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MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MINUTES

Monday 05 July 2021, Zoom

Meeting commenced 1704 hrs

Acknowledgment of Country

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

The chairperson traversed the draft minutes of last committee meeting on 07-06-2021.

Kylie / Peter	That the draft minutes of 07-06-2021 be accepted.	Carried
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- 6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM LAST COMMITTEE MINUTES:**

Stencilling: Stephanie has not yet invoiced for paint.

LCC Procurement Policy: Diana letter to LCC tabled. LCC tourist officer is being procured on a full-time basis at \$80k pa, to be based at Bush Theatre. Diana & Stephanie met with new LCC CEO. He has developed a position description and has asked us to meld ours into it. Diana is attending to it. LCC is expecting applicant to have a tertiary degree in events management, but the committee considered that is not necessarily desirable for Nimbin. LCC does not insist that the officer report directly to it; the committee proposes that the officer be directly be accountable to NCOC, with Dave Highett to be co-opted. LCC will run the selection. Diana & Steph to be NCOC delegates.

LCC Meeting: (a) LCC has looked at stairs back of B+B

(b) It was also looked at DOE land necessary to extend the carpark, and will talk to DOE. There is \$15,000 available from LCC for a study to address NBN connectivity at Nimbin, but that has improved recently. Our problem is interruption of power supply, so- application of these funds is being considered in context of broad criteria. Perhaps a Tesla battery would be best application.

Website Update: At present the website is a Chamber one, but with merger into the LCC “Visit Nimbin” site, so (Liz says) every chamber member could be in the website directory. However, any business that wants a professional photo shoot, and to be on both websites (LCC and NCOC) will have to be both a member of NCOC and pay an extra \$40. There is a limit of 40 in this category. It is particularly desirable that substantial tourist & accommodation providers be in it. We will definitely need one central person to do constant uploads to the websites. Les in WA has been very reliable in updating the NCOC website at \$50ph, but having a local person is desirable.

World CC: Prize application was submitted, but we are unlikely to win and no one wants to go to Dubai if we do.

Aquarius 50-Year celebration: Benny has stepped down as president of Aquarius Foundation, which has held an AGM -- Renee & Binna are now contact point. AF is concerned that, by offering \$10k for an organizer at 1 day pw for 6 months, NCOC is trying to take over a concept that they have kept alive for 50 years. It would be best, save us \$10k, and avoid integral involvement with AF deliberations, if NCOC stepped back from it and just endorsed the concept as one for the tourism development officer to run with. However, it is likely that AF fears not being heard and may be concerned at an LCC-funded officer having excessive input. Possibly way to go would be not to fund anything and just help promote or co-ordinate any concept AF defines. Stephanie & Biko to liaise with AF.

7. CORRESPONDENCE:

The secretary advised that some responses had been received from entities within the police force. See Business arising.

8. BUSINESS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE:

David said he would continue to reply to police responses, stressing that we are not concerned to pursue complaints against specific police or inquiry into specific incidents, so much as rather to develop a co-operative & respectful mutual approach to future public events in Nimbin.

9. TREASURER’S REPORT

The treasurer tabled a financial report.

We have spent the SBVRL for previous years but have some surplus from previous years. We have only been asked to acquit last year’s, so it was agreed we should just treat the earlier surpluses as general revenue.

We should pay the BSP hosting invoice monthly (or quarterly) as this cost will be taken over by LCC when we adopt its “Visit Nimbin site”.

We spent \$6000 more than income last f/y so we need to visit that against the SBVRL funds.

As the BFRR grant will be spent quite quickly, there is no point in opening an investment account.

Peter / Kylie	That the financial report be adopted	Carried
Peter / Kylie	That we are solvent and can pay our debts as they fall due	Carried

10. APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP: Nil

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11. **TOURISM DEVELOPMENT REPORT:** Stephanie advised that the brochures are ready to go; Cindy & Linda at cultural centre have checked the indigenous content. Three major signs are envisaged around the village, but there have been no community responses to Chamber Chat requests for graphic artists even on a paid basis (\$10,000 is probably reasonable for all design & execution of signage with dual-language content). Diana suggested that we explore other platforms, such as Nimbin HookUps, but if there is no such response then the Chamber should be free to engage its own selected contacts. Stephanie has been talking to Alan Salt and Richmond River Historical Society about the history of the buildings.
12. **RAINBOW ROAD WALKING TRACK GRANT:** \$2.56m. LCC will appoint a project manager to implement the grant. However, there will be a public working group, on which NCOC will have representation. Diana to be our representative, Big thanks to Diana for the Walking Trail planning over many years; it will transform Nimbin
13. **KOORI CULTURAL CENTER:** Grant application (that we supported by letter) was made
14. **BUSKERS' COMPETITION:** Lou Bradley wishes to organise this for early September. The committee considered it to be a useful proposal. Diana to respond to her.
15. **BUSINESS RESILIENCE PROJECT:** This is a Federal-State initiative to help businesses impacted by traumatic events. Diana will send the material to Natalie & Stephanie, who are to liaise with the Disaster Recovery group.
16. **DISABILITY ACTION PLAN:** Developing this is an LCC obligation. It is concerned with assisting people with disabilities by holding workshops. One is at Bush Theatre on 04 August, Biko will attend. Diana to forward the material to members and Biko to distribute it to NCCI tenants.
17. **IMPROVING BUSH THEATRE CARPARK:** Bush Theatre is willing to put in funds, as will LCC, but contribution can be obtained from Destination NSW at rate of 25:75 under a public-private partnership. Diana will lodge a grant application, once we get their quotations.
18. **WEBSITE IMAGES:** Can be sent to Diana
19. **LOCAL CHAMBER ALLIANCE AGREEMENT:** This is a formal agreement allowing members to get special deals (such as reduced electricity rates). NCOC gets a \$250 handout for joining the 'alliance' but there are many requirements (to report on membership numbers & changes etc.) so the work involved is too much. This alliance is not really aligned with our character & outlook. We won't proceed.
20. **ABC "COMPASS" PROGRAM:** We were listed in the Credits
21. **Next NCOC Committee Meeting** (Diana will be absent, even by Zoom) -- 5.00pm on Monday 02 August 2021, probably by Zoom, Peter to set up.

End: 1900 hrs

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