

Minutes of Goolawah Cooperative General Meeting 1st April 2017

Chair/Facilitator: Paul Martin

Minute Taker: Anne Tennock

Attendance: Craig Singleman, Ralph Erthel, Peter O'Hara, Nityama Martin, Julica Jungehuelsing, Louise & Tony Roberts, Mark Doonan, Dennis & Denise Cobourn, Greg Ryan, Roger & Belinda Ball, Alan Blake, Paul Martin, Rob Hewitt, Isaac Ryan, Gemma Dowell, Todd Henshall, Mick Clancy, Kevin Harper, Wayne Ellis, Ralph V. Hulst, John & Anne Tennock, Trinh Nguyen, Daniel Rose, Justin & Cynthia Fitzpatrick.

Apologies: Rose Mahar, Bronwyn Little

Confirmation of Previous Minutes:

March meeting & Jan GM. Proposed Ralph E, Seconded Nityama, Unanimous

Business arising:

- **Amended By-Law 10A (a) i) re tree felling** - formally ratify it and associated flow-chart (agreed at February meeting). Proposed Ralph E, Seconded Mark, Agreed with 1 abstention

- **Sandmine & Outback Dam rehabilitation** GMK quoted \$6000-\$8000 for both (Sandmine about 1/3rd). Dam area is too wet for work, so postponed till later in the year. Agreed that Mick Conomos could dig some sand at the Sandmine on his next visit to the Coop. Members should then only take it by trailer. Where larger amounts are needed, members are to organise with him directly (rather than deplete all supplies for themselves).

- **Cemetery:** to mark out proposed site on Goldmine Hill Rd on NE corner, as no plans for that site and it complies with requirements, above 1 in 100 flood level.

Vision Statement: 40+ responses. Dan compiling data. Louise & Anne T to assist analysis/writing up.

Reports

Secretary

- Canberra university request survey response re management of our native forests. Rob, Todd & Gemma will complete it.

- **Correspondence** to KSC re signs on Nevertire and Illa Langhi: no response, so Ralph to follow up.

- **Overdue member levies list:** two members over 1 year owing, with largest amount \$250. Ralph will automatically send reminder request to any member over 12 months overdue.

- **Cameras:** two hunter cameras working well, with excellent images. Not adequate to cover whole west gate. Dan has augmented power to Camp Kitchen, Machinery Shed, West Gate for solar and trickle charge camera batteries. Coverage will include car number plates. Regulator, 120w solar panel, stand-by battery. Other cameras can be added later.. **Additional \$600 requested to finish the job.**

Proposed Roger, Seconded Ralph E, Unanimous

Roads

- **Nevertire maintenance:** GME to grade next week. Ralph to ask Council for exemption from Sect 138 fees.
- **Driving through flood waters damages our roads,** increases pothole sizes, and therefore adds to our road maintenance.
- **Internal roads:** if roads are not cambered (crown in middle) they degrade and increase cost of repairs. As our crowns are flattening fast, maintenance is required soon. **Meeting approved up to \$25,000 to repair internal roads.** Proposed Paul, Seconded Roger, Unanimous

DA

Ralph tried to get a response from Council re our S96 application, to no avail, despite Shane Reinhold's assurance that Council won't drag their feet. **Several members will watch upcoming Council agendas to ensure they don't put it on the agenda without notifying us.**

Membership

Julia & Frank; Ric & Jack; Barry & Alison & 4 boys under 10; all expected to stay at CK at Easter.

Machinery

No problems reported, with 3 Slashers and tractor all working.

Fire

Ban now lifted, so we can burn piles. Fire Squad to meet soon to prepare for next season; upcoming exercise/working bee on our fire equipment. Review last year burn-offs to determine effectiveness.

Treasurer's Report/Work Claims:

- **Unidentifiable payments:** money deposited in Goolawah account without any indication of payee. Contact John if you don't get a receipt by email in 24 hours or by post in a week then your payment is not recorded.
- **NAB fees:** John negotiated reduction from \$50 to \$10 per month. Gratefully approved.
- **Road Levy for Financial Year 2017-18:** DA Road funds currently total \$162,000, with \$39,000 incoming yearly from levies. Insufficient for expected requirements, so cannot change road levy yet. **Agreed to continue \$500/site next financial year.** Proposed John T, Seconded Peter, Unanimous. Procedurally, Special Resolution required for June GM to ratify today's decision.
- **Work Claims: 8 members' claims as per the Treasurer's Report.** Agreed: Unanimous
- Sheet in Camp Kitchen to volunteer your name to facilitate meetings or take minutes.

Resolution:

“That the western boundary of site #18 (by road) be adjusted to align with the currently planted row of bamboo. The area of the site (½ hectare or 5000m³) is to be compensated by an adjustment of the northern and/or eastern boundaries where appropriate (both fire access trails)”.

Proposed Ralph V. Hulst, Seconded Ralph E, Unanimous

General Business:

- Agreed Dan can claim hours for camera installations, and he generously offered materials.
- Community toilet: paper goes missing, but lockable holder too expensive. (Roger)
- Elections for Local Land Services Board. Co-op pays \$140 annually as landholder with +2 hectares. Co-op enrolled to vote with Ralph E as rep, and agreed we vote for Greens candidates.
- Emergency Services Fee now to be charged to all ratepayers.
- Two Director Deputies, in absence of Denise (3 months) and Stuart. Four Directors needed at meetings. Nityama will deputise for Denise, and Kevin for Stuart.
- Approved Jobs List: agreed that security cameras work included under machinery.
- Cleaning the bowl of the community toilet with a pressure cleaner. Thanks Roger.
- **Rainforest Planting.** Rob has another 100+ trees to plant across from CK - meet **9am next Saturday**. Rob can claim expenses - receipts to John. Photos to record for growth history.
- **Langford's livestock, fences, gate, cattle grid and dust:**
 - Langford spoke politely to Rob, and welcomed others to talk to him. Contact him re his cattle on Goolawah; he knows they could be impounded.
 - Fences: our northern boundary fencing may need some repairs. Apparently neighbours have cut wires in the past, so no action planned at this stage.
 - Cattle grids: Northgate not deep enough, so cows walk over it; Maria River Road is getting more broken and needs repairs, but no action planned with S96 still pending.
 - Nevertire gate at Maria River Rd: will have no legal status once the DA is approved. Council may not require removal of the gate and cattle grid. Debate about trying to reason with Langford.
 - Dust on Nevertire: Co-op members still driving too fast on Nevertire with resulting dust.
 - On Co-op NW corner there is a missing gate, with fence posts. To be checked.
- **July Newsletter:** will be 2 weeks early, before Griff leaves; Julica to advise deadline.
- **Noisy machinery operation 8:30am to 4.30pm from tomorrow**, due end of daylight saving.
- **Farmgate Tour for Hastings Landcare** - long weekend June 12-16. Discussion re possible participation: no need to open for whole 3 days, can determine visitor numbers, guided tours only. 5 people interested in opening their sites and guiding. **John to discuss with Landcare.**
- **Easter Sunday** social event: our band, pizzas from 4pm, and soccer at 3pm. Visitors to put their tents away from CK. Roger will get containers for tea/coffee etc.. **Encourage your visitors to put money in donation box for use of facilities.**
- Closing Circle – Abundant thanks.