

Hartley District Progress Association

Minutes of General Meeting held at Old Hartley School, Mid Hartley Road

3rd December at 1930 hrs.

Present: Seamus Casey, Barbara Johnson, Margaret and Michael Combs, Tom and Joan Kent, Trish Ryan, Ian Campbell, Geoff Scott, Chris Bird, Dick Austen, Jim Robson, Bob Morris, Ian Bathgate, Barry Funnell, David Peters, Diane Green, and a new attendee whose name was not recorded.

Apologies: Susie and Ramsay Moodie, Duncan and Barbara Wass, Jeremy Dawkins.

Chairman: Seamus Casey

Minutes of AGM held in November were read and moved (S Casey) for acceptance.

Amendment proposed by Trish Ryan: "Hartley Vale, Mt Blaxland Trust offer of \$1,000.00 towards restoration of toilets be included in AGM minutes".

Amended minutes moved for acceptance (S Casey), seconded (M Combs), accepted by meeting.

Business arising:

Lengthy discussion on all aspects of Autumn Raffle ensued. The topics of the prize list, number of ticket books already issued (all stamped with HDPAs seal), B Morris and B Funnell's intention to sell tickets in the community on a door knock basis and also at the shopping complex in Lithgow were all covered in detail.

Venue for the Autumn event: Place and date were discussed and the conclusion was that a decision would be made at the next meeting of the organising work group which is scheduled for 12th December 2012

Treasurers Report: S Casey now treasurer. Proposed (T Ryan) a vote of thanks to outgoing treasurer B Johnson for her outstanding work as treasurer over the past few years. Seconded (S Casey) carried unanimously.

Bank balance at today's date: \$2387.77

Monies owed to HDPa \$724.00

Monies owed by HDPa \$393.05

Final working figure: \$2717.18

Within that figure are monies held by HDPa for HHAGof: \$1131.61.

(Details of all financial transactions during period are recorded in archive and available if requested).

Correspondence: A letter from a valley resident portraying a lovely glimpse into valley life in the 1940's was tabled and will feature in newsletter and Web site.

Ute and boot sale:

Barbara Johnson reported on this enjoyable event which we all agreed was a successful and fun day. The monies raised were rewarding and have been banked. (details in archive).

It was agreed that our focus should now be the Autumn event and, perhaps, a boot/ute sale in November.

A general report on the work, completed and ongoing, in the school grounds was presented by the chairman. In the past eighteen months the HDPa and HRRT have raised \$36,000.00 in grants and, with resources already in hand, have achieved the additions and improvements that exist.

These range from a new Shelter, toilet block, school painting (outside and roof), widespread plumbing repairs, fans and lights in school hall, ground maintenance, and perimeter fencing.

Our local member Mr P Toole and a representative from Lithgow City Council, Mr Colin Hunter, have been asked to be our official visitors on the day of the Christmas party. Without their assistance it would have been hard to raise the amount of money achieved.

Web Report:

The web is going from strength to strength and is drawing a wide viewing audience. Thanks to Diane Green who (with assistance, if needed, from AJ) does a remarkable job.

Christmas Party: A general discussion covered the salient points. The venue to be in the school area. The list of helpers is already organised by Mrs Peters. Santa is on standby. Bob Morris suggested that it would be a sensible idea to have a delegate or two from the RFS present at HDPAs meetings. This would ensure good lines of communications and promote better liaison between the groups. It was decided that monies, in the form of contributions, received on the day, be divided equally between HDPAs and Canteen.

In answer to a query from Chris Bird as to the expense side of the party, it was explained that the HDPAs and HRRT were providing funding of \$1,000.00 to the canteen. Mrs Peters and her team are doing all the hard work.

Sub Committees and HDPAs.

A wide ranging, sometimes circular, and totally inconclusive debate took place on the above topic.

It is clear that there is a large area of concern amongst members as to the nature of the responsible position of the HDPAs in the event of a default of any sort in the activities of any sub committee.

The involvement of LCC and S355 were discussed.

It became increasingly clear that the meeting were unable to answer the questions concerning the group.

Barry Funnell asked that an agenda item be included in the next meeting of the HDPAs as to the ultimate responsibility of the various sub comms and the position of HDPAs as the overarching body. This suggestion will be acted on and it is hoped that executive members of the sub comms will be in attendance and will be able to address the matter fully.

Group communications:

Margaret Combs reiterated the need for a sensible spreading of information within the group and between kindred groups. The usage of collective email addresses, newsletters, and the hartleyvalley.org.au site were seen as the capable mediums to achieve this end.

Dick Austen would also like to see a situation where the minutes of meetings can be dispersed to members via email. This was generally accepted with a brief

discussion as to the nature of “official minutes”.

The meeting closed at 2200 hrs;

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S F Casey ,Chairman, HDPA.