

## **Goolawah Co-op Community/Directors Meeting**

**1/9/12, 9:30, Camp kitchen**

**Present:** Craig Singleman, Belinda Ball, Wayne Ellis, Sattwa Horne, Rob Hewitt, Paul Martin, Bronwyn Little, Cindy Munro, Leah Skinner, Anne Wilson, Mairead Shorten-Wells, Kirsty Steer, Alwyn Hunter, Ralph Erthel.

**Visitors:** Denise Cobourn, Dennis Cobourn, David Rolph

**Apologies:** Stuart Pougher **Facilitator:** Craig Singleman **Minutes:** Anne Wilson

Correction to minutes of previous meeting: should read "Road contributions: \$1000 owing for parks and recreation." **Motion to pass minutes of previous meeting:** passed.

**Treasurer's report:** Leah Skinner.

- \$41,646.85 in working account, \$18,043 in term deposit.
- Books are with accountant for auditor's report, with express instructions it needs to be completed for the AGM.
- Got KSC to remove garbage collection fee from rates.
- Co-op charged 2x septic inspection fees, 1 for camp kitchen, 1 for Paul and Anne, to be added to their levies.

**Secretary's report:** Anne Wilson.

- Seed swap was a small but roaring success – will do it again in March.
- Working bee was also awesome, great turnout, got lots done and had fun.
- Stuart Pougher intends to build a dam at the bottom of Lot 6 – no objections. He would also like to put a couple of Lock the Gate signs at the main entrances – no objections.

**Membership committee:** Mairead, Paul, Ralph.

- Denise and Dennis Cobourn: Completed application process. Moved to make eligible for membership: passed unanimously. Moved to ratify: passed unanimously. Moved to approve share transfer: passed unanimously.
- David Rolph: Completed application process. Moved to make eligible for membership: passed unanimously. Moved to ratify: passed unanimously. Moved to approve share transfer: passed unanimously.

**Road report:** Ralph Erthel.

- Gravel for potholing delivered, some used at working bee.
- Waiting for more money to come in from road levies to finish off roads.

**Tractor report:** Roger Ball for Larry Knight

- Tractor training went very well – thank you Jason, Gordon, Mairead, Craig, and participants.
- Auger fixed and working (New uni joint)
- Old slasher: got new blades, but now the boom has broken – new part on order. Roger to fix – thanks Roger.
- Nugget slasher's gearbox bugged – Roger has found a new one for \$535 plus freight, or a stronger 75Hp gearbox for \$640 plus freight. Need to check compatibility. Roger to get second quote.
- Next tractor training Sunday after AGM.

**DA report:** Kirsty Steer.

- Replied to letter regarding existing road through SEPP 14 wetland.
- DA was on public exhibition from 15/8 to 29/8. Expected to go to September 25<sup>th</sup> meeting.
- Email sent to council candidates asking their position regarding the DA, and inviting them to visit etc. We will send out how to vote advice to our members enrolled in Kempsey Shire before Sept 8<sup>th</sup> council elections. Some candidates and sitting councillors to visit next week. Meet the candidates session this arvo at Crescent Head community centre.

## **GENERAL BUSINESS**

**Burn-off** – Cindy wants RFS to do controlled burn behind her blocks and Michael Moey's where she can't slash. Contact Cindy on 0413-218-894 if you want your block done too. Moved to approve hazard reduction burn by local RFS at back of Cindy's 2 blocks and if he consents, Michael Moey's block. For:8, Against:0, Abstain:1.

**Shade sail** – Paul to get quotes for durable shade sail for Red Hill playground.

**Fire trailers** – Kempsey fire control say it's possible to get a fire-fighting trailer, but... first step is for RFS to come and do info session, and then for members to do basic training and commit to maintenance. 6th October pencilled in. NPWS offered tanks for mobile fire-fighting, but need to add trailer, pump, hoses etc which may cost around \$2000. In principle support for this – Paul to accept tank and put proposal to AGM for budget to fit out.

**Access to neighbours' blocks** – Letter to be written by Leah and Craig to send to Brett, Angus, Wauchope and residents to ask him to come to a meeting and talk about access and contribution to road maintenance.

**Slashing** – Fire season is nigh! Leah to send out letter to ask members to slash blocks or pay for it to be done.

**Thank you letter to council** – for fixing Maria River Rd. Mairead to send.

**Surveying** – Graham Sawyer to come and re-survey Stuart's site next week. If anyone else wants surveying done call Stuart or Craig 6566-0376.

**Earthbag workshop** - Al Hunter is running a workshop to build an earthbag structure October 1<sup>st</sup> long weekend.

**Work claims:** Sattwa: 4 hours working bee. 2 hours tractor repairs. (Community hours).

Mairead and Pete: 13hrs levy reduction and 12 community hours for membership committee

Kirsty: 12 community hours for DA

*All passed.*

**Next working bee:** Sat 17<sup>th</sup> Nov 8:30 to beat the heat. Meet at Camp Kitchen.

## **Levy reduction approved tasks:**

Pot holing roads - see Paul and Anne

Clearing fenceline along Forest Way

Fire beater storage on Red Hill

Kill lantana and camphor - see Paul

Tractor maintenance, including marking levers and instruction board - see Larry and Roger.

Slashing on agreed community areas - see Larry

Organising children's activities during General Meetings

All weather notice board for west gate entrance – see Larry and Griff

Membership committee business

Website updates - Sue Loudon

Camp kitchen water supply - Peter Wells

***Meeting closed at 12:18pm.***