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# MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MINUTES

Monday 11 October 2021, by Zoom

Meeting commenced 1730 hrs

Acknowledgment of Country

1. **MINUTE TAKER:** David Spain
2. **COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:** Diana Roberts [President], David Spain [Secretary] Peter Hughes [Treasurer], Samantha Allen, Caroline Todd, Kylie Cain, Stephanie Seckold.  
**Apologies:** Theresa Biscoe [Vice President],
3. **CHAIRPERSON:** Diana Roberts
4. **NON-CONTENTIOUS ANNOUNCEMENTS / CONFLICTS OF INTEREST:**
5. **MINUTES OF LAST COMMITTEE MEETING:**

The chairperson traversed the draft minutes of last committee meeting on 06-09-2021.

Kylie / Sammi	That the draft minutes of 06-09-2021 be accepted.	Carried
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## 6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM LAST COMMITTEE MINUTES:

**DCP Meeting:** About 30 people attended by Zoom. Submissions are now closed. NCOC & NCCI made a joint submission. LCC has now established a question on their “Your Say” page regarding water security concerns.

**Aquarius 50-Year celebration:** The Aquarius Foundation has not held an AGM, due to Covid. It is happy for NCOC-NCCI and the tourist officer (Wil Polson) to have as much input as they please, for events over 10 days. Ideas should be channelled thru Wil Polson with a view to seeking grant funding for organisation and delivery of a program of activities. Current ideas for events are Jeni Kendall historic photos, Alicia on indigenous involvement in the original festival, story-telling, concert (David Hallett), alternative architecture (Robbie Swan). Ideas can be sent via Wil.

**Walking Trail:** The NCCI management and Stan Palmer from the NAG met with new LCC GM last Friday week Unexpected land issues have arisen; some land is still in name of Mal Rothwell as his estate is not fully administered. The ROW at corner of the hall & community school does not actually link to Cullen Street, but LCC may help in buying some land if it enhances the project’s outcomes. To date the new owner of 12 Cecil St has been very cooperative and reportedly excited by the project. LCC has decided to manage the project but is open to local project management, so expressions of interest are pertinent. The Chamber was not represented, only NCCI, but a second rep is now available so Diana is it and will also represent NCCI.

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**Tourism & Destination Officer** [“TDO”] is Wil Polsen, who will have a room (old projection room) at Bush Theatre.

**Stripe Account:** Is necessary for the online shop and is obtained by application to Stripe. Applicants complete a form which requires ID as an anti-fraud precaution. Peter to set this up.

**Nimbin Poetry World Cup:** Has been adjourned to 4-5 December. Caroline is to send sending information to Peter who will organise payment of sponsorship

**Chamber Chat:** Diana is awaiting Darren’s policies.

**Levy Acquittal on SBVRL:** Goes to council tomorrow night and will hopefully be approved. We have asked for consent to us doing this annually rather than every 6 months, using LCC’s excel template format.

**AGM:** We need to adjourn this to December if we are to maximize attendance by double-vaccinated members. This would also give us more time to advance current nascent problems. Proposed new date is 6pm on Wednesday 08-12-2021. Diana to confirm with Bush Theatre. David to prepare & send out replacement Notice, with agenda to include motions enabling Zoom meetings and increasing committee 7 up to 9.

**Constitution Map:** Biko supplied an improved map.

**Letter to NSW Health:** Was sent but no reply

**“Why Leave Town” Initiative:** Nimbin will not get involved in this for now. Lismore will run as a trial case.

**7. CORRESPONDENCE:**

From LCC	Management of Walking Trail	
Jane Laverty (Regional BC)	Invitation to event 07-10-2021	
“	Our letter to, re support for “Bigger Backyards” grant	
Steph Seckold	Brochure & Map artwork	

**8. BUSINESS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE:**

**9. TREASURER’S REPORT**

The treasurer tabled a financial report. There has been a substantial increase in membership (now 58, after a lot of effort). The treasurer is preparing a template for expenditure from the SBVRL levy (which is only collected from Cullen Street properties), so as to make acquittal easier next year. We have to track whether expenditures are from the grants or from general funds.

Peter / Sammi	That the financial report for the month of September be adopted	Carried
Peter / Sammi	That we are solvent and can pay our debts as they fall due	Carried

**10. APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP:**

Kylie / David	That Nimbin Apothecary Clinic be admitted to membership	Carried [Sammi abstaining]
Kylie / Sammi	That Gwen Trimble t/as Carefree ceremonies be admitted to membership	Carried

Kylie / Sammi	That Nimbin Crystal Tourist Park [Caravan Park] be admitted to membership	Carried
	That Deemcept P/L t/as Jerrapark Air BNB be admitted to membership	Carried
	That Sue Cook t/as Nimbin Haberdashery be admitted to membership	Carried
	That Mark Watterson t/as Nimbin Motors be admitted to membership	Carried
	That Marnee Wong t/as Nimbin Tie Die be admitted to membership as a microbusiness	Carried
	That Arc of Embodiment be admitted to membership upon payment of membership fee	Carried
	That Nimbin Hotel be admitted to membership upon payment of membership fee	Carried

- 11. New Website:** We sent letter to all businesses on the Visit Nimbin website, advising that if they are not paid NCOC members (listed on our online directory) they will be removed from the NCOC website. Dogwhistle will provide training on maintaining the backend of these sites. Specific information will be posted within NCOC's "Current Projects". Dogwhistle will not be maintaining the NCOC & NCCI sites after 31 December, so we need to seek expressions of interest at hourly rates. Biko from NCCI will so in name of NCCI. The "Visit Nimbin" website will be managed by LCC (under liaison from Wil Polsen). There will be several photoshoots, such as "Images of Nimbin" (for the Visit Nimbin website) and business photoshoot over 2-3 days (for NCOC website). General images for a banner might be landscape drone images of main street & environment, original Aquarius festival, early Nimbin [Brian Alexander], street characters, local attractions [skate park, swimming pool, markets, Roots festival], flora & fauna,

- 12. Nimbin Brochure with Map:** As presented by Stephanie is acceptable. Quote (including folding of A3 into DL) from Lismore City Printery, for 4000 copies of A3 brochure with map, is \$620 incl. GST. North direction to be inserted. This brochure will go on website. The QR code is working.

Steph / Caroline	That we authorise Lismore City Printery to print 4000 copies of Nimbin brochure with map at \$620	Carried
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- 12. SIGNS:** Steph advised that all the three 'Welcome to Nimbin' signs are finalized, except for the village map, which Elspeth is still painting. She has distributed a map indicating proposed locations for the Welcome to Nimbin' signs and for the three audio posts, being history at 7 Sibley Street, Environment Centre and between Hall & Laundromat. Steph will ask LCC for permissions.

We have a \$10,000 budget to pay artists but it has been difficult to find suitable ones. Gilbert agreed that we could reproduce his existing artwork of Rocks in a collage. Benny has indicated he will permit reproduction of his flag image (on brochures) .

Kylie / Sammi	That, subject to receipt of an invoice in acceptable terms, we pay \$2500 + GST if applicable to each of Gilbert & Benny (for their licencing of existing copyright) and Elspeth once her commissioned sign is finished. David & Steph to settle terms of the copyright licence	Carried
Kylie / Sammi	That we pay \$2500 to Steph for assignment of copyright in the map/brochure, with the artwork to be supplied in Publisher and with the right to amend same as the future requires	Carried, Stephanie abstaining

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13. **Facebook & Instagram Accounts:** As part of the grant, Dogwhistle are giving training on use of these media. Steph, Sammi & Kylie will all attend.
14. **Meeting with Tina Irish:** [ Of LCC Economic development] re Aquarius festival grant. Has been adjourned until November
15. **VIC email address** cost is \$7.95 per month

Steph / Sammi	That we cover cost of hosting this address on an annual basis	Carried
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16. **Business Reactivation Group:** Jodie Tichbourne from Pot of Gold and Diana as Chamber president are delegates to this Lismore group.
17. **Online Shop:** Diana, Steph & Sammi have drawn up a list of potential products for sale via our online shop. This enables numerous small producers to sell items via central advertising & despatch. 30 products will be chosen if possible and Dogwhistle will take images. This costs on the Wix platform is \$300pa. The project will only work if channelled thru one outlet, which might be the VIC and administered by Dave Hyett & Kaz. This is potentially a good revenue earner so long as it is managed properly, product supply is reliable and despatch happens say only 1 day per week. The Hemp Embassy online shop sells mainly cosmetics & books. A markup policy above wholesale price (and producers' rrp) would be necessary to cover NCOC's share (for acting as vendor arranging the shop & strip account at \$0.30 per transaction + 1.37%) .
18. **Business NSW Alliance Program---** Jane Laverty has promised to organise a presentation to us to give an overview of potential benefit of joining
19. **Chamber Chat:** current business & planning info, how to continue next year, next agenda
20. **Next NCOC Committee Meeting** -- 5.30pm on Monday 01 November 2021, by Zoom

**End:** 1940 hrs

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