

Minutes of the 1988 Annual General Meeting of the NCSG (Durban) on the 23/4/88 at the Student YMCA.

Present: Rob Godman, Andrew Wambach, Craig Freese, Peter Jacobsen, Andrew Edwards, Allan Muller & Martin Birtwistle.

Apologies: Stuart Tallart, Jonathan Payne & Sean Griggs.

Agenda: Portfolios Reports
 Election of new portfolio holders.
 Transport co-ordination.
 Next meeting.

Reports:

(a) National Representative:

Successes & failures of the past year was spoken about & support expressed for his successor. Rob noted that communication with other reps. should be on an ongoing basis & not just out of necessity.

(b) Reg. Co-ordinator:

Allan waxed eloquently on the value of the Group as a support system & expressed the opinion that Community Service is a life-time experience, not just for a period of time. (What happens to the report?)

(c) Treasurer:

Andrew distributed copies of the 1987/8 budgets on which we showed a net profit. It was reported at COSG that funds have been obtained which are to be distributed between the regions.

1988/9 budgets have been drawn & passed on to Ben de Lange

who is the national treasurer.

A new accounting system is to be introduced which will enable us to keep accurate records of our money (books to be kept in an auditable manner).

Rob read out a letter of support from Archbishop Hurley. It was agreed to send him a report of the AGM & National Conference, outlining our aims & roles.

② Elections:

Regional Co-ordinator:	Allan Miller (re-elected)
National Representative:	Martin Birtchistle
Media / Outreach:	Andrew Edwards
Secretary:	Peter Jacobsen
Treasurer:	(To be elected)

③ National Conference:

Final transport arrangements were made. Any queries to be directed to Rob.

④ Next meetings:

Date: To be decided at National Conference.

Venue: Martin Birtchistle (31 Park Lodge Gardens, 369 Bena Rd, Dublin)

MINUTES OF THE 15th MEETING OF THE NCSG (DBN): 18/3/88

Present: Andrew Warmback (chair), Nigel Day-Lewis (host),
Rob & Sally Goldman, Johnathan & Debbie Payne, Alan Muller,
Lawrence Swyer, Martin Birtwhistle, Don Edwards;
Andrew Edwards & Craig Freese - first timers.

Apologies: Shaun Griggs, Peter Jacobsen, Marc de Chazal.

(Indicated would be attending, but went missing somewhere: Patrick Vorster)

(Only member from whom didn't hear: John Clark - skande!)

① Devotions

● Rob. Theme: 'Come ye apart & rest awhile' (-& its converse: 'Rest awhile or you'll come apart'!)

② Personal Introductions & News

Craig: Presently studying architecture at Tech.

Andrew: (Don's younger sibling) Just started C.S. as elec engineer with DBN corp.

Martin: Inexplicable delays. Still hasn't started C.S.. Possibly with Manpower in April.

Jim & Julia: Recently moved to Exops. Rob visited them this week: in park home amidst scenic setting near hospital. Baby imminent.

③ Previous Minutes - Passed.

④ Matters Arising

- Outstanding documents for other regions still outstanding.
- Alan submitted letter to churches (introducing NCSG & offering services). Comments made. Returned for reworking.
- Other 'Publicity & Publications' matters (election to portfolio) held over till AGM

⑤ Portfolio Reports

- RC - Felt should shift focus from conditions of service to publicity/education. Former too time-consuming and not likely to be successful anyway.
- RT - NCSG getting R4500 from COSG; to be administered by National Treasurer.

RS — New register completed (according to payment of fees, as decided on at last meeting) (gives state-of-the-art at end of 87/88 FY). John vol, Patrick & Andrew E appear on list despite having not paid, as they had indicated that they were committed. They have until the next meeting to pay — or they join the 5 on whom the axe has already fallen.

NR — National Conference. Washed out. Revised dates: 6-8 May. IS already indicated they may go (a good representation). Any others wanting to do so must contact Rob. Letter has been sent to those going re arrangements. NCSQ will pay for transport & accommodation, but not food — (reason: we would have had to eat anyway).

— Durban CSQ has prepared NCSQ T-shirts for conference. Cost RS. Rob suggested DBN pays for them & money from sales per to contingency fund.

— DGM replied to Rob's letter to Min of Manpower re latter's unacceptable statements in Parliament ('86) on RO's 'Nice' tone — but didn't really answer questions. Du Plessis has since made more unacceptable comments on RO's. For both reasons, Rob has written again.

— CT recently had another (apparently positive) meeting with Edeling. Await minutes.

— DBN's public meeting with Edeling, reported (apparently positively) in "Uniform".

⑥ Other Regions

● The following received & briefly perused/discussed:

BLM — Letter (6/3); Minutes of Edeling meeting (17/11/87); thoughts on Contingency Fund.

CT — Collection of press articles on Ivan's trial; Minutes (15/1); proposed Letter of invitation to join NCSQ (with accompanying application form & questionnaire).

⑦ Next Meeting : ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Saturday 23 April at Student YMCA (UNSW Campus).

17h30 : Business session for members. (Will be limited to reports from each of outgoing committee members & election of new. PLEASE CONSIDER AVAILABILITY.)

19h00 : Open session with friends, family, & supporters (please invite). BYO meal. Guest speaker. Intro of NCSQ to those present.

Rob to chair & the Family Manning Triplets to organize.

[P.S. My last minutes — Cheers!]

MINUTES OF THE 14th MEETING OF THE NCSG (DBN) : 5/2/88

Present: Nigel Day-Lewis; Andrew Warmback; Alan Muller; Marc de Chazal; Rob & Sally Goldman; Johnathan & Debbie Payne; Jim & Julia te Water Naudé.

Apologies: Donn Edwards; Shaun Griggs; John & Sharon Clarke; Martin & Jenny Birtwhistle.

① Devotions (Johnathan)② Welcome & Agenda (Chair - Nigel)③ Personal News

Rob - Report on recent overseas holiday & Junior Lambeth Conference.

John C - Returned from Oxford. Welcome back!

Martin B - Starting CS with Manpower next week.

Jim - Starting CS at hospital in Txopo or Crichton in March.

Marc - Made a favourable start with DEN City Health in January.

John vdb - Started last month at Malvern Library (we think).

Lawrence - Recently transferred to the above from Queensborough Library.

④ Previous Minutes - Passed.⑤ Matters Arising

- UN Resolution on C.O.: obtained & introduced by Andrew; circulated.

- PFP's enquiry into CS: Andrew had contacted CT who are co-ordinating this. More info needed. Individuals must put down in writing any experiences of unsatisfactory placements, unfair treatment, problems encountered, etc and give it to one of the delegates to the National Conference (see below).

- Various other matters could not be discussed as the relevant documents had not yet arrived: Alan Goddard's court application (JHB); our role towards those rejected by the Board (JHB); SADF circular revealing Cat I R.O. abuse (CT); NCR Resolution on CS & responding article (CT).

⑥ Portfolio Reports

NR — Has sent letters to: M.P. Burrows re withdrawal of R.O. teachers from classrooms; Minister du Plessis re dubious comments about R.O.s made in parliament last year.

— National Conference (Midday Friday 26/2 — Midday Sunday 28/2)
 Conference to take place within, & delegates to stay with members of, the DRC community pastored by Bloem RO Deon Potgieter.
 Rob to draw-up agenda & delegate other tasks to different regions.
 Some disapproval of CT's ideas for agenda — e.g. too much! DBN felt should concentrate on broader issues — future direction & policy.
 Suggested single person/region do devotions, rather than rotate. Also a creative arts evening. CT to conduct workshop on non-violence etc.
 Rob, Nigel & Andrew attending thus far. All others wishing to attend phone Rob (455706) latest Friday 19th. PLEASE CONSIDER COMING. Alan to personally motivate 'probables' telephonically.

RC — Shared frustration of continued non-commitment and non-involvement of fringe "members", despite repeated personal & written invitations/approaches. These persons continue to enjoy benefits of "belonging" & cost us considerable time & effort. THE AXE IS ABOUT TO FALL. It was felt that the payment of fees was a basic & reasonable commitment to ask for (and fair criteria for deciding who to 'prune'). Thus all those who have not paid their fees for 3/55 by the next meeting will be considered as not wanting to remain on our list. A special letter (action Nigel) will accompany these minutes to those concerned: DBN — Martin, Lawrence, Shaun, Marc, John vL, Paul, Alan (all R15) & Donn (R10); PMB — William, Patrick, James & Stewart. Either pay Andrew at the next meeting or pay directly into S.A. Perm transmission account named "Community Servers' Group", no. 3670644300104 — (but inform Andrew that you have done so).
BUT: Even those who've paid but of whom we see very little — PLEASE MAKE A GREATER COMMITMENT TO ATTEND & BE INVOLVED

RT — Steve & Janet send greetings & double fees (thanks!) from the wilds.

⑦ Other Regions

- Letter from CT with list of members, corrections to earlier minutes, report on Board hearings in CT in September; (not copied/distributed).
- JHB Minutes 19/11 : noted outcome of Quo Vadis discussion.
- CT's meeting with Edeling 23/11
- CT Quo Vadis workshop 15/11 : noted the different conclusions.
 DSN/BLM & CT appear to be at extremes, with JHB in middle. (?)
 Clearly these policy/direction issues MUST be sorted out at the forthcoming Conference. We cannot go on in this present hamstringing position. Fireworks in Bloem?!...
- CT Minutes 23/11
- CT Minutes 14/12 : Item 5's good news destroyed by Item 7!

⑧ Publicity & Publications Portfolio

- Alan absolutely promises to complete his articles for church press & his letter to churches by next meeting. (Rob excused from responsibility for accom pamphlet.)
- All other matters held over till next meeting &/or election of portfolio member: PLEASE CONSIDER YOUR AVAILABILITY. (Johnathan is considering.)
 (Secretary is keeping list of P&P matters that need attending to.)

⑨ General

- Ivan Tomms : speaking at St. Thomas' 14/2 ; vigil 28th (6-12pm); trial 29th
- Rob circulated latest document on Churches Alternative Service Campaign.
- Alan circulated Presby article on Chaplaincy Conference where we had input.
- A.G.M. Next meeting-but-one. Please bring ideas to next meeting on how we can make AGM more creative/interesting than the normal business meeting (e.g. workshop, guest speaker). And begin considering standing for election to new committee.

⑩ Next Meeting

Friday 13 March 15h00 ; chair : Andrew ; Rob - Devotions.

Venue : 13 Ocean Serenade, cnr Vause & Silverton Rds, Berea. - 2nd flr R2

REMEMBER : Phone Nigel 24 hrs in advance (221512) if you're coming; donation.

MINUTES OF THE 13th MEETING, OF THE NCSG (DBN): 11/12/87

Present: Johnathan & Debbie Payne (hosts), Nigel Day-Lewis (chair),
Andrew Warmback, Marc de Chazal (first time).

Apologies: Alan & Nicky Miller, Rob & Sally Coleman, Peter Jacobsen.

① PREVIOUS MINUTES

Both those of 9/10 & 14/11 approved.

● MATTERS ARISING

- 9/10 - Various 'publicity & publications' matters held over till next meeting: election of someone to this portfolio; a Natal contribution to COSG counselling pamphlet on CS, article for church press (Alan), letter to churches (Alan) and accompanying information pamphlet (Rob). [Rob & Alan please to complete the above before the next meeting!!!]
- 14/11 - Members again urged to complete and return living Allowance Survey (distributed last meeting).

● OTHER REGIONS

- JHB 24/9 - The publicity cards here mentioned a good idea. PPPP (publicity & publications portfolio person) to investigate.
- JHB 22/10 - What role, if any, do we have towards those rejected by Board. JHB please to clarify. (Item 1 (iii))
- Not yet received Alan's court application as promised. (Item 1 (iv))
- BLM 8/10 - As suggested, will circulate our member list to other regions.
- PPPP to N.B. Volksblad article for possible duplication locally.
- CT 19/10 - (Item 03) Agree that abuse of Category I R.O.s must be acted on. Please send copy of S.A.A.F. circular.
- (Item 05) Noted with interest. DBN willing to assist CT in anyway possible. Andrew to contact Pete K. about this.

- (Item 06) CT first to respond to our little challenge - & will duly be sent an extra copy (first prize) of these minutes!
- (Item 07) PAPP to NB. advertising of NCSG meetings in press & suggested regular press article. Andrew to obtain copy of U.N. resolution on C.O.ⁿ from Richard Steele. C-to please send copy of article on NCC resolution & their responding article. Andrew suggested we ask SACC (Rob Robertson?) to keep us informed of all churches' decisions on C.O.ⁿ; NCC communications portfolio should OC this.

④ PORTFOLIO REPORTS

RT - Fees for the current financial year are still outstanding from several members. Not only is this theft (the small amount asked for does not even cover the cost of copying & distributing minutes et al) but it lessens our negotiating influence with the relevant authorities - (the bigger our official, i.e. paid-up, membership, the more clout we'll have in trying to improve YOUR conditions of service). The following 'full' members (i.e. those already classified as Cat III R.O.^s) are at fault: Martin, Lawrence, Paul, Shaun & Alan; a reminder here also to services John vdb & Marc dc. You owe R15. Associate members (those having an interest in C.O.ⁿ/C.S. but are not classified Cat III R.O.^s and thus in terms of the constitution cannot vote) and Country members (those living outside Durban and thus having the disadvantage of not normally being able to attend meetings) owe R10. Those guilty are: Donn (in JBN); a certain Ubombo couple; and the entire PMB clan (Anton, Patrick, William, James & Stewart). Folks, please co-operate. (Hopefully having your names splashed around the nation will spur you into action!) Either pay Andrew at the next meeting or send the money to him (address below) or pay directly into

SA Perm Transmission Account named "Community Servers' Group",
no. 3670644800104. - (but inform Andrew that you have done so).

NR - NCSC National Conference (the 4th) will be held in
Bloemfontein from Friday lunch 26/2/88 to Sunday lunch 28/2/88,
with as many members attending as possible. (Alan declared
himself unavailable that weekend and asked for the weekend before
or after.) By next meeting members must decide whether they're
going or not, and if there are any issues they would like
debated at the conference (irrespective of their attendance/non-
attendance). If you are not going to be present at the next
meeting, please inform Rob re your position on both of
the above beforehand (tel. 455706). In the meantime, Andrew
is to look into raising the necessary funds.

GENERAL

— Some personal news: ① Tahnathan has started CS since our last
meeting - as clerk with Manpower Dept. He has inexplicably but
joyfully been given 2 yrs instead of the expected 3 yrs !!!

② Marc was recently classified by the Board (28/10) and
starts his CS on 4/1/88 as a Field Assistant to a social
worker in Wentworth (a "coloured" area, notorious for crime and
other social problems) with City Health (DBN municipality).

— Mrs Oosthuizen has replaced Miss Knight as Placements Officer
at Dept. of Manpower here in DBN.

NEXT MEETING

FRIDAY 5th FEBRUARY 18h 00

Venue: 8 Cunard Close, 3 Cunard Place, Morningside

(phone Andrew Warmback at 293637 if you need directions).

Chair: Nigel; Devotions: Jonathan; Minutes: Lawrence.

NB: New rule for all future meetings: those planning to attend must
inform the host at least 24 hours in advance to prevent catering
disasters (eg. cooking 4 times too much!). And remember the R2 donation.

MINUTES OF THE 12th MEETING OF THE NCSCG (DBN): 14/11/87

Present: Rob (Chair) & Sally Goldman, Alan & Nicky Muller (Hosts), Lawrence Dwyer (Devotions), John & Debbie Pain, Don Edwards, Andrew Warnback, Nigel Day-Lewis; & first-timers: Stuart (& Dawn) Talbot (recently classified Category 2), John & Debbie van de Haar (Methodist minister, classified category 3 in July, starting CS in January). Welcome!

The Chair explained that this meeting, as planned, would be devoted to discussing the issues raised at the recent National Meeting and introduced at our last meeting, and that all normal business would consequently be held over until the next meeting.

Due to the urgency of the Living Allowance Survey, however (we were already a week late), this was introduced and distributed. (Copies included with these minutes for those not present. Please complete immediately and return directly to JHB address given.)

Secretary also announced that final Constitution and another Memo (on Leave) had arrived from CT; copies available on request.

QUO VADIS NCSCG? (refer to Item 11 of National Meeting minutes)

Nigel gave a short history of the NCSCG; its approach hitherto; a summary of the negatives arising from recent meetings with DGM & CDA (3/9), Judge E (23/9) & Manpower-Defence-Churches-Judge (24/9); the consequent frustration; and the resulting debate at the National Meeting (2/10) and the 'ultimatum' letter to Edeling (26/10).

(Copies of the third meeting's minutes and of the last-mentioned letter were distributed; all other minutes distributed at last meeting.)

Discussion then ensued on each of the 2 questions in turn.

FIRST DILEMMA, QUESTION & STRATEGY

Brainstormed ideas for possible approaches/specific action (e.g. do nothing launch "items of vegetable matter" ...), and concentrated on those applicable for adoption by NCSG as an organization. These were:

- ① Continue with Memos/letters and with meetings with officialdom - both to (hopefully) effect change and to prove that normal channels have been tried when possible tougher action is taken in the future.
- ② Enlist cooperation of other individuals/organizations (get them to start asking questions, to exert pressure, etc). Eg: professional bodies, churches, local M.P.s. (The latter could, for example, meet with local Manpower officials, or be approached by individuals with specific problems.
- ③ Publicising of injustices/grievances. However, there are probably prohibitions/limitations affecting us in this regard (Public Servants Act, Defence Act). Happy with this action only as far as it is lawful (investigate); group not willing for civil disobedience (as an organization on this matter) (at this stage).

Get others (not under Act) to publicize injustices/grievances.

3a The group reemphasized the importance of publicizing CS in general, as, while this does not directly publicize our grievances, it will indirectly have a favourable effect on the latter. Education/Publicity actions could include: distribution of literature to churches; address meetings at churches; SABC talk show; Edeling on Network; a Cliff Saunders special; sending greetings to CSs on "Forces Favourites!"

- ④ Assess progress on specific issues; & those on which getting nowhere and we feel we have a strong case, to get legal ruling and use it to apply pressure. (One region should take responsibility for this.) This can then be taken further to court action. Alternatively, individuals can take action through the small claims court.

⑤ Strike (and other 'industrial') action. For us always illegal. Are we prepared to engage in civil disobedience? This is a serious action: is it balanced by the 'size' of the dispute? (One member felt that there was a 'disproportion' between us willingly submitting to the hardships of CS because of the great injustices in SA, and then complaining about the minor injustices affecting us in the system.) Such action should only be taken when absolutely sure that all other options exhausted; and we should go through the normal build-up to a strike (declaration of dispute, arbitration between parties, etc) to 'protect' ourselves as far as possible. It would need to be national to have any effect; and would need to be approved at a National Meeting. In short: there was considerable hesitancy about this option. Not ruled out; but if and when this stage is reached (not yet, it was felt), much further careful discussion would be needed.

Summary: Generally, we concurred with BLOEM ("Folk felt that we could exhaust the present approach even further") and with the minutes of the DGM/CSA meeting ("We, in turn, must adhere to reasonableness and maintain personal contact... It seems wiser, for the moment to stick to the representation approach before going to court on matters of interpretation - both because we may still make headway in rectifying policy and because regulations can be framed to 'rectify' court decisions"). We felt that we are, in fact, just beginning to make headway on recognition and on some issues (e.g. the very occurrence of the 3/9 meeting).

Thus, for the moment, continue with present approach, but toughen (a) & intensify (b) it. (a) CT's letter reflects an appropriate hardening of attitude for the present. Can still be 'nice guy', but without letting officials be evasive/inactive (i.e. close loopholes that allow them to do nothing). (b) If every individual and each region continually & repeatedly sent the same memos & letters to MPs' and/or officials, & got churches/organizations/MPs to likewise send them, then the sheer avalanche of paper will lift a fuse (snap a nerve?) somewhere.

Yet while continuing with present approach can adopt others (not counter-productive to the first); & can look forward to (plan) yet others.

SECOND DILEMMA, QUESTION & STRATEGY

Opinions ranged from 'yes' (if all the members of an organization ^{individually} believe and practise something anyway, then the organization should pursue it) to 'no', but the clear majority felt 'no' - for the following reasons:

NCSC is in a unique position enjoyed by no other organization to effect certain changes. Changes on a very narrow and specific front, admittedly, but important nevertheless. At its outset, NCSC set itself very narrowly defined objectives in this regard, and these are still valid;

there is no reason to feel guilty or self-centred about this vision and approach.

We could lose our special potential for influence in our domain through the wrong approach or by becoming just part of movement involving several other organizations.

CS may be just a small part of the COA movement, but it is a part, and we are the best placed members of that movement to improve it.

We are very limited in our ability to do anything about the issues raised in this dilemma; others are in a better position to act (and should do so), and we should pursue the channels open to us.

The issues of this second debate are very important, of course, and members are strongly encouraged to get involved - but as individuals or as members of other relevant organizations.

Any contribution NCSC makes is therefore in the nature of a by-product, and not as a primary strategy; and this contribution should not prejudice our primary vision and task outlined above.

Dann Edwards, one of the persons the debate feared we were 'letting down' by our restricted vision and approach, himself declared that he saw NCSC's role as being "to make sense of CS", and that we shouldn't dilute/prejudice this through other activities.

The 4-hour meeting (broken by a swim-break, during which Andrew & Alan splashed-spluttered while everyone else watched) was followed by a very pleasant 4-hour braai & fellowship.

NEXT MEETING: FRIDAY 11 DECEMBER, 18h00; 12 ST. FORTH, 221 AVONDALE RD, GREYVILLE; phone John or Debbie (239172) for direction

MINUTES OF THE 11th MEETING OF THE NCSC (DURBAN): 9/10/87

Present: Alan & Nicky Muller, Rob Goldman, Nigel Day-Lewis, Andrew Warmback, Peter Jacobsen, Lawrence Dwyer (c).
Apologies: Jim te Water-Nauwe, William Martin, Sean Griggs.

① PREVIOUS MINUTES

Requested that surnames be included under "Present" & "Apologies".
(Note secretary's quick & obedient response to this above.)

② MATTERS ARISING

2.1 Article for Church Press: Alan stilll-... working on it...

• 2.2 Military Chaplains Conference: Rob Robertson confirmed at COSC Conference the value of our input there; commented on also in leading article in latest Presby mag.
Let's see it →

2.3 Bloer's 'Volksblad' Article: Still awaiting copy.

[While on this theme; there is increasing evidence that groups do not read other regions' minutes with much attention to detail - if at all! - You illiterate philistines! You cultural dinosaurs! You deadly vegetables! ... The prize for the first region to respond to this slight aside, thereby proving that they do, in fact, read our minutes, is an extra copy thereof.]

2.4 Payment of Membership Fees: Still outstanding in several cases. Please pay ASAP. The fees do not even cover the annual cost of mailing minutes et.c. to you.

③ REGIONS' MINUTES

3.1 JHB 13/8: Brief discussion on Item b.6 (although these proposals perhaps superseded by those of National Conference). Would involve definite civil disobedience & certain sentence (not just "risk of") we feel. Can such action be reasonably hoped to change anything?

3.2 CT 24/8 : Re "press statements" : if any region should respond to such, could they please circulate the original article together with the responding letter to the other regions.

* The idea of establishing a 'Publicity & Publications' Portfolio for our own region (to handle all articles/pamphlets etc for media/churches etc) suggested and approved. To be elected at next meeting. Members to please openly consider their availability.

④ PORTFOLIO REPORTS

4.1 Regional Coordinator : letter introducing ourselves to churches (& offering to address meetings, etc) nearing completion. Rob suggested pamphlet to complement letter - & was delegated the responsibility for this. (He who gets the vision gets the task...) Discussion on strategy held over until next meeting - (e.g. there was disagreement about proposed targetting of small number of churches to begin with).

4.2 Regional Treasurer : Fund-raising letter sent to 8 groups. Only 1 response thus far : R400 from ++ Hurley (with offer to donate more if budget not reached). Next National Conference in Mauritius?

We need copies →

Members again encouraged to make personal approaches using letter.

4.3 National Representative : CT suggested that CSs make themselves available to help with flood relief - offering to come up to NTL from CT (with or without leave?). We felt that there was no chance of our getting leave (or time off work) for this purpose, nor that it was the right occasion to 'avail', but willing to help over weekends. Can follow 2 avenues : COS (Peter) and Valley Trust (Jim).

⑤ NATIONAL MEETING

Nigel gave a report back on the COSG & NCSG National Conferences. Points of note from the former (incl the CT 23 & the Churches' Alternative Service Campaign) and the minutes of the latter were discussed.

Item 1 : Constitution as re-amended voted-on & passed.

- 2: Members felt that regional budgets were better.
- 3: Distributed; comment invited.
- 4: Distributed & read. Depressing indeed!
- 5: Distributed & read. Seemingly more hopeful; but it was noted that in the past Edelin has often promised much but delivered nothing. (A Koornhof-Klone?)
- 9: At least one contribution should come from Natal. Volunteer - or you may be elected by appointment at the next meeting.
- 11: This crucial debate was introduced but held over until the next meeting (see below).

⑥ NEXT MEETING

Saturday 14 November, 14h00 → (Afternoon & Evening)

Müller's pad: 77 Rushbrook Stn Rd, Pinetown

(Phone Alan or Nicky at 784057 for directions)

Braai for supper: bring your own meat, drink & chips or rolls or salad.

- * This meeting has been scheduled for a weekend in the hope that many of our PMB & country members will be able to attend.
- * With the afternoon set aside for business, we will be able to devote the evening to (often neglected) fellowship - including some song (?) and poetry.
- ** Most/All of the meeting will be devoted to looking at the important issues raised in Item 11 of the minutes of the recent National Meeting. Members are please to study this document carefully beforehand (as well as the minutes of CT's meeting with the SGM & CSA, which gave rise to the conference's debate) and to come with some prepared responses on the matter.

Chair: Rob

Devotions: Lawrence

MINUTES OF THE 10th MEETING OF THE NCSC (DURBAN): 28/8/87

PRESENT : (Oldies) - Alan, Rob, Nigel, Andrew, Jim, Lawrence, Shawn
(Newies) - William Martin, Johnathon & Debbie Pain, Martin & Jenny
Birtwhistle

APOLOGIES : (Oldy) - John & Sharon
(Newy) - Alan Hoffman (keen to attend but no transport available)

AWOL : the unmentionables!

① WELCOME Warmly done by Shawn in chair.

② PREVIOUS MINUTES It was felt that members' participation in certain other organizations (e.g.) should be avoided in minutes. Otherwise passed as entertaining, notwithstanding the secretary's wanton insinuations re the characters of certain members.

③ MATTERS ARISING

3.1 Article for Church Press : Alan still working on it. Will submit for comment after completion.

3.2 Military Chaplains Conference : NCSC (DBN) gave input on one evening of this conference, organized by Presby church. Rob spoke on the legislation and the Board, and problems with each; Alan spoke on the NCSC & his personal position/experiences. They were warmly received (particularly by the black ministers present), but were most struck by the gross ignorance about these matters on the part of those who should be well informed. The occasion was successful in educating and creating an awareness - but follow-up essential (approaching churches for assistance in publicising NCSC, asking for speaking slots, etc).

④ OTHER REGIONS

4.1 Minutes :

JHB 25/6 - Following developments with Alan, Gunther & Heidi with interest. With greater publicising of NCSC felt to be an urgent need amongst DBN members, special note taken of JHB ideas in this regard.

BLM 23/7 - Would like copy of letter to Volksblad - preferably translated for us red-necked bananas.

P.S. Please send recipe for "soup & laughter".

CT 27/7 - Still awaiting copy of Handbook for comment. Kaapies - word wakker!

4.2 Other Documents:

Kantor's ramblings on Tax: Acknowledged that we're all legal ignoramusses, but it appears to argue for tax exemption only during the first 2 years of c.s.? Otherwise, we 'look ut'!

D.G. Manpower's letter to Ian Stevens: We note with interest the advice given, viz. keep all receipts of medical claims from 1/4/87 onwards "in the event of a medical scheme being implemented in the near future".

5) PORTFOLIO REPORTS

5.1 Regional Co-ordinator

- Contacting of 'fringe' members successful, as evidenced by the number of new people present or 'unwillingly absent'. (Martin is doing camps as Cat I R.O., Jonathan has recently applied for Cat III, & William has just finished c.s.!)
 - To implement contact/publicising with churches.

5.2 Regional Treasurer

- Re fees: PAY UP !!!
- Reported on meeting with Valley Trust fundraiser. Several helpful points learnt. To implement.
- Members free to use enclosed fund-raising letter where can.

5.3 National Rep

- Read letter containing details (admin, themes, etc) of National COSG & NCSG conference in JHB on 3-4/10. Alan & Rob to attend. Any others interested must contact latter.
- JHB held public meeting with Edeling present similar to ours in March.

- Jan Steyn of Urban Foundation has become involved in and supportive of our campaign to extend C.S. to N.G.O.s
- NCSG (CT) has met with Nic Olivier (nominated PFP MP); latter has arranged meeting between former & D.G. Manpower on 3/9 to discuss the above as well as other problems.

5.4 Regional Secretary

Lo & Behold! Whose turn to be vacant now! Indeed, "Pride cometh before the fall", and "How the mighty have fallen"! (If a man thinks he is something when in fact he is nothing...)

6 GENERAL

- b.1 SACBC meeting on 31/8 seeking for a way in which the (combined) church can establish a structure providing a (better) alternative to present C.S.
- b.2 Comment on a recent parliamentary report in the Natal Mercury quoting the Minister of Manpower as saying 'R.O.s refuse to serve their country', and on Rob's reply (Letter to the Editor). (Chris Mann of Valley Trust also wrote to the Minister, refuting the statement and declaring his organization's willingness to employ R.O.s.)
- b.3 Alan recently spoke at UN(PMB) YMCA on C.S. Ample interest & sympathy, but generally the cost is seen as too high.
- b.4 Letter of news & thanks from country member, Brian Wood.
- b.5 John shortly off to 4-month stint at Oxford. From all of us: "Veilig swem, lekker bly - & spot you on the rebound, ek se!"
- b.6 Jim thanked Andrew for help in preparing his statement. He has now applied to the Board.
- b.7 Nigel's request to the Minister of Defence for a reduction of C.S. (based, we felt, on fairly solid grounds) has been refused.
- b.8 In conclusion, each member shared what they thought of the meeting & of NCSG (BEN) generally. Two themes predominated; need for publicizing the NCSG & CS amongst the community; need for more informal fellowship amongst ourselves.

7 NEXT MEETING

Friday 9 October - 18h00.

Host & Chair: Lawrence (11 Longwood, Prospect Rd, Umbilo) (456153) Tel.

MINUTES OF THE NINTH MEETING OF THE NCSG (DURBAN): 23/7/87

PRESENT : Alan, Rob, Nigel, Andrew, Shaun, Jim

APOLOGIES : John

MISSING : the rest

① WELCOME (Andrew, in chair)

② DEVOTIONS (Rob, on knees)

③ PREVIOUS MINUTES : Passed. (Noted that Cape Town's existence as CTCSG, rather than NCSG(CT), unconstitutional...)

④ MATTERS ARISING

4.1 John's article for church press : Several reservations expressed. Alan to redraft and submit for vivisection at next meeting.

4.2 Military Chaplains Conference : Alan read proposed objectives & program. Members contributed ideas for CSQ input. Alan & Rob to do final preparation/presentation.

4.3 Tax : Still awaiting legal opinion from Cape Town.

4.4 COSG/NCSG Conference : Rob suggested we try to get there by Thursday evening so can have separate NCSG meeting on Friday. Reasons: more time for business; more able to participate in both conferences. Members favourable; other regions?

⑤ OTHER REGIONS

5.1 Minutes :

CT 27/4 - Please send breakdown of 1986's Category III R.O.s.

CT 18/5 - Please send WM article (if happened).

CT 22/6 - Would like to see final draft of Handbook, & be able to make comments, before it is published.

JHB 14/5 - Glad to see signs of intelligent life (albeit faint) still emanating from JHB.

5.2 Lack of Minutes :JHB ~~25/6~~ -

NATIONAL 20/3 f - JHB again! Either all life (possible) or all intelligence (probable) - or both - seemingly extinguished

5.3 Other Documents :

Constitution, and subsequently amendment, received from CT. Later voted on and passed unanimously.

(Acknowledged, with thanks, ^{receipt of} 3 other documents from CT; Memo on Defence Amendment Act 30, 1987; Letter to NGOs; Letter to Breitenbach with attached summary of responses from NGOs. Discussion of all 3 held over due to length of meeting.)

(b) PORTFOLIO RESPONSIBILITIES

Alan ^{had} asked each committee member to prepare an outline of how they saw the responsibilities and aims of their portfolio - with some interesting results

b.1 Regional Co-ordinator

- i) To foster practical expressions of concern and support between members
- ii) To publicize the existence of the group
- iii) To establish more effective relations with churches

b.2 Regional Treasurer

- i) To keep an accurate record of all income & expenditure
- ii) To initiate fund-raising for the group

b.3 Regional Secretary

20 months of aggressive attempts to turn our secretary into the complete civil servant cum admin bureaucrat have obviously had some effect - judging from this self-imposed job-description ...

- i) Inform members of forthcoming meetings
- ii) Take minutes at meetings
- iii) Send minutes to all members and secretaries of other regions
- iv) Copy and distribute other important documents to all members and secretaries of other regions
- v) Receive minutes from other regions; copy and distribute to all members

- vi) Receive other important documents from other regions; raise at meetings for note/comment/action; (copy and distribute if necessary)
- vii) Keep file with copy of all minutes and all other important documents from all regions, for record/reference/resource
- viii) Keep record of members; ensure up-to-date membership by wooing new members and sending ultimatums to backslidden members (Sad, isn't it ...)

b.4 National Representative

In complete contrast, Rob was rather vague - indeed, vacant! (Sounds like a nice job, Rob. Want to swap?) ... On being given a second chance, he offered: keeping in touch with, and monitoring developments in, other regions and nationally.

⑦ PORTFOLIO REPORTS

7.1 Regional Co-ordinator (Alan's turn to be vacant)

7.2 Regional Treasurer

- Submitted proposed budget.
- Submitted proposed fund-raising letter. Various changes made. Andrew to finalise and implement.
- Jim to arrange meeting between CSQ and fund-raising pros from Valley Trust to help us in this area.
- Serious need for fund to assist R.O.s in financial need. To be raised at National Conference.

7.3 Regional Secretary

- Read proposed letter of ultimatum to non-involved 'members' (with a view to avoiding unnecessary effort/expense). Considered a bit harsh. Alan to try the personal touch first (phone call).

7.4 National Representative (Rob did better on this one)

- Announced NCC portfolios: National Co-ordinator - Rob Goldman (BN); National Secretary - Pete Kantor (CT); National Treasurer - Ben de Lange (BL); National Communicator - Ian Stevens (JHB).

- Nigel to send list of members to CT
- Letter of thanks & support received from Anton Krone, "satellite member" in DMB. Began CS in May at NPA Town and Regional Planning Commission. Work conditions pleasant, & busy on same project ^{was} as before. Not with previous employer (Kwazulu Govt.), however, who turned down his application to do CS with them: a MI 'agent' warned the latter against employing him because of his ECC membership.

8 GENERAL

- 8.1 Rob's article for secular press: Reservations expressed - put on ice. On a wider front: misgivings expressed about the nature of certain region's publicity programme, and about the regions' differing and unconnected strategies in this regard. Need to agree on a national strategy at National Conference. Other regions - please note & stall.
- 8.2 Members discussed whether ^{the} Group should sponsor/sign a "Message to Conscripts" to appear in Tribune the day before call-up. Negative. However, it felt that individuals should be free to do so - at own risk!
- 8.3 Learnt from reliable sources that the R.O.s in NTL who are teaching for their C.S. are to be 'removed'. No reasons given. The same in other regions?
- 8.4 Jim requested help with his Statement. He is unlikely to get deferment from the approaching call-up.
- 8.5 Members give various ECC/COSQ notices.
- 8.6 Request for more regular meetings to prevent recurrence of this 3-hour-plus marathon!

9 NEXT MEETING

Friday 28 August; 17h30; Rob's hole: 11 Libertas, 143 Prospect Rd, Umbilo - (N.B. other regions; Rob's new address as from end July);
 Chair: Shawn; Devotions: Nigel.
Short meeting ("You lie, you b - , you lie"!.) followed by flat-warming jol!!!



MINUTES OF THE 20th DURBAN COMMUNITY SERVERS GROUP HELD ON THE
3rd OCTOBER 1988.

Present: Andrew, Alison, Craig, Andrew (E), Peter, Jenny,
Martin, Alan, Jonathan, Richard, Patrick, Lawrence.

Apologies: Donn, Debbie, Jim.

Devotions: Chapter 2 of Winks' book was discussed and lead by Peter. Question arose as to why main-stream churches have not endorsed this interpretation of Mathew 5:38-41.

News of R.O's:

- * Martin and Andrew: all charges have been dropped - Andrew has been reinstated in his previous job, however Martin remains in exile at Family Planning stores.
- * Richard Shorton was welcomed to the group. He has started work as the chaplain (counsellor) in the Encology unit of Addington hospital.
- * Medical aid ID's have been received by those who have applied for them.

Matters Arising From Previous Minutes:

- * Jim to send us information on Fund Raising from Valley Trust.
- * C.T.'s meeting with Manpower postponed until January. In the meantime other regions are asked to gather support material for the meeting. Martin and Jim to provide affidavits. Allan to contact Jim with details. Sub-committee (Patrick, Martin and Richard) formed to approach non-government organisations and churches for support.

Portfolio Reports:

- * Martin: Bloemfontein experiencing difficulties with Manpower. First newsletter should hit the streets soon. Passed on requests from C.T. for supporting material for D.O.M. meeting.
- * Andrew: Membership fees still outstanding from certain members. Information pamphlet nearing completion. Lawrence to assist with layout. Pamphlet to be finalised by 17/10.
- * Peter: requests minutes from other regions to be sent to his address (399 Manning Road, Glenwood, Dbn, 4001.) Membership application forms sent to Richard and John, as well as a request for copies of their applications to the board.

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- * Allan: wrote to legal aid - very willing to assist with any problems. Church Liaison Committee has set a date for the 5/12/88 for meeting with clergy. Motive:- to initiate contact; provide information to churches on the services offered by NCSG; request their support.

General:

- * Following persons to personally approach churches with invitations to the meeting: Andrew W - Anglican Church; Patrick - Catholic Church; Lawrence - Baptists; Alan - Presbyterian; Peter - C.O.G's; John - Methodist Church.

Next Meeting: Where: Richards pad - 66 Junagarth Rd, Merebank.
When: Monday 28/11/88 at 6 p.m.
Bring: Yourself and R2 for food.
RSVP: By 26/11 - tel. 481960 (h) for catering and directions.

Andrew (W) to chair; Martin to lead Ch. 3 of Walter Wink. (trick questions will be asked to see if homework has been done.)

MINUTES OF THE 28th MEETING OF THE DURBAN COMMUNITY SERVERS
GROUP, HELD ON JULY 2, 1989.

Present: Peter, Alan, Andrew [W], Richard, Robert.
Apologies: Andrew [E], Alison, Martin.

1. News of R.O's

Welcome to Rob who works at the Department of Water Affairs and is in his second year of Community Service. Rob is a member of the Christadelphian Church.

Andrew [E] congratulations on your marriage to Peta.

Patrick has eventually achieved his transfer to Pietermaritzburg - well done! Alan to accept a sideways career move and take over his old position of Regional Co-ordinator. Can't keep a good man down, hey Alan?

2. ANS Working Group

A document and survey is being drawn up to be sent to various organisations and groups.

3. Broad Forum

Rob has indicated his willingness to take over from Patrick as rep.

4. Church Meetings

It was agreed that we continue to persevere with the meetings, but on a more structured basis, i.e. Church representatives follow-up and agenda. Peter to book venue for next meeting.

5. Fundraising

Limited at present, but membership fees are still outstanding from certain members [could it be you?]. To revive your flagging memories here is the scale of membership fees: R15 per member; R20 per couple; R10 per associate member; R50 per Branch member. We have a post box this money can be sent to: The Treasurer, NCSG [Dbn], P.O.Box 3128, Dbn., 4000. We also still have numerous cards for all occasions in stock.

6. General

- Creative responses still required for NCSG letterhead (come on Craig!)
- Alan to write a follow-up letter to churches, requesting them to approach Manpower with problems on our behalf.

7. Next Meeting

Sunday 20 July, 3pm at 66 Junagarth Road, Merebank. Sharing lifts from 399 Manning road at 14h45.

29TH MEETING NCSG (DBN) HELD 30/7/89

PRESENT : RICHARD, PETER, ROBERT, MARTIN.

APOLIGIES : ANDREW.

NEWS AND VIEWS

We have been encouraged by the resurgence of NCSG in C.T.

We have sent a job description for a staff worker down to C.T.
No reply yet.

A) Recent letter by C.T. to Department of Defence has been met with ^{the} reply that the legislated maximum national service will not change and hence no shortening can be expected in Community Service.

ANS working group has suffered a setback with the loss of a key participant, but work still going ahead.

Back to C.T. New committee elected - Contact person Dawie Bosch; Regional Co-ordinator - CHIP SINDON
~~News~~ Clip - We hear rumors of Peter Kantors engagement - Fact or Fantasy.

Davelink to be expected 2 nd week in August.

Jurgen awaiting transfer to Vryheid.

Alan has been asked to write a letter to all churches offering our services to there youth groups.

NEXT MEETING : 27TH AUGUST 89; 3pm at Robs place
95 St Andrews Dr - Off Broadway, Durban North.

MINUTES OF THE 30th. MEETING OF THE NATIONAL COMMUNITY SERVERS GROUP (DURBAN), HELD ON FRIDAY 22 SEPTEMBER, 1989 AT 16H00.

Present: Martin, Andrew, Alison, Alan, Robert & Craig.
Apologies: Richard, Peter.

1. News of R.G.'s

- * Brian Wood and family are seeking a transfer to Durban.
- * Jim has submitted an application for transfer to Cape Town and is awaiting the outcome.
- * Alain Tigges was classified recently and on his own initiative got a placement with Infomatics at Addington. However illness has delayed his commencement.
- * Craig has received a call-up for a camp in November. He is to submit an application to the board.
- * Martin is back at AA Mutual, with a much restored relationship with his supervisor. However his duties continues to be menial.
- * Andrew is applying to get a transfer to the the Chaplaincy unit at Addington hospital.
- * Jurgens has achieved his transfer to Vryheid (wheres that?).

2. National Report

2.1 Cape Town

David Schmidt, who has completed approximately 5 years of his C.S. is to stop serving as from end October. Durban CSG sends support for his stand and awaits details of campaign details for support actions.

Martin reported on the state of negotiations re. Manpower, Defence and Judge Edeling as contained in the letters sent him by Cape Town. [This issue to be raised at Nat. Comm. Meeting.]

2.2 Johannesburg/Pretoria

It would appear that formal existence of the CSG has ceased to exist in these regions. However informal meetings, i.e. at the Water Board, continue to happen and the need to rekindle these groups was discussed.

2.3 National Committee Meeting

Martin reported that a National Committee Meeting was being held on Friday 13th October in Johannesburg. He also noted that this meeting would link up with an attempt to revive the Jhb./Pre. groups, hence a meeting has been called in Jhb for Thursday 12th October. The nat. meeting is also going to coincide with the National Anti-Militarisation Forum being held in Jhb. that same week-end.

3. Regional Anti-Militarisation Workshop

It was reported that regional workshops were being held around the country as a prelude to a National conference to be held

later in October. Durban's workshop to be held on Saturday 30th September from 10h00 to 16h00 at St. Thomas' hall. Alan, Andrew and Martin asked to represent the group.

4. Church's Meeting

Personal follow-up of church representatives to be done prior to next meeting. Peter and Andrew Edwards to co-ordinate.

5. General

5.1 Telephone Tree

It was noted that the telephone tree is somewhat out of date. Martin to revise and distribute.

5.2 Finances

Membership fees for March 1989 to March 1990 still outstanding. This to be submitted with membership form for both new and existing members.

6. Next Meeting

Date: Monday 30 October 1989.

Place: Pete's pad (399 Manning Road)

Time: 18h00 (6 p.m.)

Bring: R2

Activist cap

Bioplus for creative thinking late into the night.

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COMRADE JOE

By BP



1) PRESENT : Rob, Peter, Jenny, Martin
APOLOGIES: Alan, Andrew (w)

Rob opened in prayer

2) NEWS OF RO, S

- * Brian Wood still awaiting transfer
- * Jim's application for transfer has to be re-motivated
- * Alain Tigges has had his community service deferred for 6 months
- * Craig has submitted his application to the board
- * Richard is becoming assistant priest at St James. He has been transferred from Merebank Fellowship to lighten his work load.
- * Peter has been granted leave after the stipulated 4 month period. It seems that the decision lies with the employer rather than manpower

3) NATIONAL COMMITTEE MEETING

- * Merger between NCSG & COSG still to be discussed people need to be thinking seriously w.r.t. this.
- * Martin to contact Alan in regard to "galvanizing church's support and action" for reduction of service.
- * Need to encourage PMB in the establishment of a sub-group
Peter to contact Patrick to discuss the feasibility of having a meeting in PMB.
- * Martin to pick up on contacting organizations asking them to write to defence w.r.t. scope of service.
- * Andrew and Peter to prepare a statement to Van Loggerenberg.
- * David Schmidt will be giving 1 month's resignation notice to his employer and manpower. CT meeting happening tonight and will forward their strategy
- * Decision has been taken for all members to write a letter to our MP's asking for their support of David Schmidt. We await CT's strategy before asking Richard to draft the letter.

GENERAL

- * Centre for Intergroup Studies have invited persons and organisations having interest or link with conscription to participate in a 2 day workshop in CT. Representatives from defence and manpower as well as Judge Edeling will attend. There will also be a surprise visit from David Schmidt
- * Reportback on the weekend of the ante-militarisation workshop 13-15 Oct will be given by Rob Goldman.
- * A forum on the ANS research project done by the Centre for Policy Studies was held in DBN, the purpose of which was to determine if the document, to be used in approaching business, academia and Afrikaans community, would conflict with "people on the left". The document proposes a conservative

FINANCE

There is R6000 available to NCSG nationally. The regional treasurer is to submit an interim budget, tax year 90-91 March + annual budget 91-92 March to Richard Shorten, NCSG (DBN), P O Box 3128, Durban, 4000
This to be done as quickly as possible as Richard needs to draw up a national budget.

MEMBERSHIP

Membership forms as well as fees to be submitted annually to the national treasurer ie. Richard who will pass on the names to the respective secretaries
Peter to send up dated membership list to CT.

CHURCH'S MEETING

Peter, Rob and Andrew (E) to contact their respective pastors.
To be held 6 Dec 89 7.30pm at the student YMCA Princess Alice Av Richard proposed to co-ordinate. (Since been postponed till +/- Feb 90).

NEXT MEETING

To be a committee meeting held on Wed 13 Dec 5PM at Richards new address: 1st Pauls Close, Church Square, Pine St, Durban, 4001

The 36th Meeting of the NCSG (DBN) Held 18\5\90

PRESENT: Peter, Richard, Andrew, Craig, Alison

APOLOGIES: Martin & Alan

Matters arising from previous minutes.

Rob has accepted position as regional co-ordinator.
Members of NCSG are herewith instructed not to have two diaries in their possession. Failure to comply will result in midnight raids on members premises (ie Hulleys Sugar) where such documents will be seized undeterred by babies or near death experiences.
Meetings will henceforth be held on the 3rd Friday of each month except in certain pre-arranged circumstances.
Meeting Dates 20\7\90 , 17\8\90 , 21\9\90 , ?? 2\11\90 , 14\12\90.
Meetings to start at 19h30 and social evenings at 18h30.
Correction's on the last 2 lots of minutes which are the 34th and 35th meetings incidently is that Richard has not officially received permission to go overseas but it all seems very likely.
Craig has received some of his outstanding salary.
Peter to contact Kevin Turner at Napac 3043631.

Travel plans

- 1) Be at airport at 20h30 arriving back midnight on Sunday.
- 2) Take bedding and cutlery to be sure you have.

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37th Meeting of The NCSG (DBN) held 15\6\90

PRESENT: Martin ,Alan ,Kevin Turnir ,Nicky ,Sally, Richard, Jenny, Craig, Rob, Peter, Andrew & Alison

A time of prayer was held

Our two guest speakers were introduced although they needed no introduction.

Rob had recently been to a conferance in the UK wich had examined an alternative to a normal military type defence force. He introduced us to the idea of "Civilian Based Defence" wich would operate in conjunction with the military or alternatively be independent. Rob then proceeded to show us how the idea could be promoted.

Martin had recently been to a conferance in Lusaker which looked at the future and form of SA defence .People from a broad spectrum of ideologies were represented. Alternatives to a military type defence were not discussed in depth .

Both inputs from Rob and Martin were interesting and informative. Thanks guys!

Next Meeting 20\7\90 at Martins home 18h30

33rd Meeting Of The NCSG(Dbn) Held 8/1/90

PRESENT: Richard, Andrew(W), Alison, Alan, Rob, Peter, Craig, Martin, Jenny

APOLOGIES: Tony

1) News Of RO's

Tony has been transferred to an art gallery in FMB and is pleased with his job.

Jim is starting in C.T. in Feb. Durban's sad loss C.T.'s gain.

Craig started community service on 11/1/90.

Alan announced the arrival of Mathew born 18/12/99. CONGRATULATIONS

2) General

* Richard has received some membership forms. Keep them rolling in.

* Shortening of Service

4 prong strategy to gain clarity on the matter

(a) RO's must request employers to inquire in regard.

(b) Martin will ask for a meeting with Manpower.

(c) Request high profile church leaders to write to manpower and defence in regard

(d) Request MP's to raise the issue in parliament, Andrew to contact Gastrow, Alan - Burrows, Rob - Ellis

* Church meeting to be on wed 31 st Jan at the University YMCA
Alan organizing and chairing.

issues to be discussed include length of service, CO's in prison and mutual interest strategies for the year.

Alan to invite Presbyterians, congregationalists, methodists
Andrew (W) - Anglicans, Peter - Cogs, Andrew (E) - Glenridge.

* National Conference: dates 6/4 - 8/4/90, venue still being arranged

* AGM to happen 10/3 - 11/3/90, Richard to contact speaker, venue still being confirmed.

* No amalgamation between NCSG and COSG to happen.

* Church service for CO's to be held Sat 3 Feb at 2.30; sub-committee to organize.

3) Next Meeting

Wed. the 31st at 6.30 before church's meeting.

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