

HARDWICKE BAY & DISTRICT PROGRESS ASSOCIATION INC

Meeting: 7th February 2016 – 10am HBPA Hall, Progress Rd, Hardwicke Bay 5575

MINUTES

1. **Present:** Matthew Winter (Chair) Janet Firth (Secretary) Judi Machadinho (Treasurer), Pauline MacPherson, Barbara Winter, Pam Winter, Geoff Rattley.
2. **Apologies:** Cr John Rich, Graeme Bridgman, Wayne Leaves, Ronnie Kinnear.
3. **Minutes of the previous meeting:** 8th December 2015 accepted as a true and correct record.

Moved Matthew Winter, seconded Pauline MacPherson. Carried.

4. Matters arising from the minutes:

4.1 Information/Direction Sign at BBQ car park: Warooka Signs have not produced and installed the sign – delays due to the holiday season understandable but 2 months is not acceptable. It was agreed the tasks be shared –

4.2 Judi will follow up with Aeron at Warooka Signs to obtain a firm installation date.

4.3 Matthew will contact Nick Hoskins at YPC to order a 'direction' sign on corner of Beach and Brentwood Roads.

All in favour,

Carried.

5. Membership. (Pam – Membership Secretary)

All residents were sent the annual letter summarising the work of the Association in the past year, and an invoice for membership payment.

Judi is receipting the payments and forwarding contact details to Pam so the record of householders can be updated – 119 payments received to date. Pauline observed there are 38 homes for sale just in the township.

6. Memorial Wall: Matthew is investigating the possibility of acquiring labour support from the Work for the Dole scheme. Members present discussed some of the new requirements and the WFD scheme to general business.

Matthew stated the bricks are ready, mortar on order, and he will ask for help within the community before pursuing the WFD options for labour.

7. Volunteer Training Grant: (Janet)

Janet confirmed the Volunteer Training Grant was submitted to the Office for Volunteers, State Government, for provision of First Aid Training for HBPA and Leisure Options Volunteers – will know by May/June if successful.

8. Correspondence: (Janet tabled incoming mail record)

In coming: Bank statements, cheque from YPC, Invoice Warooka Butcher, Sentinel Newsletter, Membership fees.

Out going: Fishing Competition Brochure+Registration Form, Family Fun Day Poster, and additional Poster by Aeron Nash promoting the Competition, OFV Training Grant.

9. Treasurer's Report (tabled).

Judi moved the report be accepted, seconded Barbara Winter. Carried.

Questions about the Fishing Competition reporting and finances arose. Judi had draft figures but will present the Financial Acquittal for the Fishing Competition at the next meeting and will work with Janet to submit this, and the Report to the funder due 'one month after the project is completed'. i.e, Fishing Competition. Janet confirmed the 2nd grant, 'Promotion of Recreational fishing' will be completed in June and the required Report and Financial Acquittal is due in July.

General Business:

10. Fishing Competition and Family Fun Day.

Discussed the event and the positive feedback received by the community. i.e, word of mouth, Facebook, emails, and Newsletter responses. Unfortunately the weather was too windy for a number of boats queued by the Boat Ramp but for those who did brave the sea, they 'said it was competitive and enjoyable'.

The families who participated in the Fun Day activities and Junior Fishing Workshop were most pleased with the event and asked that the Association replicate next year.

11. Recreational Fishing Grants: 2016.

Members were willing to consider another application in the Round/2016 based on the community feedback, several key points – pros and cons were:

- The weather for the Fishing Competition could be unfavourable again
- A different date in the Calendar may increase the chance of better Weather (April/May)
- Families supported 'holiday periods and long weekends – preferable'
- The Boat Ramp renovation last year is successful – no need to seek Funding
- The Buoys are problematic – one partially destroyed by storms – more Permanent solution required.

11.2 The Executive will consider submitting further submissions based on eligibility And timeframes – due 14th March. Janet stated willingness to write applications but Is 'time poor' for obtaining quotes, seeking letters of support, permissions, etc.

Judi proposed she will speak with Graeme Bridgeman to see if he will undertake the work for the Buoys application, and she has the details from the Fishing Competition to write another application.

12. Christmas Dinner. (Pauline MacPherson and Barbara Winter) 14 people had booked but 3 pulled out so it was cancelled, Barbara and Matthew Winter purchased the food at cost.

It was discussed the change of date to 19th December was not the only reason for the low bookings this year, and other Progress Association dinners are experiencing low support. The low numbers have been reducing the last 3 to 4 years.

Support to revive the monthly dinners resulted in the much debate about costs, dates, contributions, division of labour – availability. Pauline noted the Bingo profits for last two months alone is \$1,069. It was agreed 5th March for next Dinner and:

- 12.1 the dinners be ‘Schnitzel Nights’ – chicken only (not beef)
- 12.2 \$6 per head be retained
- 12.3 Association will provide variety of salads with the chicken.
- 12.4 Diners will contribute to the desserts – if minimal, so be it.
- 12.5 The Dinners are a ‘community service context’ and not profit
- 12.6 Pauline and Barbara will purchase the food, prepare it, set up the dining area
- 12.7 Judi will advertise ‘front page’ in the next newsletter.
- 12.8 April and May dates to be decided next meeting.
- 12.9 Review dinners again at June meeting re continuance/successes.

All in favour, Carried.

13. Australia Day BBQ: went well – good turnout.

14. Playground. Needs upgrade. Feedback from families ‘too small, not enough equipment’...’has toddler swings and adult fitness equipment, nothing for the majority of children/youth’...’grassed area for ball games needed’.
The backboard for the basketball was vandalised again by visiting children, needs replacing with a metal one. Adult equipment not well used.

Janet and Judi agreed to look at acquiring age appropriate equipment options and costings for Committee considerations; and grant options.

15. Work For the Dole participants.

Matthew expressed interest in coordinating the WFD participants and will actively seek placements with Madec on behalf of the Association. Judi presented ‘1st applicant’ Fernando, who is willing to take on the maintenance jobs at the Hall and grounds -15 hours per week. Matthew signed forms.

All in favour, Carried.

16. Booking forms for the Hall to be available in hard copy as well as website.

17. Power Cuts: Pauline to purchase 8 lamps and batteries for emergencies.

18. Office: Judi proposed one be built in the corner of the 2nd room/games area, that O’Brien’s could produce a quote. Not supported. Alternative is a ‘work station’ with a desk and space for a desktop printer in the corner of the room. Concerns over security – concertina locking doors? Defeated in preference of new locks and keys and only distributed to authorised people. Defer to next meeting: Carried.

19. Environment: Janet proposed discussion at next meeting re trees, parks, paths etc and need for labour support. PAC boys – will continue, Janet awaiting dates and scope of their work with Progress – clarification.

20. Safety nets re Sharks: Pauline proposed the Committee look at putting in shark nets in the Bay – Coastal Patrol installed them at Pt. Turton and their Progress Association covered costs. Judi agreed to make inquiries – defer to next meeting.

21. Future Association meeting dates: mixed reactions to proposed weekend meetings. Agreed to have next two meetings on a Sunday and then review whether this has increased participation in the meetings or had a negative impact.

22. Meeting closed: 12:02pm

Next Meeting: to be confirmed.