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MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MINUTES

Monday 10 October 2022, at Bush Theatre and by Zoom

[Meeting adjourned from 03-10-2022 due to public holiday].

Due to Technical Zoom difficulties at 1730hrs, meeting commenced 1750hrs

Acknowledgment of Country

- 1. MINUTE TAKER:** David Spain
- 2. COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:** Dafydd Hyett [President], David Spain [Secretary], Peter Hughes [Treasurer], **and present by Zoom:** Theresa Biscoe [Vice President], Jodee Tichbourne, Kylie Cain, Caroline Todd. **Present by phone:** Samantha Allen. **Apologies:** Tashanna Fuller, Diana Roberts
- 3. CHAIRPERSON:** Dafydd Hyett.
- 4. NON-CONTENTIOUS ANNOUNCEMENTS / CONFLICTS OF INTEREST:** Nil
- 5. PREVIOUS MINUTES:**

Carolyn / Jodee	That the v05 draft minutes of the previous committee meeting on 05-09-2022, as tabled, be accepted	Carried
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6. BUSINESS ARISING from minutes

Small Business Awards: Both Sammie (Apothecary) and Kylie (Greenbank) are finalists.

Unpaid Members: Dafydd has sent letters to them and is following up with a phone call; no move to remove from website yet.

Quickbooks: Sammi has got these up to date for the current financial year.

Mardi Grass: This was held during nice weather during September (fortunately A&I did not run the show this year), but will probably return to May next year. Had a nice vibe, with 2000-3000 diverse people but not the usual Nimbin visitors. Was not very commercial and barricades kept people off the street. About the same attendance as last year, with an expenditure of about \$100,000. The printed program was artistic but hard to understand as regards events & venues. The police were well behaved but RDT was still in place at the usual spots (approaching servo from east, cemetery straight from north, Stoney Chute from west). The RDT may have kept away “rabble rousing” element, but is definitely an obstacle to anyone, even some locals, visiting the village. The Hemp Embassy is attending police-citizen meetings and asking for statistics on the number of tests & resultant prosecutions. To be raised at next meeting so as to discuss any further action.

Roots Festival: This is a significant local event coming this weekend. Lou Bradley, as organizer, says ticket sales have been alright. Those who attend (about 1500 people last year) tend to be music aficionados & young families, and spend more on good products in the town. The Bowlo, Town Hall and Bush Theatre are venues, as well as buskers around town. As these are existing venues, so no DA by the promoters is required and any impacts (rubbish, parking, toilets) is probably largely absorbed by the venues.

Signs for VIC: Costings not yet supplied.

7. **CORRESPONDENCE:** Dealt with in business.
8. **FINANCIAL REPORT:** The treasurer tabled a Financial Statement. There is about \$19,000 left on the Bushfire Resilience Grant. Peter will get the financial report lodged by deadline 18-10-2022 but we need to prepare a narrative. Biskit to liaise with Steph & Tina Irish. David to supply Biskit with BCRRH reminder letter and our original application.

Peter / Kylie	That NCOC is solvent and can pay its debts as they fall due.	Carried
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9. **MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS**

Applications for membership have been received from Charlotte Helmund (osteopath), Steve Taylor (Limousine service) and Benoit Vaessen (Realines chopping boards)

Kylie / Biskit	That Charlotte Helmund, Steve Taylor and Benoit Vaessen be admitted to membership upon payment of membership fee	Carried
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10. **SIGN LOCATIONS:**

Wil advises by email that we are awaiting LCC’s approval of one specific Armsign location, but this may not occur during this reporting period as it involves an audio installation. Daffyd to forward this email to Biskit. LCC has gravel dumps of some of these site locations, and placement of signs at arbitrary spots may have traffic & safety implications – Biskit to confer with Steph about the problems.

Greg Meek, photographer, plans to attend Roots Festival to capture street life. The committee expressed preference that the subjects of the photos should be representative, authentic locals and that their consent (to posting on website) be obtained. We can manage this ourselves with a bit of organization, supplying on-the-spot consent paperwork to sign, thereby saving on any expense on models. We can even minimize outlays for a photographer as modern smart phones are so good. The Fashion Parade, Nimbin Markets, Mardi Grass all also supply good images.

11. **MURAL ABOVE NEWSAGENT** Amanda Williamson is willing to paint it but we need a handyman to take it down. Cash from Tutable is available at a reasonable cost.

Biskit / Jodee	That we authorise up to \$500 for removal & loading of the mural above newsagent, and seek reinstatement cost as well	Carried
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12. **AQUARIUS 50th:** Kitty van Vuuren, who was engaged by NCOC as grant writer, has advised that our material is too much too late, so she could not meet the grant requirements. The Aquarius Foundation (basically Katie Cawcutt, her daughter Renee, and Benny Zable) has new energy from Jenny Cornish and is consolidating its involvement, but they lack insurance backing and they see NCOC as interfering, which is messy; relationships need massaging; negotiations continue. There is a meeting at town hall next Wednesday. Many young people wish to develop their own forum to present the good & bad of being raised in the Nimbin milieu. Tutable will make limited camping available, and an event at its hall. Other Rainbow region areas have also indicated willingness to run events.

13. **ADMIN ASSISTANT:** Jodee said we should not be paying third parties when we are contributing on a volunteer basis. Kylie said it is depressing to consider paying others to do what we as volunteers haven’t managed to finalize. Biskit said we are all volunteers and we are struggling, so we need to practice mutual respect & appreciative kindness if a member is struggling. David said we are in receipt of substantial grant funds and must meet deadlines professionally so as to meet legal requirements & maintain a reputation; hoping for serendipity is not a strategy -- we need to adopt certain formalities to avoid “tyranny of structurelessness”; the 2023 board should allocate defined personal portfolios & duties covering the field of our activities, so identifiable members have prime responsibility and can call for help if they can’t manage.

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David / Biskit	That we not engage or pay any employees to perform chamber tasks, but rather work on structuring & dividing the required work so as to share the load on a voluntary but personally responsible basis	Carried
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14. **MEETING WITH LCC'S GM JOHN WALKER:** We prepared an agenda for the economic development meeting with LCC on 07-11-2022. This could form the basis for the meeting. Daffyd & Diana to draft an agenda for the committee to comment. The meeting will be physical at Bush Theatre, being our committee, Will & Baden and John Walker as the only LCC representative

Biskit / Jodee	That we budget for catering funds at \$20 per head and that we ask Bush Theatre café to do the catering	Carried
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15. **SMALL BUSINESS WEEK** Whilst NCOC's grant funding appears to have failed, there may be enough time to organize if a social media trainer will come and we can advertise in NGT & on Hookups. NCOC has booked B+& Hall for 14 & 23 November, and these bookings could be used for the perceived priorities, being social media training & development of accommodation alternatives. Daffyd to discuss with Tina Irish at LCC about what sort of events they are exploring. Julie Hull from LCC is keen to hold a breakfast event in mid November at Bush Theatre.

Biskit / Kylie	That we plan in principle to develop two business development sessions, being on 14 & 23 November, focussing on (i) the use of digital technology for business development and (ii) how to develop homestay accommodation, with costs to be covered from a \$25 per head charge out of SBVRL to the extent necessary.	Carried
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16. **AGM:** To be held on Monday 28 November 2022 at Bush Theatre, with a timeslot for members' business introductions. -- RSVP to be requested for catering.

Biskit / Jodee	That we budget for catering funds at \$20 per head and that we ask Bush Theatre café to do the catering at AGM	Carried
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End 2020hrs

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