

BEECHMONT AREA PROGRESS ASSOCIATION INC.
MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING – 10 August 2015

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Held: 10 August 2015
7.00 pm

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

ATTENDEES: Tom Blake, Alison Johnson, Diane Kuhl, Janet Moore, Janis Rossiter, Doreen Sproul, Wendi Trulson, Ger Vloothuis and Cr. Virginia West

APOLOGIES: Beryl Blake, Geoff Bruce, Peter Clark, Fran & Ian Gilbert, Fay & Maurie Hansell, Bronwyn McKinlay, John, Janet & Mark Ritchie, Paula Sproul

MEETING OPENED 7.02 pm
Tom welcomed all 9 attendees.

MINUTES FROM LAST GENERAL MEETING 13 April 2015

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

Motion 1

Minutes from Meeting held 13 April 2015 are true and accurate
Moved by: Tom Blake
Seconded by: Ger Vloothuis
All in agreement

MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

1. Janet Moore asked has the Key register been updated yet? Tom informed that he found out today that SRRC still have David Murphy as the key register contact. Tom has requested today another spare key for the demountable, as spare key has gone missing. Wendi had to run around and get the keys for Zest Fest. Tom thinks we need a key box that BAPA could manage reasonably well. Tom discussed installing a keypad security key lockup on the exterior of one of the buildings. Ger & Doreen will create an up to date key register.

Motion 2

That Tom Blake obtains a quote for the installation & supply of a keypad lockup for the master key to kept in a secure position at the Community Centre.

Moved by: Janis Rossiter

Seconded by: Janet Moore

All in agreement

2. Mowing Page 2 of previous minutes, Garden club have agreed to mow the area between the garden and rainforest area. SRRC have not mowed the lawns since before the last market. Tom will remind Graham Andrews from SRRC for mowing before markets.

3. Uneven concrete paths and rusted gutters, Tom requested an outstanding Item be noted and Tom will contact and discuss with SRRC the budget and planned maintenance works for the site. Discussions held in regard to some paths are lifting and no longer required.

The Garden Club would like to meet with Michael Wallace from SRRC. Tom informed that BAPA will be meeting with him in the not too distant future regarding the deck and issues can be discussed then

CORRESPONDENCE

1. From Cr. Glen Tozer, Gold Coast City Council, a letter informing BAPA that a \$30,000 'grant' has been awarded to the Syd Duncan Park Committee of Lower Beechmont for improvements to the park. Discussion held in regard to what the improvements will be, Tom informed the meeting that Lower Beechmont Fire Shed has a commitment to the community to supply a meeting room if required.

2. A Thank You letter from the organizers of the recent pushbike competition day held on Saturday 8 August 2015.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Tom commended Wendi and the Zest Fest committee for making Zest Fest 2015 a great success, special thanks to the Garden group and Alan Barker, a licensed plumber who has fixed up the additional toilets for the event.

Tom also reported that nothing further has happened on the Social Club front. The grant application for the café was missed this time but BAPA will be applying again.

Tom also reminded meeting that we need to stay positive with all the market stallholders and that Janis is now market coordinator.

Tom reported also on BRASA happenings which affects all of Beechmont:

- BRASA is getting a mobile pizza oven/coffee trailer and is getting organized to attend events including monthly markets.
- BRASA films will be held at Lower Beechmont Shop and Beechmont Community Centre alternatively. Hall on Graceleigh will be used in wet weather and during the colder months.
- BRASA and the Lower Beechmont Fire Shed held state of origin night earlier this year. Beechmont rural Fire Brigade declined to host an event.

Wendi asked why the State of Origin social is not held at the Graceleigh Hall, Tom explained that BRASA are short on volunteers, so they holding events wherever there are others to help with food etc., BRASA just supplies the equipment. The Lower Beechmont Rural Fire Brigade ran the BBQ and food/drinks shop.

TREASURER'S REPORT

In Fran's absence Doreen tabled BAPA's Profit & Loss financial report for the previous 6 months – copy attached.

And reported that the Market stall holders numbers were:
22 in April, 14 in May, 16 in June & 14 in July.

And BAPA now has a total of 63 members plus 2 new members whose forms are yet to be received.

Janet Moore informed meeting that Alan Baker has not yet been paid for toilet parts, Tom explained that Fran has been changing over to the Bendigo Bank and we will chase up and pay as soon as possible.

NEW MEMBERS

Doreen read out the new 15 members' names, most comprising of Zest Fest and market day new members as per following list.

Josh Abbott	Anne-Marie Hulst	Nyjole Pengelley
Annette Clark	Linette MacFarland	Danielle Robb
Arnold Daniels	Debra Morgan	Robyn Robins
Joern Dittmann	Megan Nixon	Julie Sparrow
Remey Drieson	Darren Parish	Josh Walker

Motion 3

That BAPA accepts the above noted 15 new applicants as financial BAPA members.

Moved to: Tom Blake

Seconded by: Doreen Sproul

All in agreement

ZEST FEST

Wendi Trulson reported that the gate entry totaled 544 paying adults, and approx. 40 stalls, Zest Fest 2015 total income was \$3810, BAPA is still to invoice Zest Fest for insurance and cleaning costs. Wendi thanked everyone who helped out and asked did anyone find a purple power cord that was lost on the day? Tom will look in 'the Cave'.

Zest Fest bank account balance today is at \$5,627.46.

Wendi has put out a Survey Monkey, Wendi noted that a few error codes are occurring on Beechmont.org.au website, Ger will repair.

Zest Fest committee will be doing the BBQ at the September Market.

Before next year some power issues need to be looked at and rectified.

Wendi would also like to see a clean up of the area behind op shop building around George's beech tree as this is the nice area to take in the magnificent views and could have been utilized at Zest Fest.

Please No trash and treasure signs be put up for Zest fest next year these should only be used on market days

Zest Fest committee are thinking of changing the start time to earlier than 9.30am and finishing earlier. Plus more parking areas are required and of course more food stalls! Robyn Robins who did the children's activities at the previous 5 Zest Fests is unfortunately retiring.

Something will need to be done to ensure that there are sufficient power outlets for coffee vans etc around the site

Market report

Janis reported that it is disappointing that stallholder numbers fall off in cold weather months, and has observed that more people from off the mountain are visiting on market days. Possibly due to radio advertising on Juice FM & 4CRB plus Tamborine mountain news and The Gold Coast Hinterlander advertising.

Janis is planning on promoting a car boot sale at October market.

Tom informed that unfortunately the ladies that have been doing the Market Café have informed him only today that they will no longer be able to do the café on Market days.

He thanked them personally for their efforts

Ger V to send a thank you letter to Dawn Eastern and Karen for their past efforts.

Pinkie is musician August market.

Doreen will ask if Bronwyn wants to do the café.

Community Garden

Janet Moore reported that the Garden Group had a great day at Zest Fest, with a lot of hard work for weeks prior, the garden walk and talks were a success and this greatly assisted them, they made approximately \$400 combined from garden, plants, food produced from garden etc with left over's being sold on future market days.

The Garden Group held a meeting last Saturday as Patricia Burchell had resigned as Chairperson; new Chairperson is Nicole Pickering, a mother and nurse from Beechmont.

The Garden Group would like to discuss a new project they want to do, being put new fencing and repair fences, using pickets and wire. Tom reminded meeting that any new works require a SRRC form to be completed; Tom will go through the specific fencing details further with the Garden club during the coming weeks.

The Community Garden has organized a 'work for the dole' Centre Link scheme of 15 hours a week work at the Garden. Tom Blake stated that Terri Brown does not get paid for any work at the garden.

OP SHOP

Doreen reported

"There has been an increase in takings since the last meeting in April due to the Open Studies event in May and the Zest Fest in late June with some repeat business from these two occasions. Overall, winter is usually a quiet time but stock is still high due to the generosity of the local population. Many thanks to Di & Geoff who took some surplus to Life Line who had a huge sale recently. I have put a proposal to the Executive Committee, which will be discussed and viewed favorably, I hope, later in the meeting. Once again a big thank you to those who donate their time and those who donate saleable goods.

On a different subject, I have some forms if you are interested in forming a Neighbourhood Watch. MP John Krause MP will be at the market on Sydney 16th August if you would like more information."

Cottage report

Tom reported that he missed out on the last grant by 3 days. A new application for a grant to make improvements to the cottage, that includes; kitchen upgrade, doors onto deck etc. This new grant application will be lodged soon

In response to a query, Tom informed meeting that Dan MacKenzie is one of the main administrators of Beechmont's Facebook page.

Tom will organize a working bee with Verandah team in the next month or so, and feels there maybe a few battles with the SRRC verandah query list.

Cr. Virginia West's report

Cr. Virginia congratulation Wendi and everyone else involved for putting on such a wonderful fabulous Zest Fest 2015, she loved the venue, the friendly cozy and homely atmosphere.

Cr. Virginia suggested that the Markets in October can promote the car boot sale as the National garage sale is being held on Saturday 24 October, Virginia suggested we check out the website.

Cr. Virginia reported that some long-term unemployed people from Beaudesert have been working for council improving parks and gardens around the Scenic Rim and tabled the Job Start incentive brochure copy attached.

Cr. Virginia reported that planned and approved Upper Beechmont Shops developer has been notified by letter from SRRC to commence generating the development.

Cr. Virginia reported that currently nominations are being called for the SRRC Business excellence awards, more information on nominating can be found in the current Gold Coast Hinterlander publication.

Cr. Virginia informed the meeting that there is an Infrastructure Report card on the SRRC website.

Wendi informed that the Binna Burra Road needs a sign at the Summit Estate that notes Binna Burra Straight ahead.

One thing the SRRC Vibrancy Funding is doing is the Beechmont Anzac memorial refurbishment, other ideas are welcome.

Tom suggested and discussed improving and creating more footpaths and walking tracks. There are a number of "gazetted" roads which could be used for walkways and bike paths around Beechmont. Wal & Tom are getting together more details to link up paths around Graceleigh Park and School. Tom suggests BAPA donates money in the future to fund stages of footpath construction. Others at meeting suggested BRASA could donate funds for footpaths.

GENERAL MATTERS

Doreen has proposed her idea of relocating the Op Shop to the Cottage, and to reinstate the Info Centre and café for tea and coffee. Doreen stated that there will be a scale back of the stock in the Op Shop, which it now requires. It will result in easier access for larger items and will leave the information room as is and the museum items, Doreen explained her proposal in detail.

Much discussion was held in regard to the proposed move of Op Shop. Everyone at the meeting had a turn to express his or her view of Doreen's proposal. Janis expressed that possibly the op shop could move to demountable and must be scaled down. Ger believes that Doreen could successfully run the cottage café and information room on weekends, op shop is just a sub item.

Tom believes BAPA is working towards getting the cottage fixed up so a operator of the Café can rent the cottage, and confirmed that SRRC(Hugh Dunne and Michael Wallace) have verbally stated that they have no philosophical objections to this idea. Tom also believes that there is no room for an op shop in the cottage. There would be little room for patrons of the café.

Meeting closed at 9.00 pm.

Next BAPA Meeting will be Tuesday 6 October 2015 at 6pm