



Rotary Club of Berry Inc - BOARD MINUTES

Date: 19/03/2019

Meeting Room – Anglican Church, Berry

Meeting opened at: 7.37 p.m.

Board Attendance: Peter Stinson, David Brawn, Paul Andersen, Terry Delahunty, Phil Monaghan & Ian Nicol

Board apologies: Rob Haines, Trevor Barker & Bill Seelis

Minutes of Previous Meeting: Approved

It was agreed that in future draft Minutes will be sent directly to Board members in draft form shortly after the meeting for comment with suggested changes to be provided to the Secretary for incorporation.

Business arising from previous Board Meeting:

Berry welcome signage – Referred to ken Hutt

Action: To be installed when Ken has the time

Boat Harbour Anchor – In need of repair. P.S. has sent correspondence to Kiama Council – Awaiting Reply.

Action: It was suggested that P.S. would correspond with the General manager to get some more action over the issue

Security over Rotary Cupboard in Bowling Club: Recommended a Combination lock to replace the keyed lock. To ensure better security.

Action: I.N to replace the lock as mentioned.

Poor participation by some members of the club in either Club Meetings or Club Events: It was discussed by Board members the requirements and observations of poor attendance of some members. P.A. recited the Club By-Laws and it revealed that while rules are open in their interpretation, the club should continue to encourage members to be involved. Suggestion of some members becoming “Friends of Rotary” as a solution to this issue. T.D. commented on the participation level, also being able to be gauged by members

fund raising activities. According to R.I., members should attend at least 50% of the weekly meetings to continue as members.

Action: P.M. to identify and point out to non attending members the requirements of the club.

Club Assembly: T.D. opened a discussion about the reason behind club assembly nights. All Board members contributed to the discussion (Social Night, Club Issues, Specialty items such as Boongaree Nature Play Parkland etc.) and it was decided that Club Assembly Nights should be minimised as there was no clear purpose to them.

Action: P.S. to advise the club of the discussion and outcome.

Trusts: This topic was opened up again by David Brawn, following discussions with other board members prior to the meeting. It was agreed that both the Artis Medenis and the Ainer Medenis Funds held by the club be considered as trusts. It was unanimously agreed that both funds be separated from the club finances and be reported independently to the Annual Audit of the Club's. D.B with B.S. assistance to develop independent MYOB Accounting practice. No legislative reporting is required for these "Trusts".

Action: Further discussion is required on the best way forward for the Mo Higgins Award. Topic to be further discussed at the next Board Meeting when more Board Members are in attendance.

New Member Guide: P.A. has developed a guide for new members. It was approved by all board members.

Action: P.S. to arrange for his contact to develop the literature further to make it into a more visual and attractive document.

ADFAS chair moving – Support for ADFS to continue

Action: P.A. to arrange next group of volunteers to assist in the chair moving. Next ADFAS meeting Thursday 28th March.

NEW BUSINESS ONLY – (Not previously discussed from Business Arising)

President's Report

Drought relief – The balance of the Account was reviewed by the Treasurer. Balance included donation by Mr. Peter Harris to the Drought Relief Fund

Member Resignation – Reference was made to several email received from the member by the Secretary. The member had offered his Conditional Resignation. P.S. advised that he had discussed the issues that concerned the member and that at this point there seemed to be an impasse over the issues. The board therefore agreed to accept the members resignation, effective end of this Rotary Year. D.B. agreed to have further discussions with the resigning member to review the situation and to look for a way forward for both the member and the club..

Changeover Dinner: P.S. advised that the Changeover Dinner is to be held at Crooked River Winery on the night of the 27/6/2019. Cost for the night is \$65.00 pp and the dress code will be Jacket & Tie.

Actions:

- P.S. to advise club of Changeover details
- P.S. to liase with D.B. over member resignation

Secretary's Report

I.N. read the full contents of the email received by the resigning member of the club. This was at the request of the member. Refer to Presidents Report for more details.

I.N. reported that all correspondence has been either emailed or forwarded to the appropriate members of the club. Very little correspondence through the Rotary P.O. Box. These days. mostly bank statements.

Board Minutes are to be signed for each month in this financial year and to be presented to the Accountant by end of financial year. Monthly Board Minutes are to be submitted to the manager of the Rotary Website for publishing.

It was reported by I.N. that both the Minutes of the AGM and the recently held Special board Meeting had not been finalised and presented to the President.

Thanks were given for Minutes taken and Agenda given by D.B. and P.S. in the Secretary's absence.

Action:

- I.N. to get P.S. to Sign all unsigned Board Minutes and to have them also published on the Rotary Web Site.
- I.N. to email the resigning member to advise same that his email had been read to all attending board members and also to advise that the resignation was unanimously accepted.

Treasurer's Report

D.B. reminded all board members the board of due process and that all donations must be ratified by the board at a board meeting where minutes are kept of the decision

D.B. also suggested that the disbursement (donations) of funds (not already given) be done with multiple invites over several nights.

The ratification of the Presidents decision to donate funds to the "Blockstars" who were at a recent club night. It was unanimously agreed by the board to fund this group to the value of \$1,200.00.

Action: Ongoing performance of Treasurers Duty. Thanks to David

Club Administration

Guest Speaker Update; It was discussed how difficult it is to find Guest Speakers. T.D. moved to thank P.A. for all the work he has been doing for the Club in his many roles and activities. Mick Vasallo has agreed to look for Guest Speakers next year.

Community Service

Report on activities – the Report from PA was noted. Next Event – Celtic festival – “All going well” with the assistance of Dorothy Hanbridge.

Calendar of Events – PA provided PS with a draft for his consideration - ongoing

Allocation of available funds from the Community account – the Board discussed briefly the allocation of funds. The donation to the Berry Riding Club and the Taste of Paradise Farm which have been made.

P.A. submitted to the Club Secretary, Minutes of the following Meetings – Celtic Festival, Australia Day Breakfast, Berry Show - BBQ & Grill & NYE Fireworks.

Action: PA to discuss with P.S the various presentations (donations) to be made – where and when ? (Celtic Festival, Changeover Dinner or Special Club Meeting)

New Generations

The Board noted the report circulated by R.H. As R.H. was an apology at the meeting nothing was discussed.

Membership and Vocational

P.M. advised that 3 potential members have vanished however, he continues to look for new potential members.

Public Relations

Boongaree Park progress - The Club's Boongaree sub-committee has been liaising with Council and with Gareth Ward in relation to Nature Play Playground development. Council approved the overall masterplan for Boongaree in December and is supportive of Rotary involvement in the implementation of the Playground component. It was known that Gareth Ward has pledged \$4 million if the Government remains in power, towards the project. T.D. advised that How & When etc. this becomes a reality is unknown. Funding hinges on the outcome of the election results on 23/3/2019.

T.D. advised that on 18/3/2019, a meeting was held by the Sub Committee with previously contacted Nature Play Park designers to discuss the current status of the project.

Action: The sub-committee to meet again once the election outcome is known.

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International and Foundation Report

Bill Seelis was an apology therefore nothing was

Note the Treckers on Facebook !!

General Business

There was no General Business to report

Meeting end: 10.20 pm

Next Meeting: 16th April at 7.30 pm - 18, Pulman Street, Berry

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