

## **MINUTES OF MRCA COMMITTEE MEETING 4 JULY 2007**

Meeting opened 7.10pm

Present: Mareeca Steer, Martin Hughes, Trish Grice.

Apologies: Jill Dobkin, Inés Pintos-Lopez, Carmel Birch

Absent without apologies: Jeremy Mears, Vern Drew, Richard Stone, Michael Da Roza

### **1. Minutes of the meeting held on 13 June 2007**

**Motion:** To accept the minutes of the meeting held on 13 June 2007

**Moved:** Mareeca Steer **Seconded:** Martin Hughes

**Carried.**

### **2. Business Arising**

- (i) Management Plan. This has not gone to Council as yet – will be soon.
- (ii) Letter of support to Cooma Unlimited – has been done
- (iii) Donation cheque has gone to Jill Robinson at the Cemetery (thank you has been received)
- (iv) Donation cheque has gone to school – and thank you received.
- (v) Martin has not yet spoken to Victor Chang foundation about guest speaker – will be doing that in the coming week.
- (vi) Oval meeting didn't happen, will be on Saturday 7 July instead – signs will go up at shop.

### **3. Correspondence**

- (i) Letter of support has gone to Colinton Rural Fire Brigade for funding under Community Water Grants.
- (ii) Letter of support has gone to Cooma Unlimited for the support of upgrade of Bobeyan Road
- (iii) Letter of support has gone to Michelago P&C
- (iv) Letter of support has gone to Michelago Pony Club.
- (v) Email from Inez was received which was an update – there does not appear to be committees looking at the development of tourism in the Snowy Mountains Region.
- (vi) Email that had been forwarded about free installation of energy efficient lightglobes. All Michelago community members need to do is call 6260 5011 and register, once there are enough registered someone will call around and replace all the old lightbulbs with energy efficient ones.
- (vii) Email from Michael Lees stating that the next meeting of the Cooma Monaro Shire Noxious Weed Advisory Committee would be in June and asking for any locals who would like to contact Mr Lees in relation to weeds in general to do so. This email was forwarded onto all members who had supplied an email address.
- (viii) Our Community Newsletter
- (ix) Volunteering ACT Newsletter

### **4 Treasurer's Report**

Martin tabled the Treasurer's report. As at the 4 July the net assets of MRCA is \$724.48. However the grant funding has still not been spent on the equipment. Trish

sent Michael an email asking about the status of this purchase in June – but no response was received.

**Motion:** To accept the Treasurer's Report

**Moved:** Mareeca Steer **Seconded:** Trish Grice

**Carried.**

Martin reported that in an earlier meeting the MRCA had agreed that the interest received on the term deposit, be deposited into the general account, however due to a misunderstanding in the way the account was set up, the interest was left in the term deposit. Martin asked the committee to consider leaving the arrangements this way – as the general operating account does not accrue interest, and it would earn the MRCA more money to have the interest left in the term deposit.

Motion: Approve the interim transaction applied to the term deposit where the interest was reinvested and to leave the arrangement for future transactions as the same.

**Moved:** Mareeca Steer **Seconded:** Trish Grice

**Carried.**

Martin asked for petty cash to be reimbursed.

**Motion:** That petty cash be reimbursed to the value of \$50.00

**Moved:** Mareeca Steer **Seconded:** Trish Grice

**Carried.**

## 5. General Business

(i) Meeting Behaviour:

Due to the unacceptable behavior of certain members in the past, it was decided that meeting behavior needed to be addressed. It was found that in the past committee members signed a code of conduct. The code of conduct was as follows:

*As an Officer I agree that I will:*

- 1. Uphold the rules and objectives of the Association.*
- 2. In my dealings with fellow Officers, treat them with respect, control my temper and never participate in verbal abuse or deliberate provocation.*
- 3. Not interfere, bully or take advantage of a fellow Officer.*
- 4. Keep confidential what is said at committee meetings and is intended to remain confidential.*
- 5. Speak supportively and credibly of the Association and fellow Officers.*
- 6. Encourage fellow Officers.*
- 7. Co-operate with fellow Officers.*

It was noted that the members of the current committee had not signed this code of conduct. This will be remedied at the next meeting.

**Motion:** A copy of the Code of Conduct to be signed by all committee members and adhered to.

**Moved:** Mareeca Steer **Seconded** Martin Hughes

**Carried.**

Code of conduct for non committee members, but members of the Association also need to be looked at.

(ii) Duty Statements. There is a description of the duty statements of each committee member in the constitution.

(iii) Action List. An action list will be produced at the end of each meeting and emailed to members within a day or two, so that actions can be attended to sooner.

(iv) Oval – an open public meeting will be held on Saturday 7 July at 9.00am to 10.30am to look at the plans and for discussion. Mareeca will put up a sign at the shop and will attend the meeting.

(v) Laptop and printer.

**Motion:** To give Trish Grice approval to purchase a laptop, multi function centre and software up to \$2100.00.

**Moved:** Martin Hughes **Seconded:** Mareeca Steer.

**Carried.**

(vi) Grant funding – an application for further funding has gone in for tables, chairs and a marquee.

(v) Michelago Mayfair – Trish had sent an email to Michael asking if he had put together a survey to go to local people about any businesses that may be interested in participating, but has not received a reply as yet.

## **6. Fundraising Opportunities**

(i) Havey Norman Barbeque with Michelago Fire Brigade will happen on Sunday 11 November.

(ii) Upgrades of the sports field and tennis courts. Before grant money can be applied for – quotes need to be obtained on how much the work would cost. Trish will contact people in Bredbo to ask what the costs were for their tennis courts.

(iii) Cemetery tree planting – as the trees won't be planted until spring, people will not be asked for a donation until a few weeks beforehand. An article about this to go into the newsletter.

## **7. Committee Reports**

No specific reports talked about as most members were absent.

Meeting closed at 8.40pm

Next meeting Wednesday 1 August at 7.00pm