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MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MINUTES

Monday 17 February 2020, at Nimbin Law

Meeting commenced 1735hrs

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, Caroline Todd
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 -12-2019.

Kylie / Peter	That the draft minutes of -12-2019 be accepted.	Carried
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6. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM LAST COMMITTEE MINUTES:**

SBVRL: We have not heard from LCC. This should have been on its February agenda. Secretary to chase up.

AGM: Biskit to check when (if) B+B Hall is available on a Monday or Wednesday in first half of November.

Donation Tins: Kylie is collecting & taking proceeds to Peter.

Village Water Restrictions: We were close to going onto Level 4, which would have impacted supplies. The situation will become worse in a couple of years. Gungas Road rural properties have not tapped in yet, Stages 5-9 of Alternative Way are not yet built, and the supermarket & shops are not yet constructed. Diana to report back after NAG meeting.

7. **CORRESPONDENCE:**

The secretary tabled a spreadsheet of correspondence:--

To / From	Item	Outcome
LCC	Pedestrian Safety in Cecil Street	Delay in works
LCC Finance	SBVRL autonomy	In February agenda
Cth Govt	Energy Efficient Program	Grants to Groups
Regional NSWBC	Ballina meeting 19-03-2020	
Matthieu Rabusseau	Town planning queries	Response below

8. BUSINESS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE:

Cth Solar Subsidy: Biskit will bring to attention of School of Arts & NCCI (the latter, with a view to panels on B+B Hall roof).

Matthieu Rabusseau Questions:

1. There are occasional workshops run by LCC with community consultation. The NAG group responds to actual DAs (as distinct from strategic planning).
2. Many of these concerns are beyond the control of council, or of local communities. LCC's Strategic Plan Meeting had about 25-30 citizens attending, with many different views about environment, limits to growth etc. We can also input online at LCC's "Your Say". The Nimbin Mill land, that runs thru to Tuntable Falls Road, and Redcoates' Farm opposite Bush Factory, have been identified for development, so State instruments apply and give rights to developers. Perhaps all councils from border to the Clarence, allied with Bundjalung Nation, could lobby for special legislation based on economic imperatives (environmental values etc.).

9. TREASURER'S REPORT

The treasurer advised that we spent \$3249 of SBVRL and \$600 from fees (mostly on website \$1900). Renewals were sent to all members but reminders should be sent out with GM Notice, mentioning the wider state & regional benefits.

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

11. **NSWBC ENTREPRENEURSHIP:** Natalie Brookes "Entrepreneurship Facilitator", an accountant from regional NSWBC, advised that she represents a federally-funded program, supplying a free support service assisting people of any age group (especially mature age 45 years+) with ideas but 0-4 years of trading. This covers start-ups and new [for profit] businesses, but not franchises, and includes running workshops (preferably 12+). She can be contacted for assistance on 0491 153 177.

15. WEBSITE

Biskit & Elen worked on the website last week but update information has not been loaded (to, or by?) Leslie Fernando in WA. Decided that we need more direct control over admin. The website is fully paid for. We need admin keys.

Diana / Sammi	That NCOC take direct control over website administration and obtain the backend keys	Carried
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16. **DISASTER PREPAREDNESS:** If the describe how we managed the fire threat, it is possible to get preparedness funding, although this may require merging on a regional basis.

17. **INAPPROPRIATE POLICE IMPACTS:** There have been complaints about police harassment, especially of indigenous, "excessively alternative", young people & tourists. We need more hard data. Cheryl has drafted a survey form.

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Biskit / Kylie	That NCOC conduct a survey of businesses into both village policing and bushfire involvement & impacts	Carried
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18. **LIGHTING UP NIMBIN PROJECT:** Biskit talked to Fabien at RPC and the lighting expert Roger Foley-Fogg about extending the lighting south of 52 Cullen & to northern side. Roger has indicated a cost of \$25,000 (western side cost \$16,000; he under-quoted). We cannot afford this and would have to reduce the expansion & seek grants. Grant opportunities are possible because of the fires. Roger has slowed the existing light strobing cycles.

Biskit / Sammi	That NCOC supports in principle extension of the lights to the western carpark entrance	Carried
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19. **MADE IN NIMBIN:** Our Trademark Application has been requisitioned. To proceed, we will need to define what “Made in Nimbin” means and formally licence users. Does it require that the materials, design & labour all come from Nimbin, or some proportion of same? The general feeling was not to pursue registration, licencing & policing of the proposed TM. Matter adjourned until Stef is present.
20. **FASHION SHOW:** Tickets went to the school children, but date has been adjourned.
21. **MARDI GRAS:** There are various levels of sponsorship. The most likely way is to take out an ad in the newspaper (40,000 printed).

Biskit / Sammi [Caroline abstain]	That NCOC agrees to sponsor Mardi Grass from SNVRL in the sum of \$1000	Carried
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22. **NIMBIN ROOTS:** Diana is going to LCC with Lou to encourage an indigenous stage.
23. **GM** is Monday 06 April – Biskit to book & confirm or advise of alternative dates, Bowlo in lieu. Secretary to advise membership.

End: 1930hrs

Next NCOC Meeting -- Committee 5.30pm on 02 March 2020 at Nimbin Law
GM, Monday 06 April 2020