINUTES OF THE INAUGURAL MEETING HELD ON SUNDAY, 23RD JUNE, 1974. AT
325 DRUMMOND STREET, CARLTON, VICTORIA.

MEETING CHAIRED BY MR. P. HYDE, A NATIONAL DIRECTOR OF
COMMUNITY AID ABROAD.

PRESENT: Representatives of the following groups :-

Association for the Blind, Port Philip Conservation Council, Community Aid Abroad, Trade Action Pty. Ltd., Public Transport Group (Express), Caulfield Community Service, Transport Action Group (Doncaster/Templestowe), South-Eastern Ratepayers Alliance, Waterside Workers Federation, Latrobe University S.R.C., Gay Liberation, Northern Region Education Committee, Womens Electoral Lobby, Australian Performing Group, The Brotherhood of St. Lawrence, Alternative Radio Association.

APOLOGIES: Mr. R. McCallum, Williamstown Conservation and Planning Society.

CORRESPONDENCE:

(i) Groups which have registered definite interest in the Community Radio Federation include the following :-

Waterside Workers Federation, Citizens Action Federation, The Brotherhood of St. Lawrence.

Groups who have registered their interest recently include :-

The Association for the Blind, Latrobe University S.R.C., Community Aid Abroad, Northern Suburbs Education Committee, Womens Electoral Lobby and Victorian Folk Singing Group.

(ii) The Department of the Media has invited the Community Radio Federation to present a paper at their Public Broadcasting Conference in Sydney on the 3rd and 4th of July, 1974.

STEERING
COMMITTEE
REPORTS:

(i) Discussions with Alternative Radio Association.
Discussions were held between representatives of the Community Radio Group and the Alternative Radio Association in order to clarify our respective areas of concern. The Alternative Radio Association is interested in being part of the Community Radio Federation and it was felt that Community Radio Federation would support generally the aims of the Alternative Radio Association which is concerned with general policy on community involvement in and community access to public broadcasting. The Community Radio Federation is specifically concerned with an application for setting up a Public Broadcasting Station with the support of a large number of community-based groups.

(ii) Steering Committee Proposal for formation of the Community Radio Federation.

This document was discussed and some changes made to the document.

Motion: The following motion, moved by Mr. K. Tarrant (Port Philip Conservation Council), and seconded by Mr. W. Sheridan (South-Eastern Ratepayers Alliance) was unanimously passed by the Meeting -

"Moved that this Meeting accepts the proposal by the Steering Committee as amended as the basis

Details of this document is included as Appendix A to these Minutes.

It was understood that when the Legal Constitution and Articles of Association are drawn up, this basis must be spelt out in greater detail and the Meeting noted a number of suggestions made by persons present concerning flexibility, group inclusion and other matters regarding the running of the station.

Motion: The following motion moved by Mr. B. Ramsden (Transport Action Group) and seconded by Mr. K. Tarrant (Port Philip Bay Conservation Council), was unanimously passed by the Meeting:

"Moved that this Meeting recommends that the Community Radio Federation be represented at the Sydney Public Broadcasting Conference and present the viewpoint of the newly-formed Federation."

PUBLICITY:

The Meeting noted the desirability of printing a pamphlet to advertise the objectives of the Federation and to seek subscriber and group membership and further, the desirability of preparing a statement in support of the aims of the Federation suitable for signature collection.

APPLICATION FOR GRANTS:

The Meeting endorsed the desirability of applying for grants from relevant bodies and referred this matter to the Committee.

DEPARTMENT OF MEDIA PUBLIC BROADCASTING CONFERENCE:

The following motion, moved by Mr. W. Last (Australian Performing Group) and seconded by Mr. H. Saffransky (Radio Engineering Lecturer), was unanimously passed by the Meeting :-

"Moved that A.R.A. and C.R.F. representatives at Department of Media's Conference move a motion criticising the narrow base of the Conference and it's inaccessibility to community groups Interstate; that the A.R.A. and C.R.F. issue a joint press statement indicating this concern regarding the Conference; that the A.R.A. and C.R.F. urge the Department of Media to hold further State and Regional Conferences on Public Broadcasting to facilitate greater community involvement in the formulation of policy on this matter."

ELECTION OF COMMITTEE:

The following Committee was elected to be in office for the remainder of this year. The Committee consists of eleven members, representative of a number of the organisations and with power to co-opt further members as considered necessary and with responsibility to elect their own Office Bearers including Treasurer and Secretary. The Committee Members elected are as follows :-

- Mr. R. McCallum (Legal Adviser - Monash Law Lecturer).
- Mr. I. Sutherland (Public Transport Group).
- Mr. H. Saffransky (Radio Engineering Lecturer).
- Mr. B. Walsh (Alternative Radio Association).
- Mr. D. Griffiths (The Brotherhood of St. Laurence).
- Mr. P. Hyde (Community Aid Abroad).
- Mr. B. Ramsden (Transport Action Group).
- Mr. K. Tarrant (Port Philip Conservation Council).
- Mrs. B. Gange (Womens Electoral Lobby).
- Mr. P. Eadon (Gay Liberation).
- Mr. W. Sheridan (South-Eastern Ratepayers Alliance).

TYPE OF
LICENCE:

The Meeting discussed the type of Broadcasting Licence for which the Federation should apply. It was agreed that the Federation should apply for a Public Broadcasting Licence, but that the type of licence which should be applied for will be determined by a number of factors and this decision should be deferred until more information is known about the future of Public Broadcasting.

FINANCE:

The Interim Secretary announced that an anonymous donation of \$500 had been received for the Community Radio Federation's use in mailing, publicity, etc.

It was also suggested that the Committee should consider requesting a small subscription from all organisations making application to join the Federation.

LIST OF
INTERESTED
AND
SUPPORTING
GROUPS:

Appendices B and C to these Minutes list groups supporting the formation of the Federation and groups who have shown interest and are considering joining the Federation.

DATE OF
NEXT MEETING:

The Committee is to meet on Sunday, July 14th, 1974, at 10a.m. - location to be determined. It is expected that a full Meeting of the Federation will be held approximately two weeks after the Committee Meeting.

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