



MINUTES OF MRCA COMMITTEE MEETING 6 December 2007

Meeting opened 7.20pm

Present:, Martin Hughes, Carmel Birch, Mareeca Steer, Inés Pintos-Lopez, Vern & Sue Drew Trish Grice.

Apologies: None

1. Minutes of the meeting held on 7 November 2007

Motion: To accept the minutes of the meeting held on 7 November 2007.

Moved Martin Hughes **Seconded** Carmel Birch

Carried.

2. Correspondence

- (i) Emails from Dugald Mitchell about Cooma Unlimited received by Mareeca
- (ii) Emails from GIO about insurance received by Martin Hughes.

3. Business Arising

- (i) No response yet from RTA
- (ii) No response from SE Arts
- (iii) Nothing progressed with Caroline Fox – Ines is going away for 12 months – Mareeca will take this over.
- (iv) Oval plan – Martin and Sally have done the proposed plan and Martin showed this to the committee. Discussion ensued. A wish list was put together. Martin will draw it up properly and Mareeca will take it into Council. The wish list will be prioritised.

Action: Martin and Mareeca

4 Treasurer's Report

Martin stated that the balance of the MRCA bank account stands at \$2614.16 with outstanding cheques of \$120.00. The term deposit has a balance of \$3042.79

Harvey Norman BBQ income was \$1233.25. After taking out the expenditure items the net profit was \$556.47 which will be split 50/50 with MRFB (\$278.23).

Bucket for donations still on the table – with the profits being split between Colinton and Michelago Brigades.

Motion: To accept the Treasurer's report.

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

Carried.

5 General Business

(i) The grounds around the big railway shed to the road are overgrown and need to be cleaned up. If there is no action we will ask MRFB to take action and do a training burn. Mareeca will ask Richard if the fire brigade is interested. If they aren't Mareeca will contact Bruce Blain from the Railway Historical Society to start work.

Action: Mareeca

(ii) Newsletter. Martin reported that he had had very good feedback on the newsletter from members of the community. A lot of people didn't get the newsletter. It is unclear how the postie delivered the newsletters. More newsletters shouldn't be printed, but the left overs should be distributed at various places including the Inn. Another newsletter needs to be put together to go out in early to mid January. Committee members to put together any articles and send to Trish before sending off to Cathy.

Action: All members

(iii) Michelago Mayfair. Carmel has left messages for a ride provider, but hasn't heard back as yet. Carmel to follow up.

Action: Carmel

Martin went to the Dalgety Fair and noticed that most people were interested in things like sheepdog trials, whipcracking, horse training, childrens' animal farm, country music and a bush dance. Martin will contact the organizers of the Dalgety Fair and ask them about insurance etc.

Action: Martin

Discussion about the involvement of the Council with various projects. If a 355 Committee was set up – it would be a subcommittee of the Council and could be used for insurance coverage. An alternative could be that we run our various community events in conjunction with the Hall Committee. Carmel will get in touch with Ross Lawly, Recreational Officer at Cooma Council to discuss the possibility of doing this.

Action: Carmel

The target market for this fair, is the local people as well as Canberrans.

(iv) Harvey Norman BBQ. 2 bbq's have been booked for 2008.

(v) Insurance. Martin reported that GIO agreed to stick with their original quote. Insurance for volunteers states that volunteers must be a paid member – otherwise they are not covered. Still waiting for GIO to get back to Martin regarding the cost of running the Mayfair. This may be expensive. Each event costs extra.

(vi) Cooma Council – new GM is John Vucic. Mareeca met with him on Tuesday 4 December. He is very interested in growth.. The NSW government and the LEP have made the Sydney/Canberra corridor which is working very well and he would like to see the Canberra/Cooma corridor opened up. It was a very positive meeting. John Vucic would like to attend a committee meeting, Mareeca will invite him to a meeting early in the new year perhaps early February.

Action: Mareeca

Mareeca will also write to all government members inviting each of them to a meeting in 2008.

Action: Mareeca

(vii) AGM. Sunday 17 February commencing at 4.00pm. This will be advertised in the newsletter.

(viii) This meeting was Ines' last meeting – the committee thanked her very much for her contribution over the past year.

Meeting closed at 8.55pm

Next meeting Wednesday 9 January at 7.00pm