

General Meeting 1st July 2017

Minutes



Minute Taker: Rose Mahar

Chair/Facilitator: Paul Martin

Commenced: 9:12 am

Attendance: Craig Singleman (D), Peter Horne, Nityama, Anne Wilson, Tony Roberts, Louise Roberts (D), Ron Ringrose, Lyn Ringrose, Rob Hewitt, Ralph Van Hulst, Dave Launt, Dennis Cobourn, Denise Cobourn (D), Michael Clancy, Harvey Creswell, Greg Ryan, Justin Fitzpatrick, Belinda Ball, Roger Ball (D), Wayne Ellis, Wayne Skinner, Rose Mahar, Anne Tennock, John Tennock, Ralph Erthel (D), Paul Martin, Kevin Harper (D)

Apologies:

Visitors: Shannon Ryan

Opening circle.

Revisit Code of Conduct: The decision to read the code of conduct was queried by several members. MOST members follow the code of conduct without needing to be reminded of it. Denise left in protest.

Confirmation of Previous minutes:

Proposed – Roger, Seconded – Paul
2 abstentions 17 for

Business arising from Previous Meeting(s):

- Vision statement. Following Mairead's analysis of the data Anne Tennock extracted the 'story'. Came up with a list of things we do well & a list of things we could do better. Results to go on the website. Thankyou Dan, Mairead, Anne W. & Anne T.
- Cemetery. There is a site marked out as discussed at last meeting. Suggestion we look at other sites such as Gold Mine Hill. Before any final decision can be made the council will need to look at the site and a soil core sample and report will need to be done. Site must have public access so needs to adjoin a crown reserve. John Tennock will mark out alternative sites.
- Fire & access trail near Justin & Leah's lot. Access trails were designed to provide walking and bicycle access to residents, not for car or motorcycle use, and for emergencies. Wayne Skinner, Roger, Dave Launt, Tony Roberts & Justin Fitzpatrick offered to look into access trails marked on the map (some have been moved) & how they are used in reality.
- Power supply for camp kitchen – Anne W. Anne completed a costing of power supply. To run lights, fan, pump and for basic power use such as recharging a phone the quote came in at around \$4000 without a battery box. Anne will purchase the stuff & Ralph van Hulst will do most of the installation with Anne as support.

Proposal: Community to spend up to \$4000 on the camp kitchen power supply.

Proposed - John Seconded – Ralph Vote - Unanimous

Secretary's Report:

- Bee keeper wants to put bees on Goolawah
- Overdue fees – letters going out to people who are overdue with their fees.
- Same debacle with letters from council regarding waste management as last year.

- KS Council – still no action on roads. 2 council directors can't agree. Ralph wrote to Melinda Pavey about the crown road issue and spoke to some staff members. No reply as yet.
- Public Liability insurance – Miller Alexander will act on our behalf with the same insurer for the same cost.

DA Report: Nothing new

Road Report: Signs needed for Forest Way – do not use in wet weather. Get Mick Conomos to fill in the deeper holes next time he is out at G.

Membership Report: Jac Larsen & Ric Marie have completed the membership process. Nityama moved they become eligible as members. Seconded - Tony. Vote - Unanimous
They will be ratified once they have a site.

Machinery Report: Tractor running fine. Machinery shed will need to be cleaned up after the hay has been removed.

Fire Squad: Fire striker injectors needed cleaning. It was full of algae. Discussion about possible solutions to the problem may include using a fuel additive, running the engine more often, drain the tank and refuel, keep fuel tank full.

Paul will pop rivet cover for holes in floor.

Roger tried to get more fire safety booklets but there were none available. Fire officers will come out to do individual assessments if requested.

Treasurer's Report:

Proposed – John Seconded – Roger Vote - unanimous

18 members overdue with fees. Letters to be sent out as per our policy.

John has been working on our 2017- 18 budget. Road maintenance \$20000, Tractor and machinery - \$5000. Fire striker & AP2- \$4000. The updated budget will be ready for the next meeting.

Proposal: John proposed that the community spend \$800 on a single user licence for Filemaker Pro 16+ so he can customise our receipting system. Seconded – Roger Vote – unanimous

Vote of thanks to John for all his hard work.

Work and Expenses Claims: 3 work claims from John, Ralph & Rose presented for approval.

Moved – John, Seconded – Kevin, Vote – unanimous

Resolutions:

- 2 resolutions proposed by the treasurer (relating to road levies) at the last general meeting were not published in the newsletter so cannot be voted on at this stage. They must go in the newsletter as a proposal so they can be reviewed and voted on by all. Resolutions to be forwarded to newsletter coordinator.
- *Proposal* – that a **draft** set of minutes go on the website before the next community or general meeting so they can be read prior to approval at the next meeting. Moved – Louise, Seconded – Ralph, Vote – unanimous
- Proposal regarding logging truck access for Chris Robbins. Ralph read out and email from Chris. He has decided to go with a bush mill and will operate this himself. There will be some logs taken out on a flatbed truck from the clearing of his house site. This is a welcome outcome for all of us. *Motion* to withdraw the motion regarding logging truck access. Proposed – Craig, Seconded – Kevin, Vote – unanimous. *Motion* to

send a letter of welcome to Chris Robbins and to include a sum of \$800 towards the cost of surveying our southern boundary as a sign of goodwill. Moved - Dave Launt, Seconded – Craig, Vote: against – 5, abstain -1, for – 13, passed.

Some allegations and complaints were made about the behaviour of some members during the resolution writing process. It was mentioned that as a result of the actions of some members Peter O'Hara has resigned as a director and will be replaced by his delegate Kevin Harper. There followed a sometimes heated discussion. It was suggested we revisit the decision making process and see if we can't come up with a better way of doing things at a subsequent meeting. Members are encouraged to think about possible solutions to make our decision making processes more equitable and less negative.

General Business Agenda Items:

- Greg Ryan reminds us to focus on the positives. He holds up Goolawah as a positive example at Bundagen.
- Bees. Paul suggested that people interested in bees get together and come up with a bee management plan. Group to include Roger, Paul, Gemma, Todd & Nityama.

Closing circle.

Gratitude Round: Thankyou Paul for facilitating

Meeting Closed: 1:10pm