

GOOLAWAH COOPERATIVE MINUTES – GENERAL MEETING – APRIL 2013

Date: 6 April 2013 Commenced: 9:30am Location: Machinery shed Facilitator: Craig Minutes: Anne

ATTENDANCE	Anne, Bronwyn, Denise, Mairead, Dave L, John H, Stuart, Lexie, Mark, Ralph, Rose, Russell, Larry, Frankie, Greg, Leah, Rob, Craig, Paul, Isaac, Kevin, Wayne Visitors: Greg Hunter, Jason, Flick, Alix
APOLOGIES	Roger, Belinda, Rebekah
PROXIES	Al Hunter (c), Mayumi Kawayama (c), Sue Loudon (c)

AGENDA ITEM	SUMMARY OF INFORMATION PROVIDED/DISCUSSION	ACTION/DECISION/RESPONSIBILITY
Secretary's report	Reporter from the Argus to visit in coming weeks. Steady stream of email enquiries re shares, wwoofing. There will be a student studying intentional communities visiting from the 15th April. Phone tree has been printed and distributed to all who wished to be a part.	
Treasurer's report	\$42,671 in working account, \$18,500 in long term account. \$30k owing in road levies. Next lot of road levies due end of June. Clarification: Work levy will be 12 hours @ \$15/h as of next financial year.	
Road report	Illa Langi got damaged in the flood. Grade and roll will cost \$2k to \$3k. \$5 in budget for maintenance. Frog hollow also needs attention.	Ralph to arrange \$5k of road maintenance to Illa Langi and Frog Hollow.
Tractor report	Report deferred to discussion of proposals 1 and 2	
Membership report	Nothing to report. Peter Farley's share no longer for sale. Trevor Pearson's site for sale. Clarification as to when joining fee should be paid: should be paid before ratification.	
DA report	Dave: Flood report with firm letter from Rob Doolan has been submitted to council. No response has been received as yet. Letter from Rob read at meeting.	Waiting on reply from Council
Rancho Relaxo's cattle	Greg Hunter (cattle manager for Rancho Relaxo/Connection Creek): Visited to say thank you for being able to keep some cattle on the property at north gate during the flood. Greg proposed a long term plan for agistment in north gate paddocks for three weeks every three months, including burning to promote pasture and erecting a few kms of fencing. Will slash common areas in return. Discussed fencing, burning, weeds, etc. Greg informed of our decision making process and rule against cloven hoofed animals.	To be discussed further at next community meeting.

PROPOSAL	DISCUSSION	PROPOSAL OUTCOME
1. What is to be done about the tractor/slasher	<p>Ordinary Resolution 1. "That we vote on the following options to give some direction as to what is to be done about the tractor/slasher immediately:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Fix the tractor/slasher (ref handouts at meeting) b. Buy a second hand tractor/slasher c. Buy a new tractor/slasher (approx. \$30k) d. Lease a tractor e. Outsource slashing (\$90/h x 3days x 4times/year = \$8640) f. Do nothing." <p>Discussion: Stan Cork Machinery Mobile mechanic came and assessed the tractor. The problem was that the gearbox on new slasher was seized, not the PTO on tractor. Hydraulic steering ram needs new seal – is getting fixed. Mechanic will get a quote for new slasher gear box – he thinks it's work fixing. Greg: Bundagen has bought 4wd tractor with slasher on 5yr lease agreement. \$4000 capital, \$7500/year on servicing, fuel etc. Jason: it's a good tractor, but clutches in the gear box are slipping. Old tractors are ok when you have one operator, new tractors are better with multiple operators. Maybe don't need tractor if Rancho Relaxo can slash communal areas. Discussion of limited number of operators and log book. Straw vote on proposal 2 passed.</p>	Withdrawn in view of tractor committee formulating a plan to buy a new tractor in the future.
2. Tractor/slasher budget and co-ordinator.	<p>Ordinary Resolution 2: "That a yearly budget is set aside for the tractor/slasher, approx. \$5000 and that the tractor/slasher coordinator is empowered by the meeting to control the budget. This position will be eligible for a \$500 levy compensation for taking on this responsibility."</p> <p>Roger, Stu and Mark offered to be tractor coordinators, on the proviso that only a meeting decides whether somebody can't use the tractor.</p> <p>Proposed by Craig and seconded by Anne to amend the proposal to read: "That a yearly budget is set aside for the tractor/slasher of \$5000 and that the tractor/slasher coordinators are empowered by the meeting to control the budget. Roger, Stu and Mark are to be these coordinators, and their work hours are eligible for levy reduction."</p>	<p>Amended proposal passed unanimously.</p> <p>Coordinators to draft a tractor management plan.</p>

Meeting adjourned at 11:35. Resumed at 12:00 at Camp Kitchen

3. Renovations to camp kitchen.	<p>Ordinary Resolution 3: "To increase the deck on the camp kitchen to make it usable and to make the kitchen fully functional up to a cost of \$12000, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Generator for 240V power – Lights – Kitchen upgrade including gas stove, pump, sink, lighting" <p>Handout of detailed costs and drawing tabled.</p> <p>Discussion regarding council approval.</p> <p>Straw vote to improve camp kitchen passed.</p> <p>Discussion regarding whether to have a separate area or connected.</p> <p>Talking circle about what people want and how much they want to spend (refer to attached</p>	<p>Amended proposal: For: 16 Against: 2 Abstain: 0. Passed.</p> <p>Dave L to investigate council regs regarding extension.</p> <p>Paul to continue to plan and refine costings of</p>
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	<p>notes taken by Mairead)</p> <p>Proposed by Paul, seconded by Mairead to amend proposal to read: "To improve the primitive camp ground facilities to a maximum budget of \$20,000 and for design and approval process to be decided at the May community meeting."</p>	<p>current extension idea.</p> <p>Ralph to plan and cost a separate structure.</p>
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BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING / GENERAL BUSINESS

ITEM	DISCUSSION	DECISIONS/ACTIONS/ RESPONSIBILITY
Fellowship of Intentional Communities	Donation request. Moved by Pete, seconded by Anne to donate \$100 to FIC to as per notice in newsletter.	For: 9 Against: 1 Abstain: 5. Passed.
Fire truck from Bundagen	Need to organise transport of Striker (Landrover 4WD petrol) from Bundagen to here. \$170 for car trailer for 2 days. Approx. \$300 for tilt tray. Pete offered to drive. Anne moved to allocate \$250 to transport striker to Goolawah. Seconded by Dave.	Passed unanimously. Pete to organise.
Centrelink voluntary work agreement	Dave L: Obtained quote for insurance which covers voluntary workers as is required by Centrelink for voluntary worker agreements (15 hours a week). Cost of insurance is \$680 for 5 people for 12 months. Moved by Dave, Seconded by Anne, to approve \$680 for voluntary worker insurance.	For: 12 Against: 0 Abstain: 2 Dave L to arrange insurance. Voluntary work group leader to report to meetings.
Illa Langi Rd	Russell: wants to improve drainage of Illa Langi Rd. Discussion.	Mairead to ask Kirsty to put flood shelter on site plan on website.
Facebook	Isaac wants to start a Facebook book, with same content as website.	Anne and Stu to set up Goolawah account and page.
NPWS Limeburners fire management plan	NPWS seeking consent for Fire management plan in Limeburners as discussed at fire brigade training day in 2011. Plan has been available in Camp Kitchen. Proposed: That Goolawah give formal consent to NPWS to undertake fire management as described in their letter 19/3/13. Moved by Paul, seconded by Anne.	Passed unanimously. Paul to complete forms.
Work claims	Anne and Paul: mowing of Red Hill, fencing north gate and slashing, 6hrs Frank: slashing/mowing 8 hours, tractor repair 1hr Kevin: Nth Gate fencing, clearing forest way, working bee, 5.5hrs Bronwyn and Wayne: mowing, kitchen, working bee, slashing, 13hrs Denise and Dennis: working bee, 8 hrs	Passed unanimously.
Working bee	Kevin: clearing roadsides. Ralph: potholing. Anne: nesting boxes. Weed control. Pizza lunch at 2pm, byo bases, toppings etc.	Working bee 20th April.

Meeting Closed 1:40pm

APRIL GM TALKING CIRCLE ON PRIMITIVE CAMPGROUND FACILITIES

	What do you want?	How much to spend?
1	Pizza Oven / Barbecue Under Cover	Whatever it takes
2	Nice space big enough for us to get together in a circle	Whatever it takes
3	Save money for Goldmine Hill	0
4	Plan as circulated	20K
5	Area where we can socialise as a group	20K
6	In favour of improving facilities	20K
7	Save money for tractor	0
8	Place to socialise	20K
9	Closed in area, mozzie and weather proof, flexible space with a view for future use/evolution	Whatever it takes
10	Start with simple, add to in the future. Pizza oven, barbie, covered, warm in winter	20K
11	Flexible space to cook share means, dance together.	20K min, don't skimp
12	Deck space with some height	20K
13	Space big enough for everyone to be together - currently people dispersed over 3 spaces at pizza nights	20K
14	Meeting space with a roof	Whatever it takes
15	In favour of improving facilities	No \$ specified
16	Bigger indoor area, heat in winter, pot luck dinners, do in one project instead of in stages	20K
17	Now we can have 20-40 people, ensure we have sufficient space for now and events into the future.	Whatever it takes
18	New independent structure instead of extension, from builder's point of view. Ensure big enough to cater for numbers.	20-25K
19	Revitalise what we have. Add fenced community veggie patch.	20K starting point
20	Need solid costings. Take care budget does not blow out. Structure depends on what is easiest with council.	15-20K
21	New independent structure instead of extension. Improve existing kitchen facilities. Scrutinise costs. Costings currently for extension, separate structure will change costs	Costs depend on structure type decided
22	Include native plantings. Work by members to be voluntary. Keep costs to a minimum.	20K max

Camp Kitchen Renovation

	Job	Responsible Person	Budget	Notes
Stage 1	Project manager	Paul		Liaise with all parties to get everything happening at the right time
	Footings	Dennis	\$1,000	RHS
	Deck	Sattwa	\$4,000	Treated pine like current deck, steel or our timber bearers and joists
	Roof	Sattwa	\$3,000	Steel with timber or steel frame
	Railing	Pete	\$800	
	Lighting, solar, 240v Generator, muffling and shed	Stuart	\$2,400	Use tiny shed for batteries, upgrade to 24V to allow for future expansion, 2kVA quiet generator to run projector, tv, sound, music equipment, flood lights.
	Stairs	Isaac	\$600	
	Pizza Oven	Roger		Separate budget
	Total stage 1		\$11,800	
	Gas	Licensed gas fitter	\$250	
Stage 2	Move sliding door and windows	Dennis	\$450	
	Bi-fold door		\$2,500	
	Kitchen upgrade	Bronwyn, Lexi	\$2,000	
	Solar upgrade	Stuart	\$1,000	Add an inverter/charger to run smaller loads such as the TV and enable battery charging from genset. Add shunt to solar regulator to monitor usage.
	Paint		\$600	Face lift for existing building
	Total stage 2		\$6,800	

Committed helpers: Wayne, Paul, Bud, Mark, Lexie, Frankie, Anne, Denise, Dennis, Belinda, Bronwyn, Glen, Stuart, Dave L, Pete, Mairead, Craig, Roger, Rebecca, Kevin, Isaac, Stuart, Sattwa,

Donations	Offered By
Projector screen	Paul
Efficient TV	?
Wood heater	?
2 x 140amp hour batteries	Stewart