



## **Directors' Meeting**

**8 Nov 2022   Camp Kitchen**

**Minute Taker:** Wayne Skinner

**Chairperson:** Nick Reid

**Commenced:** 10am

**Attendance:** Jac, Julica, Craig, Ralph E, Wayne S, Leah (Alternate for Ben), Nick

**Apologies:**

**Visitors:** Crow, Aliya and Bjorn Tribe

### **Tabled documents:**

Minutes of the Directors' meeting 26 Oct 2022.

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

Director Meeting Minutes 26 October 2022

Approved Unanimously (2 abstained)

### **General Business:**

**Presentation by Crow Tribe regarding his breach of a community decision and failure to comply with the By-Laws governing Animal management plans.**

- a. Crow agreed and stated he understood that his Rooster disturbs his neighbours. He stated that his reason for non-compliance was a protest because he did not agree with the Community resolution for him to provide an updated Animal Management Plan as he was not there to respond. The board reminded Crow that a member can raise a motion at a GM and this motion can be resolved at that meeting, regardless of whether the member in concern is not there. The board also reiterated that he had been notified twice and that a director, Ben, had approached him to inform him of the complaint regarding his noisy rooster and that he had not submitted an

Animal management plan as requested. Ben had also listened to Crow's response and relayed it to the board.

**ACTION:** Crow agreed to kill the Rooster by tonight, Tuesday 8 November 2022 and produce an updated animal management plan by Monday 14 November 2022. Crow also stated he will submit another Animal Management plan for approval and will not acquire another rooster until another updated Animal Management plan requesting the rooster is approved.

- b. Crow agreed to withdraw the 12 Complaints against Mark D and Lexie. The Board explained that they take every complaint seriously but considering the age of the incidents they could not deal with these.
- c. Crow presented his reasons for submitting 3 complaints against Wayne. Crow agreed to withdraw the 3 complaints.

**Crow, Aliya and Bjorn left the meeting at this point.**

**The Board continued with the meeting.**

#### **1. Nevertire Road S138 Submission timing**

Wayne stated that the latest date of submission for the Section 138 request to upgrade Nevertire Road stage 1 is the 1<sup>st</sup> March 2023. Goolawah will have 12 months after Council approval of the S138 to complete the sealing of Nevertire. In NSW submission of the S138 is via the ePortal. It was suggested to submit the application on a date to ensure construction is not impacted by poor weather in March.

The board agreed that we should submit before the ePortal draft expires.

**Action:** Wayne to submit the S138 before the draft expires on the ePortal and as late as possible to ensure construction is not impacted by poor weather in March.

#### **2. Board Decisions on Crow's Complaints.**

- a. The board agreed to withdraw Crow's 12 complaints against Mark D and Lexie and will notify Mark and Lexie.
- b. The board agreed to withdraw Crow's 3 complaints against Wayne S. Wayne S agreed not to raise the issue of these complaints as vexatious and malicious or to pursue mediation.

#### **3. Board Decisions on Crow's breach of Goolawah's rules and Community resolution.**

As Crow has agreed to kill the rooster and provide an updated Animal Management Plan the board agreed to pause the process of a Rule Breach against Crow subject to his completing the tasks in the assigned time period. It was pointed out that the placement of a new Chicken coop must not infringe on his neighbours rights.

The directors discussed the rule for imposing fines. Directors leaned towards fines being seen as a deterrent but to be used as a last resort. Some directors felt that fines were unnecessary.

The board accepted Crow's commitment that he will submit another updated Animal Management plan for approval and will not acquire another rooster until a further updated Animal Management plan requesting a Rooster is approved.

**4. Director responsibilities in ensuring the Cooperative operates in accordance with its rules.**

The directors discussed their responsibility to ensuring that they are impartial in applying the rules and must not favour an individual. Several examples were drawn including enacting the rules to settle complaints and to agree where the Board could not settle complaints rather than they were disputes.

The Board discussed the rights of a member to raise motions at a General Meeting and for the community to resolve.

The Board discussed conflict of interest.

**5. Discussion on Boundary site 51 and 52.**

Craig had contacted Callum to discuss the planting of trees close to the road. The Board understood that this may cause road safety issues as well as make it difficult to slash.

However, the Board understood that planting of shrubs for privacy, to shield the property from fire and to enhance the environment was a good choice but may be in a more suitable location.

Callum had assured Craig that the ditch was on his property line and further work was required. As the Board was unsure of the boundary line it will speak with Callum again and check the road and boundary lines. If the road is close to Callum's sites then other options may be available such as widening the road or moving the boundary of the sites slightly westward.

**ACTION:** Wayne to locate original site plan and provide details to the Board.

**6. Special General Meeting.**

A reminder to the Board that the Special General Meeting will be held on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> November at 9am at the Camp Kitchen to resolve the CCU Terms of Issue and Rule Changes.

**7. Hot Spots presentation.**

Jac reminded the board of the Hot Spots presentation on 16 November 10am to 2pm at the CK and requested funding for catering or purchase of food. The board agreed. Jac stated that members will bring the food. Jac to come back with the amount required. Also, reminder to RSVP by Friday 11 November.

**8. Guinea Fowl**

Nick drew attention to Guinea Fowl roaming around the Camp Kitchen. It was suggested to identify whose they are and ask them to keep on their property.

**9. Email from Denise regarding earlier Survey results and the Board**

The Board noted the email and discussed board diversity and invitation for other members to attend.

**Next Director's meeting:** TBA

**Meeting Closed:** 12:45pm