

General Meeting 02 Feb 2019 Minutes

Minute Taker: Daniel Rose

Chair Person: Peter O'Hara

Chair person Signature: _____

Commenced: 9:12am

Members Attending: Directors: Trinh Nguyen, Roger Ball (via Rebekah), Cindee Pascoe, Craig Singleman, Daniel Rose. Members: Nityama Martin, Bronwyn Little, Sattwa Horne, Mick Clancy, Alan Blake, Callum Lawson, Ralph V Hulst, Belinda Ball, Dennis Cobourn, Mohini Murti-Browngedge, Jim Ronchetti, Clint Campisi, Wayne Ellis

Apologies: Julica Jungehuelsing, Denise Cobourn

Visitors: Michael Lloyd, Arlene McInherny, Samuel Mehan, Sarah Whitteron, James Tonson, Michelle Nguyen, Logan Christensen, Kylie & Pat Indo, Marcee Worland

Confirmation of previous minutes

Proposed Ralph, Seconded Craig, Approved unanimously

Michael Lloyd briefed us re Yancoal biodiversity block:

He is from Hunter Valley Operations, based in Singleton, and contracted to look after 130 acres next door to Frog Hollow Road, as habitat site for Green & Golden Frog, creating ponds, and managing water to encourage native wildlife. 30yr lock-in as habitat.

They are going to replace boundary fence with 4 strand no barb fence, and will use our road to access it - no financial contribution from Goolawah required.

3rd Qtr, work will commence on their 3 Dams; bush fire management plan in the creation phase - 3m inner boundary clearing from their fence line.

Michael will write a piece for the next newsletter.

Bush walking allowed on their block, but no firewood collecting, etc.

Business Arising from last meeting:

Joining fee cap: consensus was leave as is.

Finance Policy: updated by Treasurer, and online.

Rose is working on records of past co-op boards.

Insurance liability- paperwork forwarded to directors, directors yet to meet over this matter.

Letter to non residents (re considering selling shares) was sent, and Nityama wrote personalised letter as well.

PTO Chipper – Albi not present – carried forward

Bees – Alan: 'Bee Club' has discussed: unmanaged feral bees creating negative impact; registering hives; assisting with managing feral bees; managing native bee habitat/hives.

Mick- "Bees against By-law & code of conduct - no.8 ' introduced species banned from community land' & 'protect land, flora and fauna'. "Bees hurting native fauna"

Wayne: "Watch Catalyst episode on European Bees & Native Bees".
Further discussions but no proposals raised.
External bee guy has left Goolawah (contract ended).

Secretary Report :

Co-op Rules sent to NSW Dept. Fair Trading.
10 copies to be printed and laminated for reference by members.
New Goolawah calendar printed & laminated – back page contains Director portfolios.

DA Roads report:

Discussion on process with consultant and KSC going forward – a modified Section 96 would need to be agreed by Council, and then Council road engineers to visit the site, and proper road-building estimates prepared.

Membership report: Nityama

Erika Schuster & Sam Odermatt: eligible for membership
Proposed Nityama, Seconded Roger, and Approved by poll.

Machinery Report: Ralph V

Tractor training needs to be done by those wishing to use either tractor, due to OHS requirement.
Contact Roger and Ralph V to organise training.

Fire Squad report: Mick

Fire Shed: new project request form to be prepared by May for budget approval, with location and design still to be agreed. Red hill meeting was inconclusive. A rough map showing possible locations was tabled.

Contact Mick who will coordinate purchases of soft backpacks and McLeod tools for interested members for their home use.

Roger: fitting out of second striker, budget of \$6000 has been used and more required for drip torches and knapsacks. Tank & hose fitted shortly, and testing will ensue.

General discussion re Red Hill uses and layout - all ideas requested.
Ric is preparing a land use diagram/map for consideration.

Treasurers Report:

Included request for \$400 to buy PC for Treasurer succession planning and new financial systems.
Proposed Roger, Seconded Cindee, Approved unanimously

Work Claims:

Proposed Mick, Seconded Ralph, Approved unanimously.

Last Resort report:

Progress and work flow chart tabled, to be put on website.

General Business

Trinh had been looking at the new Treasurer's cash flow report, and explained her conclusions: that current membership and work levies raise less than our fixed plus rolling annual expenses; that joining fees have enabled us to cover costs; that we need to cover our costs without them; and that we are currently operating at -\$9000 per year without joining fees

Trinh's ideas after consultation with John T:

Make Goolawah membership fees unclaimable by work claim hours.

Raise work levy to 1hr/week @ \$10/hr

Work claims to be worked off every 4th Saturday of the month in planned community working bees and other approved work, which also provides community with labour to do work we need done.

Discussion followed, and not all agreed with the analysis, but we agreed to discuss further.

Social Committee: Trinh

Next Sat – Evening of The Spoken Word - organised by Noemi & Larry - perform or listen.

Community Dinner 3rd Sat monthly. Initial theme: International Night - create a meal from your background, sit-down dinner at tables and chairs, music performances during dinner, and suggested to be alcohol & drug free.

Ideas, themes, volunteers to organise etc for other monthly community dinners welcomed.

Larry - Bonobo Bar Friday nights still active.

Gratitude Round

Meeting closed 12.15 pm