



Board Meeting Minutes - Rotary Club of Berry Inc. 13 September 2022

Attendance: Haseena Tweddle, Paul Andersen, Bill Seelis, Shona Gibson, Grahame Sweeney, Phil Crocker and Suad Haddad.

Apologies: John Brentnall, Ian Nicol

Meeting opened: 7:05pm

Minutes of Previous Meeting

Amendment - Grahame advised that in relation to the noted Turf Co donating (pledging) \$10K, that it should read that the pending pledging/donation is from the owner of Turf Co personally, Gavin Rodgers, not his company.

Other than the noted amendment, Grahame moved a motion to accept the minutes of the previous meeting dated 9 August 2022, as a true record of the meeting. Seconded: Paul Andersen.

Business Arising from Previous Minutes

Friend of Rotary – Bill Seelis and Suad Haddad met with friend at a local café on 16 August 2022. After careful consideration, it's noted that the friend may not be a good fit for Berry Rotary Club, and that it's unlikely that they'll return to the weekly meetings anyway. The Board agreed not to vote on Acceptance/Renewal of 'Friend of Rotary' or otherwise, given the context/concerns thus far.

Action – Concerns were raised with friend and they were supported and given the contact details of, and encouraged to connect with the Berry Probus Club.

Duck Dash Event – Definitely not going ahead.

Acknowledgement of Country – Haseena will take it further with Club members at the Clubs' Assembly meeting on 13 October 2022.

Zone 8 Regionalisation Program. Brief discussion held and Board members in agreement that Haseena will go ahead with accepting/participating in pilot project.

President - Haseena Tweddle

Haseena thanked Paul and the committee for a **successful Small Farm Field Day's Event**. Also, that the Exhibition function went very well.

Assembly Meeting/Survey – Haseena spoke about the benefit of conducting a Survey at the Assembly meeting, highlighting it could be a useful tool to determine what members want out of the club, as well where they see the club heading. The Survey can also be specific to various events.

All members in agreeance of having a Survey. Grahame offered to provide a copy of a previous Survey the club had, which can be used as a guide to work from/expand. Survey could also include questions pertaining to National Anthem as well as Welcome to Country etc.

RUBY'S -Vulnerable Youth Project -A District 9705 Project, assistance is sought from Berry Rotary Club to be a support for a pending Residential Youth Facility. Facility will be for Youths who are at risk or currently experiencing homelessness in NSW and in the ACT. It's estimated that through participation in this program, up to 80% of young people return to live with their family's full time. Support from the Club can be in the form of providing some assistance with refurbishment, acting as a sounding board on the selection and design of each home, identifying funding sources and becoming a member of a local working committee to oversee Rotary's ongoing financial or voluntary involvement.

All Board members are in support of Ruby's, though concern was raised as to practicality of support should location of facility be impractical.

Secretary - Suad Haddad

White Card received- Proposed member, **Sonya Van Hoof**.

Sonja's not new to Rotary, and she was a member of Nowra Rotary Club over many years. Sonja has attended three meetings @ Berry, she lives local, and has already volunteered with the Club. She's also known to several members, and there are nil objections from the Board.

Action: Secretary to send email to all Club members, then to proceed with induction etc if nil member concerns.

From Club 'Suggestion Box' -from Lee Saunders. Regarding the Bulletin, that there may be a regular section for a Buy/Swap/Sell/Wanted Section in the weekly Bulletin. All Board in agreeance, and it was determined that a monetary scale be as follows for the seller to pay Berry Rotary Club,

- Items under \$1K – to pay 5%
- Items \$1K - \$10K – to pay 2.5%
- Items \$\$10K upwards – to pay 1%

Previous member, Dave Clarke, requests to stay in receipt of the weekly Bulletin. Said he likes to know what's happening with Berry Rotary. All in agreeance.

Action: Secretary to ask Bulletin Editor to re-include Dave Clark.

Treasurer - Bob Seelis

Bill provided the Board with a copy of the financial report. He gave an update as to current financial status. The Small Farm Field Day was a success and has increased the bottom line for the Clubs' available funds.

Paul Andersen moved that the Treasurers Report be accepted: Seconded by: Shona Gibson

Club Administration - Ian Nicol (Information provided by Haseena)

Club members are happy with the Bowling Club buffet for dinner.

Provision of Tea/Coffee from Club is working well, and the choice of food will rotate on a weekly basis. For those with diet restrictions/food allergies, they're able to make individual orders as deemed necessary.

Community Service - Paul Anderson

Small Farm Field Day has been more successful than expected, thanks to all who assisted with committee input and those providing hands on support. Paul noted that it was an astounding result in view of the number of exhibitors who withdrew at the last minute. He will be writing to all sponsors, exhibitors, and commercial exhibitors. He has received positive feedback to date.

On a different note, an email has been received from Council regarding sawdust and cable ties mess that needs to be cleaned up, and some damage. Paul will facilitate this and has already taken offcuts of wood away, and Phil Monaghan cleaning up the saw dust etc.

Action - Bill will send an invoice pertaining to some damage caused by an exhibitor.

Shipping Container - Still on the hunt for a Shipping Container

Other Events -Paul will now focus on upcoming events including.

Show Society BBQ on 15 Oct,

Berry Merry Christmas Street Parade on 10 Dec

Berry Riding Club Equestrian Interschool Event 17-19 Dec and NYE etc..

New Generations - Shona Gibson

Shona expressed gratefulness for the support she's had in her new role.. Haseena and David Lamshed have interviewed youth applicants and it has been agreed that we should progress with Scholarships.

Berry Public School will not be having an event for International Peace Day this year due to other commitments.

Whilst Shona is on leave, Laurelle Price and David Lamshed will step into the role.

Membership & Vocational -John Brentnall

New Member -Sonja Van Hoof (As noted by Secretary)

There are two other possibilities for membership, Josie, and Malou (a member from Townsville Rotary Club).

Public Relations - Grahame Sweeney

Small Farm Field Day – Some Sponsorship Certificates are yet to be issued, though will be soon. Advertising for this event has been successful in terms of event attendance.

Berry Town Crier for October will have a review for the successful Small Farm Field Days, as well as information re: World Polio Day, 24 Oct.

International & Foundation - Phil Crocker

Phil noted he's preparing to give a talk for the Club in November, and that he'll also be providing brief weekly updates. There will also be an event for World Polio Day on 24 Oct, and that he'll speak with Ken Hutt about that/possible fundraiser event.

GENERAL BUSINESS/NEW BUSINESS ONLY

Shona Gibson will be absent from 28 Sept to mid-November. Off to Scotland (and will visit a Rotary Club there).

Suad Haddad will be absent for the next two weekly meetings, away in Cairns.

Haseena Tweddle – Will not be at the next weekly meeting. Ian Nicol will chair that meeting

Working With Children Check (WWC) - Paul advised there's nil update with any additional members. He is yet to speak with Liz about the possibility of taking on this role,

Berry Christmas Street Parade- Grahame advised that the route will be changed, ending in North Street Play Park, and that Council, Police etc will need to be updated accordingly.

Action - Haseena will work on organising a meeting with Ken/relevant others to facilitate this.

Meeting Closed at: 9:20pm **Next Board Meeting:** Tuesday 11 Oct 2022 @ 7pm.

Haseena Tweddle
President
Berry Rotary Club

Suad Haddad
Secretary
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