

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MANILLA SHOWGROUND USERS COMMITTEE HELD IN THE MANILLA MECHANICS INSTITUTE MEETING ROOM, MANILLA STREET, MANILLA ON THURSDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER, 2018 COMMENCING AT 7.30 P.M.**

**PRESENT:** as per AGM held prior to this meeting

**PRESENT:** Jim Maxwell, LouEllen Overton, Jane Martin, Chris Bennett, Ian Bennett, Chris Lake, Norman Gardiner, Glenys McDonald, Teena Bridge

**IN ATTENDANCE** Lisa Hannaford (TRC)

**1. WELCOME**

The Chairperson, Jim Maxwell , welcomed all in attendance.

**2. APOLOGIES**

As per AGM held prior to this meeting

**APOLOGIES:** Rodney Northey **MOVED** Chris Lake **SECONDED** Jane Martin that the apologies be accepted **CARRIED**

**3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF 7<sup>th</sup> December, 2017**

**Moved** LouEllen Overton **Seconded** Chris Lake that the minutes of the Manilla Showground Users Committee meeting of the 7<sup>th</sup> December, 2017 be accepted . **Carried**

**4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES**

**4.1** Re: Light at the entrance of the Showground

Lisa Hannaford advised that a new light would not be installed before the 2019 Show but perhaps a portable temporary light could be installed for the Show.

Chris Lake suggested that more lighting around the stables would make the area safer.

Norman Gardiner expressed his concern for the number of lights that were not in working order for the vintage machinery Show.

**4.2** Jim Maxwell expressed his disappointment that the Hod Rod Club would not be returning to Manilla. He was also disappointed with the way the remediation of the Showground ground was handled by Tamworth Regional Council.

**5. CORRESPONDENCE IN**

NIL

## **6. CORRESPONDENCE OUT**

NIL

## **7. MANILLA SHOWGROUND BOOKINGS 2017**

Noted.

## **8. GENERAL BUSINESS**

- 8.1** Chris Lake from Pony Club requested that should we continue to have no rain that the Showground be watered before Pony Club. Perhaps an exemption from the current restrictions would be in order.
- 8.2** There was a general query as to the \$30,000 donation by Tamworth Regional Council to the Tamworth Show Society. The general feeling of the meeting was that funds should also be made to Manilla and Barraba Show Societies as well.
- 8.3** Concern was raised about the grandstand on the northern end of the Showground that has been partially removed. There are exposed sharp metal that will prove to be dangerous to the children shortly attending pony Club camp. The area needs to be made safe before Pony Club Camp on the 29<sup>th</sup> September, 2018.
- 8.4** Lisa Hannaford suggested a sport & rec grant for amenities. She will look into this regarding seating.
- 8.5** Suggestion made that another P.A. System outlet be installed in the Show Society Secretary Office. This would allow for those announcing in bad weather to have some protection. Jim Maxwell advised of talks he has had with Kevin Anderson regarding the Showground Sound system. Mr. Anderson is organising for quotes to improve the system with an aerial on the roof of the grandstand to improve the quality of the sound throughout the Showground. He is to get back to Jim Maxwell.
- 8.6** Re Announcers box. This area needs to be made more weatherproof but it is difficult to achieve due to the continued vandalism that occurs constantly at the announcers box.

## **9. NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of this Committee will be is scheduled for Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> November, 2018 in the Manilla Mechanics Institute Meeting Room at 7.30pm

## **CLOSURE**

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.16 pm