

**BEECHMONT AREA PROGRESS ASSOCIATION INC.
MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING**

Held: 13 April 2015

At: BEECHMONT COMMUNITY CENTRE
Demountable building 1835 Beechmont Road, Beechmont, Qld 4211

ATTENDEES: Beryl Blake, Tom Blake, Geoff Bruce, Fran Gilbert,
Ian Gilbert, Fay Hansell, Maurie Hansell, Diane Kuhl,
Alison Johnson, Greg McKenzie, Bronwyn McKinlay,
Janet Moore, Janis Rossiter, John Ritchie, Doreen Sproul,
Paula Sproul, Wendi Trulson, Ger Vloothuis, Rowena Walters,
Cr. Virginia West.

APOLOGIES: Peter Clark, Ceda O'Neill, Janet Ritchie, Mark Ritchie, Andrew Sproul,
Cr Glen Tozer (GCCC)

MEETING OPENED : at 7.20 pm

MINUTES FROM LAST GENERAL MEETING 9 February 2015

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

Motion 1

Minutes from Meeting held 9 February 2015 are true and accurate

Moved by: Ger Vloothuis

Seconded by: Maurie Hansell

All in agreement

MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

Ger read through the previous meeting of 9 February 2015.

Tom confirmed he has finalized the Jupiter's Casino Grant for \$10k and applied for another grant of \$32 for the Cottage kitchen refurbishment.

Discussion held in regard Beechmont Rise extra parcel of land, Cr. Virginia explained there will be a management plan completed for community feedback, but is not a priority of Council's at the moment as it is a costly exercise.

Janet Moore confirmed that the Community Garden Group are a Group not a Club, also in the financial reports could site rental be changed to Garden Bed rental. Janet Moore also confirmed that the Hydroponic set up is on loan and cannot be included as an asset.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. SRRC letter in reply to BAPA's Grant application for funds (French doors for the cottage), advising that we were not successful.

2. Letter from Community Gambling Fund Qld Government confirming acquittal of BAPA's previous Jupiter's grant, which funded the new deck on the cottage.

3. Ger confirmed that Lara (yoga instructor) has now received a key to the demountable. The demountable is currently utilized every day of the week but Fridays. Ger discussed list of who has and who does not have keys to various locks at the Community Centre. Ger received a SRRC copy of their key register and it was not very up to date. BAPA requires a key for the electricity box. Cr. Virginia suggested a meeting with Michael Wallace of SRRC to get the key register sorted out. Virginia is happy to assist with this.

4. Thank you letter from Community Garden Group thanking BAPA for their support over the last 3 years.

5. Letter from SRRC regarding items on site that obstruct mowing and notice that urgent attention is required. Tom replied with email explaining that we are waiting on the completion of the concrete, and that he has discussed items with the Community Garden Group.

6. 2nd Letter from SRRC regarding items still on site obstructing mowing on 25 March, also notice that there are too many items being stored under the demountable and cottage, also the Garden Group's temporary fence around toilet block. The Community Garden Group will continue to mow the lawn between tennis court and rainforest. Tom explained that items of concrete would be removed once concrete is completed. Items under buildings are required and there is nowhere else to store them.

Janet Moore explained the Garden Group method of temporary fencing it is to try and keep dogs off leash out of the garden areas. There is no dog off leash park at Upper Beechmont and the community tend to use the Community Centre, Janet believes a dedicated rubbish bin with blue "doggy do" bags is required at the site.

Virginia suggested a meeting with Michael Wallace to discuss all these items. Maurie reminded meeting that Michael Wallace had said that SRRC would also fix the uneven concrete paths.

Motion 2

That BAPA Executive Committee & Garden Group organizes a meeting on site with Michael Wallace from SRRC.

Moved by: Janis Rossiter

Seconded by: Maurie Hansell

All in agreement

TREASURER'S REPORT

Fran tabled the treasurer's report and explained the figures for period 1 Feb to 31 March 2015 (copy attached).

Fran also informed the meeting that she went into the Bendigo Bank to open BAPA's bank and was informed that additional items were required, one being that it is noted in the minutes that the four committee officer bearers; Tom Blake, Ger Vloothuis, Fran Gilbert and Doreen Sproul, are to be signatories of the account and any 2 of the 4 signatures are required.

Motion 3

That the Treasurers report be accepted by the meeting.

Moved by: Fran Gilbert

Seconded by: Wendi Trulson

All in agreement

REPORTS

Cottage

Tom discussed refurbishing the cottage kitchen if we get the grant. Tom has been looking at business models to manage a café / art gallery / shop as he believes BAPA's management of the Community Centre is not sustainable unless we continue to improve the facilities.

Two years ago, Tom had a meeting with Hugh Dunne of SRRC and they agreed BAPA could turn the cottage into a "commercial" Café, Maurie explained that during his time as BAPA President he got a different message from Council.

Virginia suggested a meeting with Hugh Dunne and the BAPA Executive Committee.

Discussion held in regard to what is required in the Kitchen, being a commercial dishwasher, stainless steel splash backs, commercial cooker and oven etc.

The Café could be run as a business, offering weddings, functions etc, with rent paid to BAPA; this will assist to make this site sustainable.

GENERAL MATTERS

Tom's idea is that BRASA and BAPA should work together but not amalgamate. BRASA has held 2 executive meetings in the Cottage, discussion held in regard to BRASA paying a fee for using the Community Centre site and / or buildings. Tom would like the BRASA social club to rent the cottage as per BRASA's recent community survey resulting in a demand for a social club.

Garden Group

After much discussion it was agreed and confirmed that the Community Garden Group's yearly fee to BAPA will remain at \$300.

Motion 4

That the Garden Group yearly fee will stay at \$300.

Moved By: Tom Blake

Seconded By: Janis Rossiter

Markets

The Beechmont Volunteer Fire Brigade has been asked to do the BBQ at 19 April Market Day.

Catherine Slingsby is qualified instructor of St Johns Ambulance First Aid courses and has asked if BAPA could advertise for interested participants.

VIRGINA's report

There is now a 15-minute car space outside Chemist.

"Partners in Recovery" Federal funded free workshops titled Mental Health First Aid Courses held at Canungra Community Centre, paperwork passed around. Virginia will email details to Ger for posting on Beechmont.org website.

Meeting closed at 8.30 pm.