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MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MINUTES

Monday 09 December 2019, at Nimbin Law

Meeting commenced 1730hrs

Acknowledgment of Country

1. **MINUTE TAKER:** David Spain
2. **COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:** Diana Roberts [President], Theresa Biscoe [Vice President], Peter Hughes [Treasurer], David Spain [Secretary] Kylie Cain, Samantha Allen
3. **CHAIRPERSON:** Diana Roberts
4. **NON-CONTENTIOUS ANNOUNCEMENTS / CONFLICTS OF INTEREST:**
Biskit advised that there will be an RFS Fundraiser at Tuntable Hall on NYE.
5. **MINUTES OF LAST COMMITTEE MEETING :**

The chairperson traversed the draft minutes of last committee meeting on 21-10-2019.

Kylie / Peter	That the draft minutes of 21-10-2019 be accepted.	Carried
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6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM LAST COMMITTEE MINUTES :

Diana wrote a submission to LCC's draft economic development strategy, which was effective in that consequently it amended the draft to contain a village component. Whilst LCC rates will rise 25% over 4 years, local councillors will have to sign off on how the extra is spent, so there is an opportunity to lobby (as regards part of the rate rise, anyway).

Foley Fogg is quoting for lighting the footpath alongside B+B Hall, down to carpark. Biskit is to contact Fabien regarding the adequacy of existing Tesla solar battery to power this extra.

The footbridge on Cecil Street will not be built before Christmas due to delay in planning footpath approaches & placement of pedestrian crossing.

7. CORRESPONDENCE:

The secretary tabled a spreadsheet of correspondence:--

To / From	Item	Outcome
To LCC	Chasing our 'Option B' request for SBVRL	Is on LCC's February 2020 agenda
To NSA	Request for supporting information re new mural (requires SBVRL grant)	Is on way
Sam Burcher	Request for sponsorship, Fashion Show	Resolution below

8. BUSINESS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE:

Biskit / David	That NCOOC sponsor the Nimbin Fashion Show \$1000, secretary to apply for SBVRL	Carried
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9. TREASURER'S REPORT

The treasurer advised that he had lodged the Annual return and tabled a Financial Report. We collected \$4495 in membership fees, spent \$3209 and have \$8800 in the bank (some of which is SBVRL funds dedicated to specific projects).

Peter /David	That the financial report be adopted	Carried
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10. APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP: Nil

Biskit / David	That the verbal decision, made by a quorum of committee just prior to the AGM, to admit Samantha Allen (Apothecary) to membership be ratified	Carried
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11. AGM DEBRIEF

David said that we must be careful to ensure a quorum attends AGM, and should book B+B Hall well in advance so as to ensure that venue. Biskit to check availability on Mondays 7 Wednesdays in first half of November 2020 and advise committee.

12. PORTFOLIOS

The president continues in office for a second year pursuant to a.14.7 of the Constitution. The following nominations were made, accepted and carried:--

Kylie / David	That Theresa Biscoe be appointed vice-president	Carried
David / Biskit	That Peter Hughes be appointed treasurer	Carried
Biskit / Diana	That David Spain be appointed secretary	Carried

13. MEMBER REGISTER

Diana has compiled an Excel spreadsheet of member data (names, ABNs, contact details etc.) and has uploaded it to Google Drive (accessible by logging into the new Gmail account). Members of executive can edit it (entering new members, member details, financial status etc.) but should save new edition with date yy-mm-dd & initials.

14. EMAIL ISSUES

Elen has set up an email account at Gmail, using their more flexible Gsuite software (allows 30 aliases – secretary etc.), so as to better filter out the volume of spam being received via the Horde platform. The address is nimbinaustralia.com.au The executive can enter the email profile and select 4 groups of addressees (management committee, current financial members, recent but unfinancial members and ancient unfinancial members)

Diana / David	That Elen Jones be refunded \$95.40 for new Gmail/Gsuite, upon supply of invoice	Carried
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15. WEBSITE

Elen will continue as liaison with Leslie Fernando (the web designer in Perth), who charges \$50 per hour, so Elen will present efficient packages. Elen will ask Leslie to SEO our website so that the ancient NCOC website (Alfredo's) drops back. Alfredo has not decommissioned it, despite several requests.

Diana to supply Elen her spreadsheet of current members
Peter to amend same as members become, or cease to be, financial
David will supply Elen with new committee details & approved minutes
Developing member links, images, walk-thru videos etc. will have to wait.

16. MURAL TINS

Kylie agreed to take on, printing & sticking artwork on mural tins and distributing collecting & replacing them. Biskit will supply her the existing artwork. The sealed tins are available at Crazy Clark's (unsealed ones get nicked), but a smaller size would be suitable (not crowd businesses' counters).

17. NIMBIN DCP Dian advised that the 1990 DCP is hugely outdated, especially after out-of town approvals (supermarket) etc. that interrupt traffic flow. A master plan for the village is proposed, which requires outside funding, and a new DCP will be based on that. Sharon Harwood, the new LCC Director of Partnerships Planning & Engagement, will write the proposal for funding.

18. RAINBOW CAFÉ REBUILD This fire site proprietor, Co-Ordination Co-Operative Ltd (Tuntable Falls), has at last received a construction certificate from LCC and is seeking construction tenders from interested builders.

19. FIRES DEBRIEF & DROUGHT May prelude a continuing situation, for this year and beyond. Diana to write to PM & Kevin Hogan. Online businesses impacted by fire can get relief by listing on a website "Buy from the Bush". Nimbin is not [yet] a drought-declared area so Federal cashflow subsidies, directed thru LCC, are unavailable.

20. VILLAGE WATER RESTRICTIONS Nimbin is not in the highest category of drought-declares, but is in the category of drought-affected. Its water controls are now at Level 2 but consumption has not changed so it may be moved to Level 3. This threat is aimed at encouraging self-discipline in water consumption. The Gungas weir only services rural consumers, with urban consumption coming from the (treated) DE Williams dam. Ultimately, even rural consumption will be treated at Williams dam then reticulated back. Rous CC is now ultimately responsible for basic water supply but metering applies.

21. COMMUNITY DISASTER MANAGEMENT PLAN: SES, RFS, police & LCC Meeting is at 6pm on 17-12-2019 at Nimbin Hall. Diana to attend and represent chamber.

22. REGIONAL CHAMBER Jane Laverty, the permanent NSWBC secretary at Ballina, is coming out to see Diana.

End: 1930hrs

Next NCOC Meeting -- Committee 5.30pm on 10 February 2020 at Nimbin Law