



Board Meeting Minutes - Rotary Club of Berry Inc. 14 February 2023

Attendance: Haseena Tweddle, Paul Andersen, Bill Seelis, Suad Haddad, John Brentnall, Shona Gibson, Phil Crocker, Ian Nicol.

Apologies: Grahame Sweeney

Meeting opened: 7:08pm

Minutes of Previous Meeting

Haseena moved a motion that the minutes of January's meeting be accepted. Ian seconded.

Business Arising from Previous Minutes

Avenue of Trees – Paul advised that in view of various events/commitments in the last month, that he is yet to coordinate a working bee. He will speak with members to facilitate this.

New Projects – Haseena will forward the 'Think Tank' from Horan's to Board Members.

Resolutions List – Suad still working on completing the list and will meet with Haseena.

BOARD REPORTS

President – Haseena Tweddle

Haseena congratulated all for the tremendous hard work involved in the events recently, a fantastic outcome all round.

Australia Day Breakfast was a knockout and the Red Hot Summer Tour was a very hot day. We had issues with the Wi-Fi and nil 4G Network at that event, so we lost some business due to that, but overall, a great success. Bill is continuing with querying strategies to avoid this.

There's food left from the RHST Event, and we are grateful that Lee was able to take back drinks, fresh tomato and onions.

Regarding members' lack of attendance (Horan's), it was agreed that a level of attendance is an important aspect of members supporting one another. However, in view of the various issues raised, including ill health, it was agreed to await a couple of months, then to review status.

Next Event is a Music and Arts Festival on 8 April. It's a 2 day Festival but main day is 8 April. Haseena will raise this with members, in view of having a Rotary Grill/BBQ (Shona highlighted that for the Celtic Festival, we won't be having a Rotary Grill/BBQ).

Ken and Deb want to organise an event at Kens' farm for one of our Thursday meetings, 16 March 2023. Deb will organise the food and will ask Jacquie and Priscilla for assistance. Food from last event can be used and we can start earlier, from 4:30/5pm.

Rotary Internationals 115 Year Birthday is 23/2/23 – This event can be a Partners Night and Trivia Night. Ian suggested to have a wig wearing night for a little fun. Yes Ian, we like fun!

Haseena will be attending Rotary District Training in March @ at Merimbula.

Shona and board members congratulated Haseena on all her hard passionate work. Thanks for all you do President Haseena!

Honorary Members – Col Hanbridge, and Noel Marshall. Haseena noted we may need to record a message from them, to show at a weekly meeting, should they be unable to attend/be presented with honorary membership.

Secretary - Suad Haddad

Suad highlighted there are now over 37,000 deceased following the Turkieh/Syria Earthquake, noting our District is supporting via Shelter Box. Discussion around this and unanimous agreement that pending cost of Shelter Boxes (apparently different types), our Club will make a donation not exceeding \$4K. Bill will make enquiries/facilitate this.

Graham Sweeney – Relaying from Grahame about a 6x3 marquee following the Berry Show, in that the canopy has become thin and unsuitable for stitching or another tape repair. Grahame was quoted \$330, including GST. All in agreeance for Grahame to purchase new canopy.

Peter Stinson – Peter relayed feedback/ideas on NYE, making recommendations to; Donate \$200 to the Dog Agility Group. Paul moved the motion, Seconded by Haseena. Seating along the Avenue of trees – This will be a Council matter. Both President Haseena and Paul have a copy of recommendations/Wash Up.

Treasurer – Bill Seelis

Bill gave an update as to current financial status (has emailed a thorough report to board members). Accounts are looking healthy.

The following are approx only – clear amounts in report. NYE - 23K, OZ DAY – 6K, RHST -4K, Berry Show 9K. (all excluding GST). *10% will be going into the Disaster Relief fund.

Proposed to donate \$1K each to CWA, and Silver band. Motion moved by Bill. Seconded -Ian

Club Administration -Ian Nicol

Rotary Internationals 115 yr Birthday is on 23/2/23 – This will be a partners Night and wig wearing event. Ian will let members know.

Buffet food is going OK, likewise Tea/Coffee seems to be enjoyed by members.

Community Service - Paul Andersen

Haseena thanked Paul for all his hard work, couldn't have done it without him.

Paul presented an update via a report (copy provided to Board members), providing highlights of recent and upcoming events, including number of members who supported/volunteered for each event.

Shipping Container -We may have the container set up in approx. 3 weeks' time. It'll be beside our other one at Kens' place. Paul will call for a working bee to build footings preplacement of container.

New Generations - Shona Gibson

*Celtic Festival – Shona updated that the Clans are starting to book, there'll be 66 Clans. PLC School will attend. Bands have been booked and there will be some fee free sites to Community Service Groups such as CWA. This year there'll be some added expenses such as First Aid, and entry fee will be increased to \$15. Shona/Committee are happy with progress.

Shona advised there's positive feedback from the 2 NYSF students. The 2 students will soon attend one of our weekly meetings to give a talk.

A great promotional article in the Town Crier, which was great advertising for the Rotary Youth Programs, and next up will be the Mo Higgins award in April 2023.

Membership & Vocational -John Brentnall

A membership proposal form has been received, with Phil Crocker being sponsor. Candidate is Carolyn Robinson. In view of board members not having met her, though she is said to have attended 3 meetings, it was proposed that Carolyn be invited to attend another meeting so that members can get to know her. Phil agreed to invite her again.

Public/Membership Information Night for Prospective Members – to be held at the Uniting Church Hall on Wednesday 22 March, 7pm to 8:30pm, with drinks/nibbles and informal round tables. Members facilitating this will be Haseena, John, Bill, Ken, Sonja, Paul/Liz Parnell, and David B. In addition, members who invite a prospective member can attend with them.

Public Relations - Grahame Sweeney

*See Secretary Report

International & Foundation - Phil Crocker

Phil spoke about the importance of raising awareness of, and ultimately more members becoming Rotary Benefactors. Our Club has less than a handful of benefactors, and he'll continue to raise this where he can. Benefactors need only commit to a minimum of \$1K (USD).

GENERAL BUSINESS/NEW BUSINESS ONLY

Headset – Paul raised issue that a number of club members have hearing difficulties, and that we could assist by having a head piece/set for speakers. Haseena will make enquiries about this.

Phil Monaghan has sent information regarding event improvement items including the purchase of our own Bain-marie, and three (3) tables that are height adjustable. Prices for such were checked at meeting. Paul moved a motion to purchase items, and Haseena seconded.

Paul raised safety concern regarding lack of lights in BBQ Area. It was agreed to have a wired LED light in that area instead of portable lights. Bill will speak with sparky to install. All Unanimously agreed.

Food Service Course – It was agreed to encourage more members to have a Certificate of food service, in view of the number of food related events we hold. Shona will make enquiries with TAFE.

Ian proposed to tidy up the Bowlo Club Rotary Cupboard. Haseena offered to assist him.

Suad raised the importance of having Kitchen Rules, inclusive of safety, hygiene etc. She'll make a draft list and liaise with Horst/Narelle. This can be laminated and used for all events. It'll include rules such as; Take your apron off when going to the toilet, not eating in the kitchen, wearing closed shoes etc.

Meeting Closed: 9:38pm **Next Board Meeting:** Tuesday 14 March 2023, 7pm.

Haseena Tweddle
President
Rotary Club of Berry

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Secretary
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