

Directors Meeting Minutes 17 May 2023, Camp Kitchen

Directors: Wayne Skinner (chair), Craig Singleman, Ben Adams, Nick Reid, Jac Larsen, Julica Jungehülsing (minutes)

Visitors: Jim Ronchetti, Kevin Harper

Approval of previous minutes

Proposals to approve the Board Meeting Minutes of March 14th 2023:

Proposed: Wayne Skinner Seconded: Craig Singleman
unanimous

Previously approved motions (via email):

- Decision to increase the 2022/23 Tractor and Machinery Budget by \$2,000

- Decision to increase the Tractor and Machinery Budget for 2023/24 from \$4,000 to \$10,000

Action: Craig to inform Ralph and Sam about the fact there's extra money available.

- Decision to approve additional \$1,650 for the Camp Kitchen Disabled Toilet for Occupation Certificate additions.

Tabled:

Notice of Land Valuation by NSW Government: The Land value of the Goolawah property at 1 July 2022 was valued at \$1,840,000

Nevertire Road progress

Our supervising engineer Ian Slapp has submitted tenders to the 3 companies previously agreed - APH, Mid North Coast Contractors (Nambucca Heads) and BMH Earthmoving (Kempsey).

We expect to have responses by next week.

Council had requested that Goolawah pay a bond (to KSC) for the road work and are liable for possible defects. Our contract must therefore also place liability on the contractor to us, which is ok with the engineers.

Questions were raised about the bond, its liability sum and the warranty period.

Action: Wayne to follow up with KSC in regards to the bond's sum and period, as well about the interest rate and compare with our bank agreements. No urgency since this only needs to be considered after final approval

Budget 2023-24, Special Resolution

Special Resolution re the Goolawah Co-operative Ltd Annual 2023-24 Administration and Infrastructure Budgets version 4.

Proposal: The directors approve to post the Special Resolution re Admin and Infrastructure Budgets on the Co-operative website prior to the June GM.

Proposed: Wayne Skinner Seconded: Nick Reid

In the 2023/24 Budget the contingency was reduced from \$10,000 to \$5,000

Discussion about the amount of our necessary surplus (see Treasurer's report for April), according to this we have a sufficient contingency to keep afloat whilst the road is being built.

Actions:

- Wayne to send Special Res. to webmaster for posting
- Wayne to check and specify the remaining surplus.

The June GM agenda

is in the process of been prepared following Minutes of April GM, items can be added.

Funding for work on several tracks:

Grants could help with improvements of the Beach Track, and Sandmine to Goldmine. It could be helpful to have quotes from companies for these jobs to use them for grant applications in the future.

Work on complaints/feedback & rules drafts

An extended committee meeting will happen on 18th, 3pm at Peter's place (Nick, Peter, Wayne, Denise), the group will as well prepare suggestions for revision of our By-laws. Interested others are welcome.

Visiting Dog

Paperwork had been promised at DM in March by Adam about a visiting dog that may be a registered assistance dog. Paperwork hasn't been received.

Action: Natalie to remind Adam to send/pass on the paperwork.

Animal management Plans

Those members who haven't yet put in their animal management plans, or need to update their existing plans, shall be reminded at next GM and if necessary via email after a few weeks.

The Gum Tree West Wall of Camp Kitchen

Kevin presented a drawing of a design idea for a wall section on the west side of CK, adjacent to existing kitchen wall. Purpose is to block wind and weather in the corner and to add art/beautify CK.

His suggested project consists of an acrylic wall with ply artwork of scribbly gums. Specifications and options discussed. Kevin would donate his work, not the material.

Action: Kev will present his drawings and a budget at next GM or in August.

Mark Green's Guinea Fowls

Ben visited Mark several times and got the impression that the guinea fowls would be contained. Nevertheless the birds are still roaming around.

Action: Nick to draft letter for Natalie to be sent to Mark. Since this problem has occurred before, it should be a reminder to please uphold the Community's earlier decision to get rid of guinea fowls.

Alternate Directors

Wayne Skinner is going away for 6 weeks: Jim Ronchetti will be his alternate director

Ben Adams going away for 6 months: Marc Rosenstein offered to take over from him until new board is elected in August AGM.

Both alternates welcomed and agreed unanimously

Isaac Ryan's Site

the site has been mowed and slashed (Jelly, Sam), some areas require more intense work. Jelly offered to whippersnip, several attempts to contact IR via phone failed. Action: Craig to send an email to Isaac

Next Goolawah Board

Context: At least 6 weeks before the AGM (August 12th, 2023) the board has to notify members via the Co-op web site that nominations for the board are open: (This means **before July 1st**). The nomination must be lodged with the Co-op's secretary at least 14 days before the annual general meeting and posted on the Co-op website.

Craig announced he will take a break of being a director. Other spots might become available too, so directors will be encouraging members to think about joining the team. Gender and age diversity would be appreciated.

Action: Remind community at June GM and via PT before July 1st that nominations are coming up. Publish notifications reminder on Website before July 1st.

Hotspots Workshop

After the two successful workshops follow-on gatherings are happening around the Co-op (Red Hill, Burrendong, Bowl, Outback) to work on improved fire management; laminated maps will be brought back to Camp Kitchen, it's important that we keep momentum going with work on the ground and possible small burns.

+ Unknown neighbour on Illa Langi will be contacted via complaint procedure to RFS's Jamie Laws (Craig) to reduce fuel load on our boundary at Burrendong.

Suggestion to organise a Fire meeting to plan small cool burns and more ground work.

Fire Certificate (\$114) was submitted, 1 month too late, generously KSC did not give us a possibly hefty fine

Landcare

Jac has submitted 2 grant applications to continue our koala program; one with Landcare, other with LLS. They were to address weed control, pig control, tree planting and hollows. They are for amounts up to \$25K and both in the assessment process. It is mostly likely we will get one or both.

Mind your mates

Two short Mental Health workshops with Lifeline are in preparation.

Meeting closed: 11.50am