

## **Goolawah Cooperative General Meeting 4<sup>th</sup> August, 2018**

**Chair: Peter O'Hara**

**Minutes: Rose Mahar**

**Attendance:** Peter O'Hara (D), Peter Wells, Alwyn Hunter, Ralph van Hulst, Trinh Nguyen (D), Jim Ronchetti, Cindee Pascoe, Harvey Creswell, Greg Ryan, Wayne Ellis (D), Denise Cobourn (D), Julica Jungehulsing, Al Blake, Ralph Erthel, Kevin Harper (D), James Galletly (D), Daniel Rose (D), Alicia Fox, Rose Mahar.

**Apologies:** Bronwyn Little, Dennis Cobourn

**Visitors:** Pele & Astara, Bianca, Nicole & Bruce & baby Axel

**Meeting open: 9:05**

**Confirmation of July Minutes: -**

Proposed: Ralph E. Seconded: Kevin

Vote: Unanimous

**Business Arising from Previous (July) Meeting: -**

### **1 Road budget – Ralph E**

It is proposed that the roadworks budget for the 2018/19 year be increased from \$25,000 to \$ 30,000 – with an additional \$3,000 for cost over-runs (being 10%).

Ralph explained that he has had a quote from GME to do major work on Illa Langi and Nevertire roads and some on Frog Hollow. The current budget would be inadequate. The proposed time frame is Aug-September as GME has commitments elsewhere after that. Ralph detailed the work to be done and confirmed that we still have Crown Lands approval for work on Illa Langi providing we notify council etc. Kevin suggested that we increase the proposed amount from \$33000 to \$35000. After some discussion and a straw vote the increased amount was added to the proposal.

**Proposed: Ralph E. Seconded: Kevin**

**Vote:** Almost unanimous (one against)

### **2 Profit and loss analysis**

John has provided the analysis to the directors but they have not had a chance to meet and discuss it yet. Deferred until next meeting.

### **3 Question of General Meetings? - Peter O**

Peter explained that as the P & G committee work their way through the rules review they found that there is no provision for “Board & Community” meetings. The rules allow for “Board” meetings where the directors ONLY vote and “General” meetings where everyone can vote. This

means that technically all of our meetings have been operating as general meetings. There are historical reasons why the board only meetings became defunct. We need to think about our meeting structure or labels, so that they align with the rules. Members are advised to read rules 50–57 to familiarise themselves with the issue so that it can be discussed at future meetings.

## **Reports: -**

### **Secretary – Ralph**

- The **council rates** for this financial year have been paid – almost \$8000. The increase is mainly due to the higher volume of DAs submitted by the community.
- Tabled a ring binder containing a hard copy of **Cooperative National Law**, which will be held by the Secretary and on loan to the P & G committee.
- The new **machinery usage agreement** is ready and available online for perusal. Roger will be asking members who wish to use the tractors etc. to sign this when he gets back.
- The **cost of printing**. Ralph explained that he has been covering the cost of repairs to his printers for the past few years but as he no longer has an outside business it's not viable without community support. He has been printing our newsletters and documents for about half the retail price. The latest repair bill was \$840. After discussion including praise for Ralph's efforts and consensus that access to quality printing within the community is desirable, it was decided to pay for the repairs, with a proviso that all community printing needs be met. Ralph expressed his gratitude for the support and vote of confidence.

Proposal: That the community pay for the printer repairs.

Proposed: Trinh Seconded: Jim

Vote: Almost unanimous (one against)

- The earlier minor changes in **rules dated 17<sup>th</sup> January 2018** and approved by Fair Trading are on the website. Meantime the P & G committee is progressing the complete overhaul of our rules to make them compliant with new national laws, and hopes to complete a draft before the October AGM so that they can be approved. Many thanks to Peter O, Denise, Roger, Belinda & Bronwyn for their commitment to this exacting task.

### **DA/Roads – Ralph**

Geraldine Haigh will be meeting with S Reinhold to request traffic counters to get a more accurate picture of VPDs. Council will be taking over Illa Langi Road from Crown Lands at some stage. Kevin will be the trainee road coordinator so that a possible succession is established. Other people such as Greg Ryan are also available for advice.

### **Membership – Alicia**

The membership committee has requested that prospective members are directed to the website to access the forms required to begin the membership process. Everything they need to know is there. The updated membership policy and flow chart are also ready to go online. Prospective members should consult with their respective membership guide as appointed by the committee not friends within the community as this can lead to mis-information and confusion.

Current applicants: Griff is looking after Steve Campbell & Santana. Santana has almost completed the process.

Alicia has received an application form from Jason & Felicity.

It was noted that there has been no further action regarding the guest membership for Chris Jones' wife Via. This has been referred to Lexie as the Director in charge of membership.

### **Machinery – Jim**

Frank is still working on the push bar and roof for the new tractor. Men's Shed have built a roof over the container. Great job gentlemen!

### **Fire**

The fire season is rapidly approaching. Everyone is advised to check the fire ban date on the RFS website and should burn any piles before a permit is required.

The question was asked if there was a plan or proposal to build a shed at Red Hill to house a fire striker and other emergency equipment. This needs to be discussed further.

### **Treasury**

Treasurer's report as tabled.

Proposed: Ralph E. Seconded: Kevin

Vote: Unanimous

### **General Business: -**

- Ducklings about – DRIVE SLOWLY
- Kevin to prepare safety sign for dam prior to swimming season.
- Snake sightings already!

**Gratitude Round:** Thanks for your attendance

**Meeting Closed: 10:05**