

BEECHMONT AREA PROGRESS ASSOCIATION INC. MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING

Held directly following AGM

7.35 pm Monday 14 April 2014

At: BEECHMONT COMMUNITY CENTRE

Demountable building

1835 Beechmont Road, Beechmont, Qld 4211

ATTENDEES: Beryl Blake, Tom Blake, Alan Barker, Eli Barker, Geoff Bruce, Patricia Burchell, Peter Clark, Fran Gilbert, Ian Gilbert, Maurie Hansell, Fay Hansell, Michael Kenyon, Diane Kuhl, Alan Leech, John Ritchie, Janet Ritchie, Doreen Sproul, Paula Sproul, Ger Vloothuis, Steve Walters, Cr. Virginia West

APOLOGIES: Terri Brown, Sara Bruxner, Joy Drescher, Paul English, David Farnworth, Lyn Hynd, Lorna Lowther, Bronwyn McKinlay, Janet Moore, Cedda O'Neill, Mark Ritchie, Marie Robb, Andrew Sproul, Wendi Trulson, Rowena Walters, Andrew Williams, Anna Vloothuis

MEETING OPENED

Tom Blake President welcomed everyone in attendance.

MINUTES FROM LAST GENERAL MEETING 10 February 2014

Tom asked the meeting if all agree that the minutes from previous meeting are true and accurate.

Motion 1

Minutes from Meeting held 10 February 2014 are true and accurate

Moved by: Maurie Hansell

Seconded by: Peter Clarke

All in agreement

MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

To be discussed in reports from sub committees/

CORRESPONDENCE

1. The signed and sealed management agreement of the community centre for an additional five (5) years, agreement between BAPA & SRRC. The small maintenance items such as replacement of consumables (light globes etc) are now to be completed by BAPA. John Ritchie requested a copy of this agreement to be tabled, this document can be found on the website and a hard copy will be made available in the information room at the cottage. The agreement states that BAPA meetings must be 10 times a year preferably on a monthly regular basis and that BAPA must ensure that the community centre is "put to work".

2. Letter from SRRC – plans to plant a million trees across the Scenic Rim region and is offering free trees for community groups, native trees for buffer zones or bush tucker. Virginia suggested BAPA contacts the nursery to ask what is on offer however she does know that seedlings of White Beech trees are available as per the “put the Beech back in Beechmont” initiative.
3. Email from Geoff Carter requesting assistance to contact Gold Coast City Council regarding the installation of a new Telstra tower along Freemans Road, apparently the local Lower Beechmont residents were not given any notice regarding this tower.

Motion 2

Acceptance of all correspondence

Moved by: Ger Vloothuis

Seconded by John Ritchie

All in agreement

TREASURER'S REPORT

Fran reported of the previous months being

Income

\$125 in memberships, \$388 market stalls, \$420 op shop, \$138 rent & \$60 kitchen

Expenses

\$110 parts spent by electrician Neil Connolly when he installed new lights & switches, it was agreed that BAPA would send Neil a thank you letter.

Result was profit of \$775 from 1st Feb 2014 to 31 March 2014 see attached reports.

Discussion was held in regard to the insurance due soon and it costs approximately \$2000. Currently there is \$24,000 in bank, which includes the \$10,000 Government grant.

Motion 3

Fran moved that the Treasurers report be accepted by the meeting.

Moved by: Fran Gilbert

Seconded by: John Ritchie

All in agreement

REPORTS

Community Garden

Alan Barker will continue to work on the plumbing of toilets and restore them back to usability.

Geoff reminded the meeting that when the Garden Club started it was agreed that BAPA would receive a portion of the sub committee's profit from annual rental of garden beds being \$30 of the \$130 per garden per year to be paid as rental to BAPA. Tom will meet with Janet Moore, when she is better, to discuss and work out this amount.

Op Shop

Doreen asked when the whirly birds would be installed and when the interior and ceiling could be cleaned of mould. Virginia will ask Graham at Council when this is scheduled and budgeted.

Veranda/deck – to be built onto headmaster's cottage

Plans were completed but Betty who did the plan only wants the \$400 payment once approval is granted.

Michael Wallace from SRRC has informed Tom that there is a new policy on building onto council owned buildings plus a complete scope of work, and building insurance is required.

Tom met with Ron Doohnan (Beechmont resident) who has agreed to, under his builder's license, supply a builders insurance certificate but he cannot get BSA insurance for council properties. Tom asked Michael Wallace what he suggests regarding the builders insurance required, Tom is to call Michael again. Virginia will also enquire and get new policy details. Tom also informed the meeting that Michael Wallace has given tentative approval for verandah / deck project.

The Verandah / Deck committee will also paint interior walls of cottage once deck is completed or during construction.

GENERAL MATTERS

Laurel Cottage Café at Lower Beechmont is closing down at the end of May 2014.

The current ladies running the Café in cottage only on market day have been told they can continue to run the café on market days until Beech Mountain Gallery opens, and Wendi Trulson has noted that this will not be until the deck is completed.

The Café in the cottage is only currently approved for coffee - cake - finger food but not as a fine dining restaurant.

Virginia's REPORT

Virginia notified the meeting of Council's new planning scheme draft directions paper, and you can have your say closing date is late May.

That the open artist's studios weekend is the 3 and 4 May; 3 artists studios open at Beechmont this year, including here at the community centre and at Binna Burra.

Council is collecting war stories of what happened on the home front during the war times. Virginia tabled flyers regarding this project.

John Ritchie asked Virginia if a Retirement village could ever be built at Beechmont, Virginia explained that SRRC always roll out the red carpet to retirement village

developers and recently one looked at some sites around Canungra but never came back, unfortunately.

The Graceleigh Hall was built as a community hall, and has a management agreement between Qld Education State Government and Council as the long-term leaseholder; all bookings are through the school. State Government now requires \$20m public liability insurance.

BRASA is looking at increasing their insurance to \$20m. Council has \$10m on Graceleigh Park. Some groups using the hall are covered under the school insurance. Private functions must use their own insurance.

Zest Fest is covered by BAPA's \$10m public liability & Council's \$10m public liability insurance for Graceleigh Park.

Land behind Graceleigh Park in stage 2 of the Beechmont Rise Estate is to be handed back to the community for access to back creek, a foot Bridge is to be built over back creek, Virginia will investigate the development approval plans and report further at the next BAPA Meeting..

BRASA

Tom explained that BAPA plans to have an executive committee meeting with BRASA executive committee. Tom feels the best way is to work with them, Greg Slater is now BRASA president. BAPA will not agree on anything but if any BAPA members have items they would like to raise with BRASA please let Tom know.

BAPA to look at doing Beechmont Enterprise Network booklet for 2014 (last published in 2012. Ger V explained that it would be a good idea to put a 2014 booklet together, Marie Robb's daughter will do the graphics, Sally used to apply for a grant to produce the booklet from SRRC, dependent on advertising revenue of \$20, \$30 or \$40 per annual entry. BAPA members are to put the word out there to help book advertising space.

Motion 4

For Ger to apply for a SRRC grant to produce the booklet and get ball the rolling and start chasing advertisers and get production of the publication underway.

Moved by: Maurie Hansell

Seconded by: Stephen Walters

All in agreement

Stephen discussed that the lawns could be mowed more often and BAPA could raise with BRASA the idea of sharing our resources.

Doreen noted that sections of the roof guttering on the buildings and walkways are full of weeds growing and the gutter is wearing out and over flowing, Tom to discuss further with Graham Andrew of SRRC building maintenance.

The Community Garden group originally agreed to maintain the whole of the gardens at Community center site.

Next Market there will be 15 plus stallholders for this Sunday market, one new stallholder, no music organized yet for this Sunday, Tom to contact Mitchell King and / or find a suitable guitarist / singer.

Yoga classes will recommence on Monday 28 April from 8am till 10am with Shirley and Tuesday 29 April from 3pm to 5pm with Lara.

Ger to get in touch with 91.7 Coast FM to announce on Saturday radio the market on Sunday.

MEETING CLOSED AT 9.10 pm

Next BAPA Meeting will be Monday 16 JUNE 14 at 7pm

Apologies in advance from Fay & Maurie Hansell