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MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MINUTES

Monday 01 June 2020, by Zoom

Meeting commenced 1730hrs
Acknowledgment of Country

1. **MINUTE TAKER:** David Spain
2. **COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:** Diana Roberts [President], Terese Biscoe [Vice President], Peter Hughes [Treasurer], David Spain [Secretary], Kylie Cain, Samantha Allen, Stephanie Seckold, Caroline Todd.
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 02-05-20.

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| Kylie / Sammi | That the draft minutes of 02-05-2020 be accepted. | Carried |
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6. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM LAST COMMITTEE MINUTES:**

SBVRL: Not paid by LCC yet.

Mural Tins: Kylie has collected most and funds deposited

Town Hall Mural: This has been finished. We will pay the entirety of the expected cost (see item 9).

PO Box: Is still paid for and functioning and will remain so at least throughout present paid period.

7. **CORRESPONDENCE:**

Email communications as per Log.

8. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE:** See minute items.

9. **TREASURER'S REPORT** (Tabled)

Mural Bills: Total \$652 for surface preparation + \$3000 for artist

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| Kylie / Biko | That we pay \$3652 for the Hall Mural on basis that \$2000 is absolute (as originally offered) and balance is repaid within a year. | Carried |
| Peter / Sammi | That the allocation for website be increased to reflect items approved & paid from time to time | Carried |
| Peter / Kylie | That the financial report be adopted | Carried |

10. APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP: Nil

GENERAL BUSINESS

- 11. Bank Account Signatories:** Two out of 4 approved signatories to sign; this can be done on cheques or electronically (even for a batch).

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| David / Steph | That any two of Peter, Biskit, Sammi, Kylie be authorized to operate our account; Peter to make arrangements with SCU | Carried |
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- 12. Website:** Sammi advised that website updated as much as possible; thanks to her for uploading. Images in the gallery will be in folders, such as old time Nimbin (incl. Aquarius Festival & 70's), main street and businesses, murals, festivals & events (including markets), and One Mob. There are not many photos illustrating environment, intentional community, sustainable industry or permaculture. When one opens the Gmail account for the Chamber, there is a series of dots that include a Google Drive link where images can be uploaded. Images to be reviewed by Diana &/or Sammi before uploading to website. Business promotion aspect to be improved. Biko to encourage member businesses to submit images for uploading in her membership drive letter.

- 13. Membership Drive:** There are three categories – current financial, recent financial and never involved. They should all be emailed a covering letter (perhaps with slightly different attachments), outlining membership benefits (including website showcasing) and offering free membership for the next year. Biko & Diana to finalize the three variations of covering letter. The first two categories exist (mixed up) on our present Chamber email list. There are many businesses on the third list for whom we do not have email contact. Peter can list email addresses for about 40 of them; others can be gleaned from NGT (by Kylie) and off Nimbin Hookups trades & services Facebook page. Diana to develop 3 lists – current financial members; past approved members; potential members - and circulate to everyone for review. A non-member letter and membership application forms are to be delivered (by Biko) to known businesses physically in the village, by Steph at the Wednesday Farmers' market and by Caroline at the Blue Knob market.

- 14. VIC:** LCC budget cuts are huge; only a new model will work but we will need to persuade council to at least adopt a new (albeit reduced) budget line. This has been included in our budget submission discussed below.

- 15. Submissions to LCC re Budget:** The Commonwealth has given LCC \$5m for roads and Council has cut \$3m from its own roads budget

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| Biskit / Kylie | That Diana's draft letter to LCC be approved (and copied to selected councillors) | Carried |
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- 16. Sport & Recreation:** Diana's draft letter to LCC adopted.

- 17. Nimbin Pool:** The maintenance man has not had his contract renewed by LCC (it is under negotiation) and can remove his improvements (including cabins) from the site. Whoever gets to manage the caravan park is likely to manage the pool as well. Decided we should not get involved.

- 18. Rainbow Road:** Is covered in budget letter. Elly Bird will lobby for it to be included in operational pool. We must await LCC to adopt a Sport & Recreation Plan, which may tie in Rainbow Road as a "Stage 2" operational work. John Blatch has started rehabilitation works; so care should be taken to avoid planting out the track route itself [Kylie to liaise with him].

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19. **Roots Festival:** Will continue, but on a reduced & local basis; Lou has pre-sold 300 tickets. However use of showground is uncertain, so she would like support to purchase Bellevue Park (that big parcel of land next to the showground). LCC originally owned the showground and for 25 years A&I paid LCC \$1 pa peppercorn rent, but A&I have now purchased the showground land. After discussion, the committee decided that it opposed Bellevue Park going into private ownership or to A&I alone, as on winds up its assets go to NSW Show Society and that control would likely limit use to a camping ground, as distinct from festivals & sport. Nimbin Headers Inc. took ownership of the tennis courts when the tennis club folded, and own + manage the football field.

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| David / Kylie | That the secretary write to LCC encouraging transfer (without consideration) of Bellevue Park to A& I Society, Headers & NCCI as joint trustees | Carried |
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20. **Advertising in NGT:**

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| Biskit / Kylie | That Biko work up a GoodTimes Chamber ad to lend our support to a local paper and to promote the Chamber – mock up to be sent to the committee to review | Carried |
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We discussed the resilient Australia awards and agreed we would not be making any nominations as a chamber but would lend our support to any effort by an individual committee member

21. **LCC Covid -- Business Support:** LCC is waiving footpath license fees and proposing more street stalls. This adds to ambience and usually creates only minor conflict (by subverting customer demand from rates-paying shops). NCOC is in favour so long as LCC also waives shops making footpath displays. Further, we should identify, and lobby LCC to support, other “shovel-ready” improvements such as:-

- Rainbow Road stage 2
- Community Centre walkway restoration
- Shower facilities in public toilet block
- Mural improvement
- Main street beautification including footpath restoration and furniture upgrading (needs an audit of need undertaken)
- Tables in blister at firesites
- Headers improvements identified in a recent unsuccessful grant application (shovel ready)
- Village entry signage,
- Lighting up Nimbin stage 2
- Amenities block for Peace Park

Other issues discussed included highlight visitor accommodation options, improved buy local campaign (Steph to input into this) improved digital exposure, training to support local business to develop an online presence (Sammi to provide ideas re this), addressing youth needs (this may be outside of a COVID-19 response), support and assistance to facilitate redevelopment of the fire sites' filtered drinking water in the park.

Action: Diana to draft a response to LCC and circulate for feedback before submitting

22. **General Meeting:** Holding a digital meeting just now is too difficult. Item adjourned for discussion next month. Due to a DFT prescription (on account of Covid-19), we do not have to hold an AGM this year and will plan not to do so.

Next NCOC Meeting -- Committee 5.30pm on Monday 06 July 2020 T NL or by Zoom if need be.

End: 2000hrs

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