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MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MINUTES

Monday 2 October 2023

Venue: Bush Theatre Café

Zoom - None

The committee meeting convened today, 2 October 2023. Quorum was not attained. The following is a true and proper record of what was discussed.

Meeting Commenced: 9.15am

Acknowledgement of Country

ORDINARY BUSINESS

- 1. MINUTE TAKER:** Nicole Lindner
- 2. COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:** Dafydd Hyett [President], Aline Binetruy, Liam Brehme and Nicole Lindner.
Apologies: Diana Roberts [Vice President], Peter Hughes [Treasurer], David Spain [Secretary], Caroline Todd and Sammi Allen.
- 3. NOMINATIONS FOR CHAIRPERSON:** Dafydd Hyett
- 4. NON-CONTENTIOUS ANNOUNCEMENTS AND DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT:** Nil
- 5. MINUTES:**

Liam/ Nicole	That the v02 draft Minutes from 04-09-2023 be adopted	Carried
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- 6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES:**

HOOP SIGNS

Discussion: During the meeting, it was discussed that the Nimbin Chamber of Commerce had received a positive response from Lismore Council regarding the renewal of Nimbin's entry hoop signs. The redesign and replacement of these signs fall under the purview of the Council. The overarching objective is to rejuvenate, replenish, and reposition the hoop signs to more strategically located areas at both entrances to the town, accompanied by landscaped gardens.

It was emphasised that Council intends to assess the Nimbin Village strategy to inform the design of the new signage. However, it was noted that this review process will not commence within the next six months.

Action Item: A formal letter will be drafted to the Council, expressing the Chamber's request for the

installation of a new, additional sign at the entry road from The Channon to Nimbin. The proposed location for this sign is anticipated to be near the vicinity of the service station.

7. CORRESPONDENCE:

Numerous responses have been received for the Expression of Interest (EOI) pertaining to **Mural Artists in Nimbin**. The artists' names have been systematically compiled and are stored within the NCoC Google Drive in the form of an artist excel spreadsheet.

7. BUSINESS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE: Reflected in body of minutes.

8. FINANCIAL REPORT: The financial statements were tabled by the Treasurer, no issues were identified.

Aline / Dafydd	That the chamber believes it can pay its debt as they fall due. That the financial report be accepted.	Carried
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9. APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP:

Nil outstanding applications for membership.

GENERAL BUSINESS

10. WOMEN IN BUSINESS SUB-COMMITTEE UPDATE

The Women in Business Sub-committee provided an update on its recent activities:

- It was resolved by the sub-committee that the Nimbin Chamber of Commerce will host a total of four workshops or events annually.
- The \$1000 in funding, which was approved during the last committee meeting, will be retained in the NCoC account to support a larger end-of-year event.

Additionally, Chamber Committee members Aline and Nicole reported on their meeting with Amy Colli from Sourdough Business Pathways/Women in Burringbar. The purpose of the meeting was to:

- Gain insights into the development and operations of Sourdough Business Women.
- Seek advice on relevant matters.
- Explore potential mentorship opportunities for women in business in Nimbin.

It was noted that Sourdough Pathways Women are currently on hiatus due to the discontinuation of federal funding. The possibility of re-establishing a relationship with Sourdough Pathways Women will be considered once their situation becomes clearer in the new year.

11. SBVRL – AQUARIUS ACQUITTAL

It was reported that Dafydd will be responsible for completing the acquittal process for the Aquarius project for the SBVRL. Dafydd to provide LCC with the details.

12. SMALL BUSINESS MONTH WORKSHOP UPDATE

Nicole provided an update on the Small Business Month workshop.

- **Event:** "Let your brand shine! Simplify your socials with AI"
- **Location:** Nimbin Bush Theatre Cafe & Visitor Centre

- **Date:** Friday, October 27th, at 8:00 AM
- **Registration Category:** Free
- **Attendees:** Max. 30.

The workshop will be conducted by Kylie Mowbray-Allen from Hello Media. It is an exclusive in-person workshop designed for Small Business Month. Attendees will learn how to harness Artificial Intelligence (AI) for content generation and streamline their social media efforts.

At the suggestion of Lismore City Council, it has been decided to provide Kyle from Hello Media with a thank-you gift for delivering the AI workshop. The value of the gift will be \$100, and the cost will be covered by NCoC (Nimbin Chamber of Commerce). Caroline will be responsible for purchasing the thank-you gift.

13. WICK AND RAIN AETHER WORKLOAD INCREASE

The Committee has proposed an increase in Aethers work commitment for the chamber, from the previously agreed 2 hours per week to 6 hours per week. The Chamber Committee believes that the additional hours are necessary to maintain momentum and consistency in implementing much-needed improvements. The residual funds from Dog Whistle will be utilised to cover additional expense. This results in an additional cost of \$640 per month. The chamber will prioritise seeking value for money in this arrangement. NCoC also believes it would be beneficial to track any additional income or outputs resulting from Aether's activities as a result of the increased hours.

14. GOOGLE WORKSHOP TRAINING REQUEST

A proposal has been made to organise a workshop day focused on Google Workspace and its various functions. This training opportunity is aimed at benefiting local Nimbin businesses. The proposal will be brought up for discussion with Lismore Council on Wednesday, October 4th, to seek their consideration and support in delivering this workshop for the Nimbin community.

15. GOOGLE DRIVE IMPROVEMENT

During the committee meeting, the value of having Wick from Aether set up and establish the Google Drive for the Chamber, with a particular focus on task management within the workspace, was discussed. Additionally, it was considered valuable if Wick could potentially manage the task management side of the committee's projects for a short period until the appropriate systems are in place. This might involve attendance at committee meetings for the foreseeable future.

16. NEXT AGM

The next Annual General Meeting (AGM) is scheduled to be held on November 20, 2023, at the Bush Theatre Cafe. The committee believes it would be a valuable exercise for the newly nominated committee to convene a meeting, focusing on delineating the roles of each member, setting clear expectations regarding their involvement, specifying deliverables, and developing position descriptions for each role.

17. NIMBIN BROCHURE/ MAP

A working group, consisting of members Dafydd, Liam, and Caroline, has been formed to address the need for updating the Nimbin map. There is a consensus that the anarchist trail map would be suitable for this purpose. The updated map will be presented for approval at the next meeting, contingent upon seeking clarification on the Chamber's rights to use it. The working group will also review and refine the wording as necessary.

9. Next Meeting: 6th November 2023, 9:00am, tbc???

10. Next AGM: 20th November 2023, Nimbin Bush Theatre.

End of Meeting 11.20am