

## **General Meeting Minutes**

**Date:** 6th July 2019

**Minute Taker:** Trinh Nguyen (D)

**Chairperson:** Louise Roberts

**Commenced:** 9:06am

### **Attendance:**

John Tennock, Julica Junghuelsing, Peter O'Hara, Alexandra Gonzalez, Nick Reid, Alicia Fox, Roger Ball, Belinda Ball, Alwyn Hunter, Ralph V Hulst, Peter Wells, Mark Green, Anne Tennock, Jim Ronchetti, Atmo Kusseler, Petra Kusseler, Tony Roberts, Bron Little, Wayne Ellis, Denise Cobourn, Tarrik Morssi, Ralph Erthel, Craig Singleman (D), David Launt (D), Cindee Pascoe (D), Daniel Rose (D), Kevin Harper (D)

### **Apologies:**

Mark Doonan, Alan Blake, Wayne & Jenny Skinner, Dennis Cobourn, Mohini Browngedge

### **Visitors:**

Anna Du Chesne, Shannon Ryan, Stephen Campbell

### **Confirmation of previous minutes:**

Approved.

### **Business Arising:**

1. Action: Secretary to

- a. Contact council regarding a list of members not complying
- b. Update listing of Goolawah member DA's
- c. Letter to members reminding of DA responsibility

Result:

Dave Launt - after chatting with council, there are no outstanding DA's, no delinquent members. No letter to members was sent.

Ralph E - council said they are commencing their audits this month

2. Action: Ralph to contact Hobbs to slash Illa Langi on good neighbour basis, i.e. no charge.

Result: Ralph E - he's done it.

3. Kev - Cattle Grid on Northgate clearing out.  
Result: Kev - Men's shed has dug it out.

4. Action: Meeting to approve the updated Delegation Manual.

Peter OH - reviewed by directors and updated - no comments or feedback from community after uploading to the website.

It includes a \$1000 increase in delegation of authority for Directors to authorise contingency expenditure of \$3000 between general meetings.

Cindee - this is more for emergencies, contingencies e.g. trees falling down over the road requiring removal quickly, etc

**Motion: To approve the updated Delegation Manual (June 2019).**

**Proposed: Peter OH**

**Seconded: Craig**

**Approved.**

**Secretary's Report:**

Ralph E: quiet month, besides DA.

**DA Report:**

Ralph E: Council is still reviewing road design.

**Internal Road Report:**

Kev - to leave road maintenance until at least September - drive slower and avoid potholes.

**Machinery Report:**

Roger - No issues.

**Membership Report:**

- Prospective member Shannon Ryan has finished membership process - Vote for Joint Membership with Greg Ryan

**Motion: That Shannon Ryan be approved as Joint Member with Greg Ryan.**

**Proposed: Trinh**

**Seconded: Louise**

**Approved.**

- Ratification of Share Transfer: Stephen Campbell has purchased Rodney Forshaw's share.

**Motion: That Rodney Forshaw's share be transferred to Stephen Campbell and ratified.**

**Proposed: Lexie**

**Seconded: Roger**

**Approved.**

- Membership Notes
  - Alicia: Thomas & Deb have started process and will be back in September.
  - Cindee: Ginny in progress; Natalie Lawler coming next week to talk about next steps.
  - Caleb: on hold.
  - Trinh: had a few enquiries and followed up.

### **Fire Report:**

Roger: next slashing date deadline is 15th August, fire restrictions coming up. The northern sector and other areas have not been burnt for a long time. Hazard reduction burning is included in our fire plan but we need a working bee with lots of people to do it. Difficult after rain, and hard to control when its dry.

Mark Green: wants to reduce the dead timber in the next door neighbour's bush by pulling it out, put it on own site, cover with dirt to create a mound.

**Action: Roger will ask Hobbs for neighbour phone number to start the process.**

Much discussion about the need for functional fire squad. Roger explained that he had previously stepped down from the Fire Warden role due to hostilities and lack of community support. Members showed their regret and appreciation for his work, and offered to more strongly support him. Julica, Steve, Alby, Peter Wells, Ralph V, Mark G, Dave L, Tarrik, Peter OH & Kevin have volunteered to join the squad, and Roger accepted the Fire Warden role, on condition that this support continues into the future.

**Motion: To support Roger as Fire Warden and the new Fire Squad to enact the agreed Fire Plan.**

**Proposed: Trinh**

**Seconded: Louise**

**Approved.**

### **Treasurer's Report:**

- Discuss whether EOFY bills from suppliers paid in this FY, for services provided in last FY should be applied to current budget.

*(The above agenda item was not discussed)*

John - Different system and reports have been created.

**Motion: That the Treasurer's Report be accepted, with the exception of the budgets.**

**Proposed: Roger**

**Seconded: Dan**

**Approved.**

- Set annual budgets for 2019/20 financial year, which started on 1 July.

Trinh - In January, the directors looked into the financial status of the co-op and realised that our expenses are higher than our income, if we rely solely on our predictable income: annual levies and work levies.

Currently, if not taking into account the DA Fund (as we do not know the cost of the road agreement with council), the situation is the same. Therefore we can't approve current budget requests. Suggestions put forth by members on how to resolve this include:

- Raising the annual levy
- Raising the work levy
- Raising the hourly rate of the work levy to encourage members to do community work
- Cut the budgets back to bare necessities.
- A combination of all the above.

Also, a sample budget and project proposal using the Last Resort and Camp Kitchen Maintenance projects was circulated to demonstrate possible new format for submitting to community for approval.

Directors and other members expressed their views and support for investigating options for improving our income streams, so that new expenditure budgets can be set which match them.

**Motion: Finance Committee to meet and work up proposed income options to:**

- increase the work levy, and/or
- increase the annual levy, and/or
- raise the hourly work levy rate.

**Proposed: Louise**

**Seconded: Roger**

**For: 19**

**Abstain: 3**

**Approved**

### **Social Committee:**

- Ideas needed for Community dinner themes. See Larry.

### **Last Resort Report:**

- LR Crew can still use the money in last year's budget, but no further expenditure until community approves this year's new budgets.
- Last working bee was a great success with more completed than expected!

### **Directors Report:**

Refer Finance Notes.

### **General Business:**

- complaints regarding wild dogs
- Trinh had multiple reports from members about wild dogs from members about menacing and aggressive behaviour. Members related their experiences, expressed strong concerns and would like a solution to protect their safety.
- Julica had contact with park ranger Shaun Kerrigan, who is responsible for our area, and he offered to come and talk to the community the following weekend. He will answer our questions, discuss the issues we are experiencing in more detail, and look at options to deal with them.

**Action: Julica will organise for Shaun to come on Sat 13 July afternoon or Sunday, with time to be advised by phone tree.**

**End of Meeting: 12:10pm**