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# MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MINUTES

Monday 06 September 2021, by Zoom

Meeting commenced 1730 hrs  
Acknowledgment of Country

1. **MINUTE TAKER:** David Spain
2. **COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:** Diana Roberts [President], David Spain [Secretary] Peter Hughes [Treasurer], Samantha Allen, Theresa Biscoe [Vice President], Caroline Todd Kylie Cain, Stephanie Seckold. **Apologies:** Nil
3. **CHAIRPERSON:** Diana Roberts
4. **NON-CONTENTIOUS ANNOUNCEMENTS / CONFLICTS OF INTEREST:**
5. **MINUTES OF LAST COMMITTEE MEETING:**

The chairperson traversed the draft minutes of last committee meeting on 07-06-2021.

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| Biko/Sammi | That the draft minutes of 02-08-2021 be accepted. | Carried |
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6. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM LAST COMMITTEE MINUTES:**

**LCC Procurement Policy:** letter sent but still no response, however the new GM has advised verbally that LCC is assessing the entire policy as regards tender evaluation, including value of local input. This currently gets a 20% uplift; we say that (for Nimbin) this should be more.

**LCC Meeting:** See Agenda

**Website Update:** See Agenda

**Aquarius 50-Year celebration:** No Update

**Rainbow Road:** LCC has still not appointed a project manager for internal management of this \$2.5m grant (they have many projects), but the GM is open to this being done from Nimbin. It could be a job for a team. Remuneration is set at 5% of the grant (about \$102,000). It is unclear what level of autonomy the project manager would have over application of the budget. NCCI will meet with the GM on 17-09-2021. NCOC is really a background partner.

**Reseal of Bush Theatre car park:** Application has been lodged, seeking about \$250,000.

**Tourism Destination Officer:** There were 8 applicants, who were shortlisted by the selection committee (Tina + Jodie from LCC, Dave Hyatt & Sammi from Nimbin). Wil Polsen is passionate and is the preferred candidate. This position and associated costs has an approximate value of \$85k pa. but NCOC's website & signage grants are separate and would assist this function. Tina Irish, Economic Development Manager LCC. possibly has a rather a different vision of the position to us; we are trying to communicate our vision to her; assuming no lockdown, we (Diana, Dave, others interested) are meeting with her 9am at Bush Theatre, on Wednesday 22-09-2021, to discuss economic development and business support opportunities for Nimbin and will discuss Aquarius festival proposals too.

**Website:** A developed version is now online, but improvements are still in progress. The photoshoots (two, professional) have been adjourned to early October post-lockdown, hopefully). One photoshoot will be Nimbin generally, the other will be the list of businesses. Generally, the businesses selected would be those who are members of NCOC and of interest to visitors (eating, accommodation, unique merchandise). There will be links to businesses outside the 40. All our email addressees will be reminded that only financial members will get photoshoots. Steph's "Village Map" is ready for upload (in publisher format).

**On-Line Shop:** It will be difficult to manage "Post-It" (centralizing despatch of items chosen from different sources). Let's select 30 "made-in-Nimbin" products (not all necessarily from different outlets) and assess how to manage despatch. Actioned to Steph & Sammi.

**Stripe Account:** Is free but quicker & cheaper (in % skimmed off) than PayPal but forbids certain types of advertisement (e.g. even herbal smoking materials). Members of the committee must give exhaustive ID details, so as to minimize fraud.

**7. CORRESPONDENCE:**

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| Darren Butcher | Candidacy in Chamber Chat                | tba |
| LCC            | SBVRL Funds Acquittal                    |     |
| Lou Ryles      | Cancelling Roots Festival due to Covid   |     |
| Nell Jones     | Changing business name & contact details |     |

**8. BUSINESS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE:**

Diana said that, as No. 8 on his group ticket for LCC, Darren has no chance of being elected and will just split the Nimbin vote, but she will mention him in next Chamber Chat.

Diana to lodge SBVRL Funds Acquittal in the new format requested.

Elen's business contact details (change of names to Nimbin Herbs) have been altered on website.

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| Sammi / Biko | That we donate \$500 for the Nimbin Poetry World Cup prize | Carried |
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**9. TREASURER'S REPORT**

The treasurer tabled a financial report. This includes membership payments & current list.

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| Peter / Sammi | That the financial report for the month of July be adopted                          | Carried |
| Peter / Sammi | That the financial report for the entire 2020-21 f/y be accepted                    | Carried |
| Peter / Sammi | That we are solvent and can pay our debts as they fall due                          | Carried |
| Sammi / Biko  | That the membership fee for micro businesses be \$25pa                              | Carried |
| Sammi / Biko  | That honorary membership at no fee be offered to non-profit community organizations | Carried |

**10. APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP:**

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| Peter / David | That Nimbin Candles be admitted to membership  | Carried |
| Peter / David | That Gina Horsfield t/as Nimbin Pizza & Trattoria be admitted to membership            | Carried |
| Peter / David | Yvonne Campbell of Leafy Lane Real Estate be admitted to membership [Peter to invoice] | Carried |

**11. LCC Funds Acquittal:**

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| Peter / David   | That the allocation for Rainbow Mural be withdrawn since construction is no longer imminent | Carried |
| Caroline / Biko | That NCOC allocate \$1000 towards restoration of the Hemp Embassy mural (after 30-09-2021)  |         |
| Peter / David   | That the Roots Festival advance of \$1000 be extended to the 2022 program                   | Carried |

LCC wants to know, for satisfaction of levy acquittal, how many people attended Nimbin Fashion Show (about 200+) and what was the benefit (The designers obtained professional photos & video footage of their clothes – given to them for promotion purposes -- and sold some).

We will request LCC to only require an acquittal annually, not every 6 months.

**12. SIGNAGE REVIEW:** Steph advised that we should seek a QR Code (costs about \$100 and then we own it) that would go on the signs and link to our website.

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| Steph/Biko | That we obtain a QR code linked to our ABN | Carried |
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Steph said that she's running out of options for historical plaques and she requested that we redirect attention from historical plaques to plaques for points of interest that are closed at weekends or for other reasons e.g. Djanbung Gardens, Rainbow Power Co.

**13. DCP Review:** Zoom next Thursday

**14. AGM Planning:** Adjourned to next meeting.

**15. Map in Constitution:** Header is out of date, is sideways and is a bad scan. Biko to look at it.

**15.** Diana will write a letter of complaint to NSW Health about its poor communication over the potential impacts or ramifications of a Covid-positive person visiting Nimbin to locate real estate. This poor public communication caused ripples of public concern.

**16. NCOC Lock-Down Survey:** Mayors in Northern Rivers want lock-down lifted. 50 local businesses responded (4 noes, 4 maybes and 42 yes).

**17.** LCC is supporting a "Buy-Local" campaign called "Why Leave Town". Kylie to research this.

**18.** Next NCOC Committee Meeting-- 5.30pm on Monday 11 October 2021, venue tba [04-10-2021 is public holiday].

**End:** 1930 hrs