

Goolawah Co-operative November General Meeting

Date: 2nd November 2019

Minute Taker: Denise Cobourn

Chairperson: Trinh Nguyen

Acknowledgement of Country

Commenced: 9:00am

Housekeeping: Reminder regarding meeting etiquette, aim for 11am finish, request for members to stay for the entire meeting.

Attendance:

Directors: Trinh Nguyen, Wayne Skinner, Nick Reid, Dan Rose, Craig Singleton, Luke Keenan.

Members: Denise Cobourn, Bronwyn Little, Cindi Pascoe, Belinda & Roger Ball, Wayne Ellis, Louise and Tony Roberts, Jenny Skinner, Dave Launt, Alby Hunter, Larry Knight, Ralph Van Hulst, Sattwa Horne, Greg Ryan, Peter Wells, Jim Ronchetti, Alan Blake, Clint Campisi, Kevin Harper, Callum Lawson, Atmo and Petra Kusseler.

Apologies: Peter O'Hara (D), Julica Jungehuelsing, Rebekah Gorline, Steve Campbell, Mairead Shorten, Dennis Cobourn.

Visitors: Anna Du Chesne

Confirmation of previous minutes:

PROPOSED: Roger Ball

SECONDED: Wayne Skinner

Approved unanimously

Signed by Chairperson and Director

Call for general business items: Nil

Business Arising:

1. Northern Fence – Dan advised commenced and on budget.
2. Fire Striker Shelter on Red Hill
ACTION: Dave Launt to organise a meeting to discuss the location and lead the project.
(Moved to Fire Squad Report).
3. Camp Kitchen Accessible Toilet
ACTION: contact Steve Campbell if you'd like to assist with the project (Wayne Skinner volunteered).
4. Outdoor Artist's Stage
Plan and budget tabled (post on the website with minutes). Trailer to be purchased from Don (neighbour) for \$200. Trailer good for timber decking – approx. \$2000
PROPOSAL:
To approve a budget of \$3000 for a mobile artist's stage.
PROPOSED: Larry
SECONDED: Kevin
Approved unanimously
5. Neighbours would like to be kept informed of the progress regarding the sealing of Nevertire Road.
ACTION: As a courtesy Directors to inform neighbours of the progress.
6. Community Calendar – Printing in December.
ACTION: Deadline for calendar items to Trinh by 30/11/19.

Discussion: Should we change General Meetings to the second Saturday of the month to give members the opportunity to attend Kempsey Markets. Consensus was to stay with the first Saturday of the month, with no meeting in January.

PROPOSAL: *The first General Meeting of 2020 will be the first Saturday in February.*

PROPOSED: *Trinh*

SECONDED: *Dan*

Approved unanimously

7. Bowl Dam meeting.

Decision made to leave the dam in its current state due to concerns of maintenance leading to leakage. Dam is currently at an average depth of 4 to 5 feet. Discussed option of a new dam, solar pump, Outback sites being linked to the Outback Dam rather than the Bowl Dam.

ACTION: *Wayne Skinner to lead further discussions which will include investigating the issues around water usage.*

Secretary's Report:

Nothing to report

DA Report:

Wayne Skinner has been reviewing DA history for the past month. April 2019 - Revision 3 of the DA. Significant updates regarding Access / Roads, including completion of Nevertire Road in four stages. Kevin Hall (Engineering Contractor) has been communicating with Michael Anderson (KSC roads engineer) concerning the Section 138 approval to build the road (close to completion). Geotech have completed their work and the results are expected soon. Directors have planned a meeting with Kevin Hall to discuss progress with council and the preparation of the road design. Results of geotech survey will inform design, costing, options. Time frame for completion is determined by council.

Road Report:

Internal Roads – last weekend's working bee to fill potholes was organised by Callum. Zac filled the trailers with his loader. Thank you.

Machinery Report:

Slasher is currently out of action (needs welding).

Membership Report:

No updates.

Fire Squad Report:

1. Fire Warden communications and volunteers.

Our current Fire Warden (Frank) does not have a mobile phone making it difficult for Julica to enact our Bush Fire Communication Plan (post plan on website with the minutes). Discussion regarding communication included use of UHF, fire contact person in each area, phone tree working for most members (some have inconsistent reception), use of Fires Near Me to keep informed, fire trucks use digital radios. Fire Strikers should not be part of your Bush Fire Survival Plan. Circulated Fire Squad meeting minutes 28/7/2019. Our Fire Action Plan is still current. Suggested fire striker practice once a month.

ACTIONS:

- a. *Ralph Van Hulst (Deputy Fire Warden) volunteered to communicate with Julica during a bushfire.*
- b. *Squad volunteers – Clint, Alby, Wayne S, Kevin, Nick, Sattwa, Frank (Warden), Ralph V (deputy).*
- c. *Re-visit Fire Action Plan next meeting.*

2. **Fire Striker shelter on Red Hill**

Meeting was held last Sunday. Wayne has volunteered to assist Dave L to progress this project. Sattwa and Clint developed a survey post meeting and distributed 20 copies to get some member's views and opinions. Surveys were passed on to Wayne at the meeting.

Comments: Plastic tank needs radiant heat protection, completed and uncompleted surveys to be available in the Camp Kitchen, use of buildings to be considered, DA sign off remains a priority, the Last Resort area is the place to assemble for evacuation, fire striker is currently parked in the open on Red Hill.

PROPOSAL:

To house the striker in the machinery shed to keep it protected from weather.

PROPOSED: Trinh

SECONDED: Jim

Approved unanimously.

Treasurer's Report & Work Claims:

ACTION: Advise John to remove \$5,000 as an allocated budget for the Bowl Dam.

PROPOSAL: To accept Treasurer's Report and Work Claims.

PROPOSED: John

SECONDED: Dan

Approved unanimously.

Social Committee Report:

Next community dinner 16/11/19. Theme – 'Signature Dish' (favourite dish).

Last Resort Report:

Sub floor completed for earth floor. Thank you to the 8 members who attended.

General Business / new items:

Chairing of meetings – Wayne, Nick and Dan have volunteered (more volunteers welcome)

End of Meeting: 10:28am