



## Board Meeting Minutes - Rotary Club of Berry Inc. 9 August 2022

**Attendance:** Haseena Tweddle, Paul Anderson, Ian Nicol, Grahame Sweeney, Shona Gibson, Bill Seeley and Suad Haddad

**Apologies:** John Brentnall, Phil Crocker

**Meeting opened** – 7pm

### Minutes of Previous Meeting

Motion to move that previous minutes are reflective of a true record of the meeting.  
Moved – Paul Anderson. Seconded: Haseena Tweddle

### Business Arising from Previous Minutes

Note that **Board meeting days** are now changed from 2<sup>nd</sup> Mon to a 2<sup>nd</sup> Tues.

Ambulance Grant - Discussion raised by Grahame re: Ambulance grant. Note that \$200 has been returned to a donor.

\*Motion moved to transfer all money to the Disaster Relief Fund. Moved – Shona, Seconded -Bill  
*Action*- Bill to draft letter to the donor individuals to advise of situation, and Secretary to send out letter, but it is agreed that individual donors could be difficult to identify by name and address.

HACCP License for food- Information from previous secretary yet to be received. At this stage, only Ken and Shona have this license.

*Action* – Haseena to speak with Peter Stinson for update.

Duck Dash - Some concerns have been identified by Raj, and at this stage, the event is unlikely to proceed.

### President - Haseena Tweddle

Fiji School Solar funding - Funding of \$5K is sought to install solar capability at a school in Fiji. The school supports 130 children and some 7 teachers. Other RI Clubs in the District are likely to pledge \$5K each (to make the \$45K needed) \*Sufficient funds are available in Community fund.  
\*Bill moved the motion to support funding of \$5K (on the basis that David Brawn is successful in getting all other funds (20K). Grahame seconded the motion.

*Action* - Haseena to advise David Brawn of outcome.

Polio/Everest Assault – Board agreed to forward \$10K of the available funds in the Everest Assault Account to the RI Polio Account. \*Motion moved -Bill, Seconded – Haseena.

Joint Service Week. The Board agreed that at this time, Berry Rotary Club isn't in a position to participate in this event with Lions/Other clubs, due to own project commitments.

Acknowledgement to Country – Discussion pertaining to some challenging feedback regarding partaking in the ‘Acknowledgement to Country’. Discussed RI’s commitment to Diversity, Inclusion and Equity, and their importance for all RI Clubs.

Board supportive of and agreed that Acknowledgement to Country to be done. However, this can be facilitated at our ‘Bigger Meetings/Special Occasions’ not necessarily at all our weekly meetings.

It was noted however, that wordings need to be inclusive of everyone in the room/Australia.

*Action* – Haseena to make amendments to the words.

#### National Anthem – Advance Australia Fair

Discussion re: whether to continue with singing the National Anthem at the Club’s weekly dinner meetings, and the Board agreed this may need to be decided at a Club Assembly meeting, or possible ‘Secret Ballot’ (in the latter, to advise members of such, one week prior).

*Action* – To bring to **Club Assembly on 13 Oct.**

Tea/Coffee - Bowling Club Bistro are able/willing to provide hot water urns and milk for tea/coffee making for rotary members at our weekly meetings.

Rotary can provide tea/coffee/sugar. Members can contribute a gold coin donation, and this can commence at the next weekly meeting.

#### Buffet

Discussed possibility of returning to buffet style dinner at weekly meetings. It’s noted that following Covid and related health/hygiene concerns, that some members may feel uncomfortable with this. Therefore, this can be raised and agreed on/or not, at a Club Assembly.

*Action* -Ian to speak with George re: possibility of returning to Buffet style dinner.

*Action 2* – Raise at Club Assembly on 13 Oct.

New Members. Raised importance of abiding by and being consistent with new member processes, as per Club’s By-laws. Stress the need for a frank and informative “Fireside Chat”

*Action* – Being a new board, Haseena will go through required new member procedures with John Brentnall, Membership/Vocational Director.

#### Friends of Rotary members/OTHER

As per Constitution, new board are required to accept/renew any such members,

*Action* – Bill and Suad to speak with friend of Rotary member.

A couple of members with health concerns and going through treatment/tests. Understandably, they’ll need our support, and we wish them ease and health.

Zone 8 – Haseena will show a short video at our next meeting. She’ll speak about all things re: Pilot Project and voting.

Big Band dance night – An opportunity to raise funds at this event on **15 Oct** with a BBQ. It’s understood that the night would be BYO food and drink for patrons. The ticket price would include the entertainment plus Tea /Coffee/ cake. However, as we have another event during the day it would best be suited for another date TBA.

#### Secretary - Suad Haddad.

Nil issues raised. On a learning curve

#### Treasurer - Bob Seelis

Bill gave an update as to current financial status.

Two members with outstanding fees. Bill will continue with friendly reminders.

Turf Co donating (pledging) \$10K, However, it's on hold until Nov 22. Should this pledge come through, recommendation will be made to have additional picnic tables in the learn-to-ride area of the Rotary Play Park.

Council Donation Policy - Bill noted recent requirement to ensure we have ongoing approval for all events, and that all must be applied for formally on an annual event. This needs to be sent to Council ASAP and must be done NOW for this financial year.

*Action* – Those leading events to have required document completed NOW

\*Move that Treasurers Report be accepted by Haseena, Seconded - Paul Anderson

### **Club Administration - Ian Nicol**

Nil issues raised. On a learning curve

### **Community Service - Paul Anderson**

Paul provided Secretary with hard copies of meeting minutes and will send e-copies in future. Next meeting for the 'Small Farm Field Day' is Mon 15/8.

Shipping Container – In view of changes to current record keeping location, the Club is seeking an additional shipping container to securely store all required club material. The container will be placed at Rotary member Kens' place. Pending this purchase, a temporary location must be found. \*Paul Proposed that the Club purchase a shipping container and shelving, with possible budget of \$6K. Moved by Bill, seconded by Suad.

In the interim, items will be kept securely at the Berry Riding Club (Thank you Grahame).

Action– Grahame and Ian will be making enquiries re: purchase. \*Note that Ian may have one to sell

Small Farm Field Day – A request to use the BBQ by the local school has been made, and the Board has approved this. The schools' outdoor movie event will be held one week post the small farm field day.

Show Society – The Society have requested Rotary to run a BBQ on 15 Oct 2022. Rotary will be able to sell anything. A great fundraiser/board members supportive.

Berry Riding Club/Interschool Equestrian – Scheduled for 17, 18 & 19 Dec. A Big, busy event for Rotary, with all hands needed over the three days.

Berry Merry Christmas Pde. – Scheduled for 10 Dec.

Discussed route for the event and possibility of ending the parade at the Rotary Play Park.

Therefore, the Traffic Management plan would need to be updated.

Paul Anderson, Ken Hutt and Ian Nicol will meet with Haseena and Jenny to Coordinate.

### **New Generations - Shona Gibson**

Shona has several potential students suitable for RYLA & RYPEN and will follow up with the various schools. She's also getting updated information from RI District Level.

Rotary pays \$1K per child for NYSF and the balance of the cost is borne by the parents, and if eligible, can apply for a grant from NYSF.

\*Choc Wheel - Bill advised that Choc Wheel can be used for these funds (as not subject to GST when used for youth/child programs).

-A suggestion from Grahame to use an 'A frame' board during Choc Wheel, indicating that money raised goes to local youth programs.

**Membership & Vocational -John Brentnall**

See above by Haseena re: Guidelines/By-Laws re: processes for new members and Friends of Rotary.

**Public Relations - Grahame Sweeney**

'Town Crier' – An article re: new president, and new board noted.

Next month's Town Crier will have the Small Farm Field Day details/promo

Field Day will have a commercial produced, be on radio and event guide magazine.

The event details go to the printer in one week, so all details need to be ready. Graphic designer requires program of speakers ASAP.

**International & Foundation - Phil Crocker**

See above re: Fiji/Solar School Project

Agreed to have Phil Crocker speak at a weekly meeting to update all on International Foundation.

*Action* - Haseena will speak with Phil

**GENERAL BUSINESS/NEW BUSINESS ONLY**

WWC – Paul Accreditation. Paul sent out an email today to 17 members who aren't accredited with Working with Children Check. (5 have let their accreditation lapse.). It's important to have as many as possible have a current WWC.

\*Suggestion that new member, lawyer, Liz Parnell, may be able to give a talk/or lead this.

*Action* - Paul to speak with Liz

Discussion re: RI's new area of focus (Environmental).

We have 7 areas of focus but don't necessarily require a director for all of them.

In the interim, the Board is to consider who can take over this area of focus.

Suggestion to bring a summary after the board meeting, to update members at the weekly meeting.

All in agreeance of this, and Haseena will update at the next meeting.

A summary can be put on the website.

Speaker - Neale Whitaker (the Block) will be a guest speaker at our weekly meeting on 20 Oct

Paul Anderson- Working Bee on the 'Avenue of Trees' will be held sometime in the next 3 weeks.

Stakes have broken or fallen over and the tops of four trees have broken off, therefore needing to be replanted. Suggested that possibly a Friday is best suited, and information will be noted at the weekly meeting seeking volunteers.

Meeting Closed at: 10pm

Next Board Meeting: **Tuesday 13 September 2022, at 7pm.**

Haseena Tweddle  
President  
Berry Rotary Club

Suad Haddad  
Secretary  
Berry Rotary Club

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