



Meeting Minutes

7.30 Thursday 19th October 2017
Rokeby Hall

Annual General Meeting Minutes

Attendance

Present: Bernard Doherty, Jeff Smythe, Nicki Cann, Damian McGoldrick, David Mapleson, Kate Hill (DELWP), Rob Boreman, Carolyn Ferguson, Belinda Atkins, Roselyn Webb, Shane Atkins (Parks Vic), Keith Cook (counselor Baw Baw Shire)

Apologies: David Piggin

Chair (AGM): Keith Cook

Minutes: Nicki Cann

Bernard moved previous AGM minutes be approved, Jeff seconded.

Treasurer's report

See report for further details, account balances as follows:

Operating account = \$1130.86

Fixed term deposit account = \$15,397.68

Total cash assets \$16,528.54

Moved Bernard, seconded Carolyn

Chairman's report

David Mapleson provided a brief summary of the year and thanked all for their participation.

Keith Cook also acknowledged the important role of Friends Groups in the Baw Baw Shire and thanked all for their community participation.

Keith Cook presented summary of achievements from previous 12 months and thanked contributors of the group.

Keith declared all positions vacant.

Chair

David Mapleson nominated for position by Bernard.

David did not accept position of chair.

Damian McGoldrick nominated for position by Carolyn.

Damian accepted position of chair.

Deputy Chair

Carolyn Ferguson nominated for position by Damian.

Carolyn accepted position of deputy chair.

Minutes Secretary

Nicki Cann nominated for position by Jeff.

Nicki accepted position of minutes secretary.

Correspondence Secretary

Rosalyn Webb nominated to this position by Nicki.

Roselyn did not accept position of correspondence secretary.

Damian McGoldrick nominated to this position by Nicki.

Damian accepted the position of correspondence secretary.

Treasurer
Bernard Doherty nominated for position by David.
Bernard accepted the position of treasurer.

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PREVIOUS MINUTES CONFORMATION

Confirmed Bernard, seconded Jeff

REPORTS

Correspondence – Damian

Financial – Bernard

Paid

Landcare membership and insurance \$443.16

Incoming

Membership \$10

Accounts to be paid

Nil

Operating account balance = \$1130.86

Moved Bernard, seconded Jeff.

Activities

PROJECTS

Bridge Restoration Project

Heritage permit:

- Bernard followed up regarding heritage permit – has not been submitted
- Had been to sent to DELP for signing
- Reply from Mark Symons – was not signed as application incomplete due to a couple of minor errors then shelved rather than contacting shire or RCFG
- Bernard contacted the shire and no reply. Has now been advised that Leanne Cann does not want to do the application.
- Bernard has requested the application documents so the application can be submitted.

Action:

- Bernard to follow up with Ian Morlan at DELP and Kate also happy to follow.

At previous meeting Paul Pearson advised the group that there are a number of grey gum trees available for use for bridge timber via Melbourne Water if the group wishes to use them.

Mapo has not yet discussed this with Paul

Action:

- Mapo will follow up with Paul

Bridge signs

- Bernard has ordered signs
- Decision needs to be made re location of sign at Crossover Bridge – to be installed by Legible Signs

Damaged sign

- Sign fixed by Sures but not moved

FFR grant – Foundation of Regional Renewal

- Group was not successful in this grant

Crossover Regional Park Project

- Gate installation Pilgrim creek track – Kate will check with David Vaskus as to when this will be occurring
- Minor capital works grant – Has been submitted, awaiting announcement as to whether this was successful. Bernard to follow up with Fonterra if successful in the grant application.
- Roselyn happy to also follow up with some local business to ask for funding support for the group.
- Mapping of historical sites – Mapo/Paul and Keith to follow up as time permits.
- Shelter – Perspex has been broken in shelter – will need to be fixed. Bernard will get quote for replacement sheet. Need update to information, consider information regarding nocturnal animals that live in this area.

Neerim East - Crossover Forest - Recreation Issues

- 12 horserider awareness signs ready to be installed in strategic positions to increase awareness and safety of and for horseriders – DELWP crew will complete.
- Trailbike pilot project

Kate presented a summary of feedback email from Roger Pitt as follows:

After riding in the local area and mapping exercises they have developed a provisional layout plan for the trail bike safety project. They have been able to address the relevant points that were raised at public meetings etc. Roger is more confident now that it will be possible to design a trail network which that will enable assessment of the efficacy of this intervention approach.

In summary Kate advised it looks like a more viable option than the previous feedback. Kate will bring a map of the proposed trail network when it is available for public viewing.

Walking train tours

- Public liability insurance now secured under Landcare membership.

Facebook

- Requires further development, group to consider who may be interested in completing this.

Working bee

- Working bee Sunday 23rd Oct 8:30am
- SES to attend
- Sign in on the day
- JSA has been completed
- Task list completed - discussed allocation of tasks

GENERAL BUSINESS

- Kate circulated information on community bushfire management.
2 weeks of bushfire awareness and education Program 10th Nov to 26th Nov – see attached brochure.

- Keith presented an update from council in areas relevant to RCFG:
 - Health and Wellbeing document from council
 - Accidents in Neerim East – single person accidents – Shire working on strategy looking at education, speed management, infrastructure improvement.
 - Tourism push in the area – RV and caravan signage in the area, champion regions in the area – Yarragon, Walhalla and Noojee.
 - Bicycle policy
 - Fire restrictions – Likely 2nd week of November
 - DC Man Cave, social initiative to support people with a disability and provide employment opportunities – looking for local projects, may be interested in working with RCFG in the future on a project.

- People counter on rail trail– 2000 for less than a 3 month period according to counter that has been in place.

Meeting closed 9:35pm

Next meeting date 7th December at Neerim South Pub 7:00 – dinner and meeting.