

Somerton War Memorial Hall & Recreation Grounds Committee

General Meeting Minutes held at the Hall on Tuesday 28/2/2023

Meeting Opened: 7.10 pm

Present: Wayne Chaffey, Nell Chaffey, Laurie Chaffey, Drue Daley, Carol Horn, Marg Fenwicke, Merryl Chaffey, Val Harris, Will Dowe, Jan Dirks

Apologies: Lisa Hannaford (TRC), Janice Gardner, George Gardner. Merryl Moved for the Apologies be accepted second Nell Carried

Minutes of previous meeting: Minutes of the meeting 30/08/22 read and circulated as a true and correct record. Moved Nell, Second Drue Carried.

Treasurer's Report: Drue presented financial paper and verbal report to meeting. The prawn and Chicken evening made \$1,388.00 A donation of \$100. The closing balance \$12,474.99. This includes \$9,825 from Hunter New England Health for a community project. Drue moved for the report to be accepted. Second Nelly Carried

Correspondence In: emails from TRC, **Correspondence Out** – Nil

Business Arising: moved to general business

General Business

1. **Thank you Morning tea** for Janice, Edna, Mary, Val and Bruce acknowledging their contribution to the Committee. Laurie reported that Hon Kevin Anderson and Mayor Russell Webb presented recipients with awards. Janice was awarded The Government of NSW Community Service Award. This is a significant award in recognition of Janice's contribution to the Community of Somerton.

2. **Prawn and Chicken Night.** Drue reported on a successful evening with the initial date being cancelled because of flooding. \$1,388.00 was successfully raised.
3. **Kitchen Upgrade.** Person from TRC who collated local ideas has resigned. Remains a work in progress. Lisa has circulated plans and costing for review .to be followed up
4. **ANZAC Day Ceremony** . The Planning List reviewed by the meeting . Will Dowe has accepted to be the MC. Merryl to follow up RSL, Band, Risk assessment, notify MP's, To follow up a guest speaker, To follow up donation from Fishing Club for 2022.
5. **Refund of gas rent payment to Laurie.** Nell moved for Laurie to be reimbursed. Second Drue Carried

ON Going General Business:-

Funding from Empowering Communities for a community activity involving line dancing, BBQ etc. remains a work in progress .This will be organized over three lots of five sessions. Intent is to encourage community gatherings. Events will be free including meal. Plan to purchase a BBQ for the Hall. Yet to confirm a suitable time .

Hall Hire review. To be further discussed

Hire of Chairs. Following discussion, it was decided to charge the following:

Light tan chairs - \$1 -Stacker of 4 chairs - \$10 -Bench – \$1- Crockery cupboard - \$10

Fire extinguisher and evacuation plan. None in place at the hall. To follow up with **Lisa.**

Highway signage indicating public amenities i.e. toilet To be followed up with **Lisa Electricity charge**. Laurie to follow up with TRC if hall can have a better funding plan. Bill has been forward to **Lisa** to be followed up

Recreation Ground BBQ- The battery is at the BBQ, gas is supplied by ? key to the gas bottle cage is with George. Cleaning. **Lisa** to be followed up to request the people who clean the toilets to clean the BBQ

Tennis Courts: Following points discussed:

Community concern of water pooling – George reported that the first court to be resurfaced at cost to TRC. Currently being followed up

Court access discussed as per following points:

- a. If there is competition tennis event TRC would not cover the insurance. Tennis Australia would need to be approached for insurance cover.
- b. Social tennis insurance is covered by TRC
- c. Committee to determine any fee and conditions for access. Yet to be confirmed
- d. Signage needs to be followed up.
- e. Decision of where to locate the key to the tennis courts is yet to be determined

Survey community. Nelly discussed compiling a survey to identify the community's interest and expectations of the Hall and Recreation Ground. Nell to follow up.

CWA Tree and plaque. Drue reported that 3-4 Chinese Elm trees to be planted on the Western side of the hall. 100 tree project a work in progress by TRC.

Invoices: Proten Community Committee use of Hall and payments. Laurie to follow up

Proposed Strategic Plan for 2023 includes.

1. Kitchen make over (need a quote)
2. BBQ area
3. Play surround at Recreation Ground
4. white board, screen and data projector
5. Air conditioning

Keys are located with:

Pub key code 13165

George. Hold an existing key

Janice Hold an existing key

Wayne Key code: 13166

Laurie Key Code: 13167

Next Meeting Tuesday 18-4-2023 @ 6pm @ At the Hall

Meeting Closed: 7.57pm