

Country Network Inc Committee Meeting

Wednesday 28th June 2023

Time 10:00am

MINUTES

Present: Jeffrey P. Sproal (Chair), Andrew Jeffery (Vice President), John Conway (Treasurer), Cameron Mason, David Peplow, Rob Clisdell, Llyle Wentworth.

Apologies:

Minutes: Minutes from May meeting read and confirmed. Moved Cameron and seconded Andrew. **Carried**

Matters Arising: Nil

Correspondence: Nil

Treasurer's Report: \$30000.00 Investment Accounts \$4259.93 Operating Account. Expenditure for month \$155.85 flowers for Sergeant funeral. \$131.41 postage mailout. Moved John and Seconded Rob. **Carried**

It was moved Treasurer John and seconded Rob that we obtain a debit card from the ANZ Bank on our operating Account and that John Conway and Jeffrey Sproal be the signatories on the card. **Carried**

President's Report:

1. It is with great sadness that I have to report that Secretary Colin Armstrong has resigned from the Secretary position and the Area Coordinator North Eastern Victoria. This was quite devastating news. I have tried to contact Colin all to no avail.
2. Have noted a number of members resigning or not renewing membership. This has kept Llyle busy over the last couple of days. Many are new members that signed up and had a free ride and when they were reminded about renewing and paying they scattered from the fold. I am not particularly worried about this, it will sort out who is genuine and who is not.
3. With the postage that we offer two on the list have replied and paid their \$25.00 membership but have chosen not to pay the postage. I have their forms John and will send them to you. Have also been advised that one member will not be renewing because cost of postage was too high.
4. I have spent sometime on the AGM organising etc. I am waiting on the local busline to return a quote. The bus I was going to use was involved in the bus crash recently so I have chosen not to continue with them. Attached to the email sent earlier you will see a copy of the weekend events and what is happening. Will discuss this more at the meeting. **The Committee agreed that we subsidize the cost of the bus hire for the AGM to \$20 per head. Bus capacity 57.**
5. The Zoom meetings of a Sunday night have been travelling well. The topics chosen seem to appeal to everybody and we have new members every week or so.

Digital Team Report: Cameron reported that we have 285 members and approx. 15 members have not renewed. We have approx. 120 on the free list that will need to sign up by 15th July. After that they will not have access to CN website. After 15th July we also need to clean up the Mail Chimp mailing list.

Networker Report: Andrew reported that we are in discussion with David Breardon about the next Networker. It will happen when it happens.

General Business:

1. Treasurer John pointed out that there was \$1160.00 in the raffle account that needs to be disbursed at the next AGM.
2. The proposed new constitution will be sent out to Committee Members for their discussion and approval.
3. It was moved John and seconded Andrew that we set aside \$5000 for this financial year to support our Event Grants program. **Carried**
4. With our discussion on Item 1 of the Agenda under General Business I have written to ThornHarbour Country (based in Bendigo) seeking information. I will also write to other groups that were mentioned.

Meeting Closed.