

General Meeting

Date: 07/04/2018



Minute Taker: Lexie Gonzalez

Chairperson: Peter O'Hara

Chairperson signature:

Commenced: 9.08am

Attendance: John Tennock, Anne Tennock, Julica Jungehuelsing, Bronwyn Little, Wayne Ellis, Alicia Fox, Trinh Nguyen, Alan Blake, Nick Reid, Michael Clancy, Greg Ryan, Harvey Creswell, Issac Ryan, Nityama Martin, Clint Campisi, Noemi Campisi, Kevin Harper, Roger Ball, Belinda Ball, Denise Cobourn, Dan Rose, Ralph Erthel, Craig Singleman, Frank D.

Apologies: Rose Mahar, Ralph Van Hulst, James Galletly, Sattwa Horne, Mark Doonan, Jenny and Wayne Skinner,

Visitors: Adam and Shantelle Cuetkovski, Atmo and Petra Kusseler, Raku, Antheum, Kiora.

Proxies: No resolutions

Confirmation of Previous minutes:

Proposed –Bronwyn Seconded –Lexie

Approved unanimously

Business arising from Previous Meeting:

1. Rules update (Policies and guidelines committee)

Policies and guidelines committee are currently working to integrate the new Department of Fair Trading rules recommended for non-trading cooperatives into Goolawah rules. The new recommendations use plain English language and are considered to be more user friendly and specifically suited for the cooperative. The completed update will be presented to the community in the next few months.

Action: Policies and guideline committee to meet together this week to continue working on updates to Goolawah Rules.

2. Cemetery

Main concern is maintenance of cemetery. There continues to be uncertainty about what happened to tape that was used to mark out the original site. Vandalism being questioned. Discussion arose about previous objections raised that the site was too close to the road.

Action: Wayne Ellis and Ralph E. to re-mark the site and clarify boundaries.

3. Goolawah Facebook

Alicia is currently looking after Facebook page. This Goolawah Facebook page is open to the general public. It includes updates on local events in and around Goolawah. The page also receives inquiries about Goolawah shares. Membership enquiries are forwarded on to membership committee. Facebook page is currently moderated by Alicia. Provocative and derogatory comments are not accepted. There is a link from Facebook page to Goolawah website. Discussion generated from meeting indicated support for continuation of Goolawah

Facebook page.

Action: Alicia to continue managing Goolawah Facebook page.

Secretary's Report:

NPWS – Key returned back to Secretary by members after the flood.

Matt Deathridge – is a local plumber that has previously done work on Goolawah sites. Matt has informed Ralph E. that he has been pressured by some members to sign off on illegal work. This was not condoned by the community in general.

DA Report/Road Report:

Goolawah internal roads are considered to be generally in a good state at the moment. Any work necessary on our internal roads can be carried out at a working bee.

Illa Langi Road – Ralph has been in discussion with Crown roads and Kempsey Shire Council to find a solution so that we are able to safely maintain this road without incurring fines ranging from \$3000-\$110000.

Nevertire Road – DA committee are currently in discussion with KSC about stage planning.

Action: DA group to meet 08/04/2018 and discuss further.

Membership Report:

1. Share transfer from Golombik to Noemi and Clint Campisi to be completed at next meeting.
2. Adam and Shantelle Cuetkovski – meeting voted for membership eligibility
Proposed - Alicia Seconded - Nityama
Approved unanimously
3. Petra and Atmo Kuessler – meeting voted for membership eligibility
Proposed - Nityama Seconded - Wayne
Approved unanimously
4. Visitors introduced themselves.

Machinery Report

Tractor - rear tyre damaged. New tyre and fitting quoted at \$850. To be repaired in the next week. Exhaust has been bent on a few occasions. Roger requested members to be more mindful when using tractor to prevent this damage.

Bundagen Kubota tractor is now for sale. It is traded in every 4 years. The tractor is still under warranty (5 year warranty). This tractor has the possibility of attaching a hydraulic mower to side arm which would be useful for Goolawah. Roger suggested that the tractor is worth purchasing for

Goolawah. He still feels that we should keep the old tractor to use for rough bush areas.

Action: Roger to go to Bundagen to inspect tractor and report back to community.

Proposal for next GM – for machinery committee to investigate purchasing the Bundagen tractor. This will be forwarded as a report back to community with actual budget for tractor and attachments, Purchase to be voted at next suitable meeting,

Proposed - Roger Seconded - Kevin

Voted – 16 for, 1 against.

Fire Squad Report:

Gratitude for all the work done by members to reduce fire hazard.

South side of Frog Hollow still needs work with large machinery (first row of paperbarks needs to be dealt with).

Goolawah Working bee considered to reduce further fire hazard in communal areas.

Introducing more slashed trails to communal areas where appropriate.

Fire permits have been lifted

Treasurer's Report: Refer to report on website.

Ingrid Barrett – total payment made by John Brumpton (Jelly). Currently her account is up to date.

Road levy to be reviewed annually. Formal resolution was made at previous General meeting (October 2017). Actual amount to be decided as a formal vote. Resolution to be brought to July Meeting.

1. Proposal to Adopt \$500 road levy for next financial year

Proposed –Ralph Seconded –John T.

Approved unanimous

2. Proposal to adopt the treasurer's report.

Proposed –Peter Seconded –Lexie

Approved-unanimously

3. Work and Expenses Claims

Proposed –John Seconded –Kevin

Approved unanimously

General Business:

1. Mark Dunn's presence on Goolawah: concern of speeding on Goolawah and sabotage of property. He has been witnessed to be on Goolawah at night. If anyone sees him on Goolawah property please inform Dan with dates and times so he can check footage on security cameras. Members encouraged to record incidents in Incident management - see

Trinh.

Discussion on how to deal with Mark Dunn. Possibility of introducing a gate with signage of private property. Must be obvious that these are enclosed lands with clear boundary. Cameras may be positioned here.

2. Bee hives- 11 bee hives on Gold mine hill have had lids removed on Easter Monday. Members of men shed witnessed some unknown young teens cycling around on Monday but not certain as to who actually removed the lids.
3. General Meeting vs. Directors/Community meeting. Frank raised the discussion about how decisions and procedures should be made according to our rules and by-laws. Discussion highlighted that decisions about large finances (e.g. \$20,000 for fire squad) had been made at community meetings instead of general meetings. Community meetings are where discussions are covered about the day to day business of Goolawah including membership. General meetings are for making big decisions about finances, changing rules and voting for resolutions that have been previously proposed and printed in the newsletter for all members to consider. There is currently a contingency expenditure between general meetings whereby the community can approve up to \$2000 at monthly meetings. A quorum of directors and the secretary may approve up to \$1000 for emergency expenditure. More clarification about resolutions - Special resolutions are for rule changes. Ordinary resolutions are for everything else. These are to be advised in advance with the agenda. This discussion lead to rescinding the decision approving \$20000 of Goolawah funds for firefighting purposes.

Motion –Rescind the motion to utilize \$20000 of Goolawah funds for firefighting purposes.

Proposed - Dan

Seconded - Frank

Vote unanimous

4. Denise introduced the idea of installing safety signs around the slide dam (and other dams on Goolawah?) to inform locals and especially visitors with young children about the possible dangers of swimming in dams. Safety signs could include ***swim at your own risk***, and ***resuscitation plans (DRABC)***. Lack of signage could pose a risk to Goolawah if we were ever to be sued in the tragic event of a drowning.

Action: Kevin to look into safety signage for dams.

Gratitude Round: Members expression of gratitude.

Meeting Closed: 12.07pm

Next meeting business arising:

Ratification of members /Share transfer from Golombik to Noemi and Clint Campisi
Ratification of members/Share transfer from Cyndi Munro to Petra and Atmo Kuessler
Cemetery- new boundaries marked
Signs for slide dam - Kevin
Bundagen tractor - Roger/Greg Ryan
Mark Dunn - Anyone had a discussion with him?