



Board Meeting Minutes - Rotary Club of Berry Inc. 14 March 2023

Attendance: Haseena Tweddle, Paul Andersen, Bill Seelis, Suad Haddad, John Brentnall, Shona Gibson, Phil Crocker, Grahame Sweeney.

Apologies: Ian Nicol **Meeting opened:** 7:08pm

Minutes of Previous Meeting

Noted that under the Celtic Festival, it should read that 66 clans were invited, not 'will be attending'

Paul moved a motion that the minutes of February's meeting be accepted. Shona Seconded.

Business Arising from Previous Minutes

Re: New Projects List – Carried forward 'Think Tank' list to be forwarded by Haseena to Board Members.

Headset for Rotary Speakers – Carried Forward. Haseena will enquire and determine prices for purchase.

Purchase of Bain-Marie and 3 x adjustable tables. Carried forward. Paul will follow-up with Phil Monaghan and arrange purchase.

BBQ/Grill purchase – Paul yet to arrange for purchase. Will organise with Phil Monaghan to purchase. Carried forward

BOARD REPORTS

President – Haseena Tweddle

Rotary Club Uniforms – Jenny is making enquiries towards a new Shirt for members. There'll likely be a committee for this. Shona noted she'll be visiting a business in Wollongong this week to look at options.

Berry Merry Christmas Parade will this year be held on Saturday 9 December, instead of the usual date.

Shoalhaven Council have spoken with Haseena regarding doing a BBQ for the Pump Tracks' official opening ceremony on 14 April. It'll be during School Holidays, so likely to be lots of community presence. Rotary members will also be invited guests for the opening ceremony.

Haseena will speak with Sharon (Council) and give her Grahame Sweeney's details as contact for this event. All committee are supportive of Rotary doing the BBQ.

Presidents Project - Haseena has received communication from Robert Shaw regarding the District's project whereby financial support of \$1K is sought towards the building and renovating of run down/broken classrooms, toilets etc at a school in Timor.

Haseena proposed that our Club support the Presidents Project by donating \$1 K. Seconded: Bill.

Batemans Bay Enviro Expo - Haseena gave a brief received from David Brawn who attended the Expo. It was a tremendous Expo with various E-Everything from cars, bikes and other machinery. Thanks to David for attending and for the update.

Thank you – Haseena thanked all for last weeks' meeting, which was highlighted with Col Hanbridge becoming an Honorary Member. A similar event will occur for Noel Marshall.

Changeover Date – Will be 7 July 2023. Location may be the Heads Bowling Club, and Haseena will work with Celia Nicol towards this event. It'll be a 6:30 for 7pm start.

PETS - Haseena will be attending the Merimbula Training. Josie also attending. Bill and Ian will attend the Orange location.

Secretary - Suad Haddad

Kitchen Rules list prepared, with Suad asking Board for additional feedback. Both Shona and Paul gave constructive feedback. Suad will alter and forward to Haseena to print and laminate (one copy is sufficient). We may also need to organise to have fire hydrant training, as well as nominate a warden at a later date.

Board Meeting Minutes – Suad raised issue of whether members can have access to the Board minutes, following a request from two members. Discussed this further and it was determined that the minutes can also be uploaded to the members page on the Rotary Club of Berry website.

Resolution - Upon completing the minutes, the Secretary is to send the minutes to the President to check, then return to Secretary, who'll forward to Board Members. At the Board meeting, the Board will agree to the minutes, the minutes signed, then given to Grahame Sweeney to upload on the website.

Flagstaff/Alison Turner – Suad noted she had omitted to raise an item at the previous meeting. Alison was a speaker at one of our meetings recently. The organisation has various programs for people with disabilities and are seeking donations towards having an App with sound for vision impaired people. Cost is \$10K, however, it was noted Alison will be approaching various organisations for this. Discussed that there may be specific \$ via Council or State Gov for this request. Determined to carry this over/date to be fixed.

Chocolate wheel roster - Paul will alter the list in view that we need to take out some members names who are now non-active members.

Resolutions List – Is now up to date.

Treasurer – Bill Seelis

Bill gave an update as to current financial status, highlighting that our finances look healthy. Our Club Account is healthy. Member dues were returned to Col Hanbridge in view of recent honorary membership. Paul moved that the Treasurers report be accepted. Seconded: Suad
Lazy Mountain Festival – Assistance is sought to put up signs for the festival. Bill and Haseena will assist.

Bill noted he's been completing required online applications for SFFD, Fireworks, Celtic Festival and Oz Day. This is all Councils' recent changes/requirements that we must adhere to.

Club Administration -Ian Nicol

Haseena noted that she/Ian will speak with George to make more regular food option changes for the buffet. There was some concern raised as to the quality of some choices such as honey chicken, with barely any real chicken.

Community Service - Paul Andersen

Footings for the 2nd container at Kens' place have been done, and now looking to purchase the container. May cost more than initially though under \$6K, but close to it, in view of Club not paying GST!. Cost will be approximately \$6,800, though may be more for the crane hire to get it into place. Paul proposed that the Club raise the amount to \$7,500. Seconded: John.

Tree Management working bee – To be conducted next Tuesday.

Headset and Received – To plug into existing unit in the club will likely cost \$400. Haseena is working with Peter Stinson to look at options.

Wifi Challenges at BBQ/Grill/Showground – Discussed difficulties that arose during Red Hot Summer Festival. Bill continuing to seek options which include installation of a booster in the BBQ Area or putting another module in the building. Bill will speak to an expert about this to determine best path to take.

Traffic Control Plan - Paul noted he had a meeting with Ken, and Paul Gibson re: Celtic Festival's Traffic Plan. After further discussion it was determined that whilst Paul P, Greg and Suad have completed the Traffic Management Course, they are not licensed to prepare a Traffic Control Plan or make changes to a plan. Bill offered to assist with changing the current road management plan.

Bronze Ducks – Discussed recent theft of and damage to noted ducks. Council is understood to be replacing the Mother Duck (or was it the daughter duck?). Discussed feasibility of Rotary committing to looking after/replacing future damaged ducks. However, it was agreed this will not be viable for Rotary.

New Generations/Youth - Shona Gibson

Food Safety Supervision Course – Shona made enquiries with TAFE, who have a One Day Course listed for 11/5 and 30/5, which costs \$270. Haseena and Ken have this qualification. It was supported that this can be opened to all members, and to ask in Club.

Youth Programs - Shona has emailed both Olivia and Shay to arrange for them to attend our Club to speak, they were given a couple of dates to choose. A blurb will be in the Town Crier pertaining to Rotary Youth Programs.

Celtic Festival – coming along nicely, and road planning is underway. Dave Edmondstone grand daughter will sing the National Anthem. Prices for the stalls have been raised to \$110 and \$180, pending size.

Membership & Vocational -John Brentnall

New Member Rotary Recruit Event - John, Haseena and Grahame S will meet this week to organise the upcoming meet/greet event.

Phil Crocker noted that possible new member, Caroline Robinson had only attended two meetings and will attend her third one this week, then is ready for a fireside chat.

Public Relations - Grahame Sweeney

Town Crier – The next issue will include information about the Celtic Festival, as well as Youth Programs. Shona will provide information.

There'll also be information about Rotary supporting Ukraine, as well as Turkey and Syria following the devastating earthquake. Also, supporting Shoalhaven Homeless Hub with a \$2K donation

International & Foundation - Phil Crocker

Benefactor program - Phil continuing to raise importance of and benefits of members becoming Rotary Benefactors.

GENERAL BUSINESS/NEW BUSINESS ONLY

Bolong Union Church – Discussed difficulties the Union Church are having, including paying of Rates, Insurance, and being an ageing committee.

Whilst Rotary will like to assist, in view of the challenges noted and the struggling committee and lack of finances, making a donation will not assist long term or for the Union Church to be able to help themselves. It would seem they need to make big changes to how they operate.

However, should they want to organise a community Fete, Rotary can assist with that by doing a BBQ for the event, or do a garden clean-up etc.

Discussed various fundraising ideas the Board raised including marketing to hire out the Church, having a TAFE/University marketing student assist by doing a placement and facilitating various fundraising events, advertising in the Town Crier, in Social Media to rent the church for events/have martial arts, yoga etc. to raise the Church's financial position.

Paul will relay this information to the Union Church.

Ladies Mah-jong – Suad noted that the Rotary girls will be starting a social group and learn to play Mah-Jong, with the first meeting being on 3 April at the Heads Golf Club. This isn't an official Rotary event, the information is an FYI to the Club.

Meeting Closed: 9:57pm

Next Board Meeting: Tuesday 11 April 2023, 7pm.

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