

Hartley District Progress Association

Minutes of Ordinary General meeting held Monday 4th February 2013

In Attendance twenty two attendees. Seamus Casey (Chair), Ian Campbell, John Facchina, Michael Combs, Margaret Combs, Barbara Johnson, Ramsay Moodie, Susie Moodie, Diane Green, Barbara Wass, Duncan Wass, Tom Kent, Joan Kent, Jim Robson, Barry Funnell, Dick Austen, Javier Rezzonico, Ian Bathgate, Doreen Peters, David Peters, Chris Bird, Trish Ryan

Chair welcomed new member Javier Rezzonico

Apologies None

Prior Minutes

Minutes of meeting held on 3rd December previously circulated by the chair were adopted as a correct record.

Matters arising

Issue regarding liability of association resulting from activities of sub committees discussed. Duncan Wass read terms of reference of 1813 subcommittee mandate emphasising that authority to commit was restricted to funds on hand/allocated by HDPa and read from constitution and Assoc Inc Act making the point that liability of members is limited to their membership fees contribution.

Dick Austen raised issue that budgets should be approved. Barry Funnell explained concern re \$65k budget he saw. Duncan Wass explained that that document was prepared as a wish list supporting a plea for funding and in practice commitments would be limited to funds on hand. Ramsay Moodie added comments that none of us would want to lend our names to an entity that failed. Realistically our activities have their risks that we need to manage however we can always get caught by the unexpected. Community organisations can fail eg American Club. Our best protection is transparency. Duncan as chair reports on activities of 1813 committee. Jim Robson added that formal approval of sub committee activities was a protection for subcommittees against later recrimination.

Trish Ryan moved "That this meeting receives the report given by Duncan Wass which addresses the limited liability of HDPa as regards sub committee expenditure. Further, that this meeting accepts the report." Seconded: David Peters. Carried without dissent.

Dick Austen raised issue of wanting electronic updates of decisions. Diane Green made point that all confirmed minutes of HDPa and Committees available off website and you can register to receive email advice of website updates.

Chair confirmed that meeting was now comfortable on this issue.

Correspondence In

Letter from Hartley Rural Fire Brigade Canteen refund of \$150 relating to Xmas party cost
Letter from Dept of Regional Australia etc re approval of Western Crossings Trust as a ROCO entity and DGR
Letter from Aust Charities Commision re Western Crossings Trust
Letter from ABC re Paperchase weekly news update program- briefly discussed potential for 1813 activities.

Correspondence Out

HHAG letter to Paul Toole
HHAG letter to Maree Statham

Accounts Paid

Chair as treasurer explained amounts owed \$691.08 for electricity and printing.

Finance Report

Chair as treasurer reported funds on hand of \$2820.65 of which \$1131 is held for HHAG. Only about \$80 of raffle money in this. Ramsay Moodie advised that further \$11,100 held in Western Crossings Trust account for 1813 activities.

Discussed proposal to move banking arrangements to Bendigo Bank Katoomba. Agreed to retain existing arrangements at ANZ Lithgow.

Website

Chair noted domain name renewal. Diane Green briefed meeting on increasing activity and peak of activity when Berry Street fire occurred.

Spirit of Hartley Awards

Open to any person to nominate.

1813 Committee report

Duncan Wass reported on projects being undertaken.

Images Exhibition proceeding big project much work still to be done.

Coxs road walk and ride well tied down.

Overnight accommodation dinner and breakfast for horseriders tentatively booked.

Next meeting this Friday.

Date signing project.

Ramsay Moodie added additional commentary re Date Signing Project.

Council has \$5k to support stage one role out to be spent by end June.

Proceeding probably as HDP/Council initiative. Might involve Nat Trust also. Ramsay Moodie to provide copy of full proposal to Diane Green for website display.

HHAG Committee Report

Ramsay Moodie reported meetings with Paul Toole in December and Maree Statham mid January. Principal purpose of both meetings was to communicate outcome of last public meeting and to ensure understanding of process through which Valley view is determined.

Diane Green advised of Blackheath Highway Action Group highway update on website.

Building Restoration Committee Report

Chair briefly reflected on status: painting finished, shed and toilets done. All looks good.

Only money outstanding is final payment on shed which wont be paid till missing ridge cap installed.

Tom Kent suggested Mercury article re grant moneys received and good works done. Might be opportunity to promote hall hire.

Newsletter update

Susie Moodie thanked Duncan Wass and Barb Johnson for doing the December newsletter. Let her have articles/items for newsletter by 15th Feb.

Business Directory Status

Susie Moodie reported invoices out last night and this morning to all advertisers from last year. Aiming to tie down by 15th for directory to be complete by month end for distribution with newsletter first week of March. Duncan Wass expressed concern regarding timely receipt of art work for changes and new folk. Business Directory income will be about \$3000.

Dinner Dance

Margaret Combs reported. Individuals \$10 families \$25. Not over reaching for first event. Promotional flyer assembled by Diane Green tabled.

With Autumn newsletter only going out first week of March independent promotion will be important. Band booked, their availability drove 9th March date. Next subcommittee meeting Friday afternoon.

Michael Combs emphasised need for community support on raffle. Jim Robson tabled 2doz wine he donated for raffle. Margaret Combs advised Bob building raffle ticket tumbler.

General Business

Photos tabled of vandal damage at Hyde Park. Sign graffitied also rock hole wall graffitied. Rubbish left . Agreed chair should write to council seeking vehicle exclusion from Hyde Park better surveillance etc. David Peters expressed RFS support for exclusion of vehicles.

Signed as a correct record

S F Casey

Chairman 8 / 04 /2013

Minutes endorsed by HDPa Meeting 8th April, 2013