**Minutes of Quarterly Meeting held on 28th February 2023**

This Quarterly meeting following the AGM, chaired by President Richard Streamer, was held in the Silver Dolphin Room at the Tea Gardens Hotel. There were 10 members present. The meeting commenced at 8:05pm.

**PRESENT.** Kit & Richard Streamer, Ian Morphett, Trish Blair, Jane Collison, Ann Woods, Debbie Wood, Christian Patteson, Judy & Rob Hughes.

**APOLOGIES**. Gail Morphett, Adrienne Ingram, Lyn Mealey, Leigh Allen, Christine McMaster, Laure Collison, Colin Wood, Colleen & Rob MacSween, Diane Russell.

**MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING.**

Minutes of the February quarterly meeting had been distributed to all members following that meeting and redistributed before this meeting.

MOVED Judy Hughes

SECONDED Debbie Wood that the minutes be taken as read.

CARRIED.

**MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES.**

* The question was raised about what is happening about having daytime meetings. Ian Morphett suggested we could perhaps trial a Saturday morning meeting at 10am similar to the Craft Centre. Everyone thought that was a good idea as long as it doesn’t clash with Bitou Busters. The Committee is to determine a suitable venue for the August meeting on the 3rd Saturday of the month (19th August).

**CORRESPONDENCE**. (Incoming and outgoing.)

* Ian Morphett read the list of correspondence.



MOVED Rob Hughes

SECONDED Richard Streamer that the correspondence be accepted.

CARRIED.

**TREASURER’S REPORT.**

Trish read the financial reports for the current quarter to date ending 16th May 2023.

Quarter to 16/5/2023:

Operating account

Opening balance on 1 April 2023 $15,730.42

Current balance 16th May 2023 $17,298.03

Investment account

Closing balance $17,298.03

TOTAL ASSETS $32,583.44



MOVED Jane Collison

SECONDED Debbie Wood that that the Treasurer’s reports be accepted.

CARRIED.

**SHOREBIRDS REPORT**

* Trish Blair gave a brief summary of the final shorebirds report for the summer.
* A copy of Trish’s written report to be sent out with these minutes.

**BITOU BUSTERS**

* Trish Blair read her report on the Bitou Busters including a summary of the beginning of year BBQ attended by 17 members.
* A copy of Trish’s written report to be sent out with these minutes.

**DOLPHIN STATUE**

* Richard Streamer reported the completion and unveiling of the Dolphin Sculpture project in his Annual President’s Report to the AGM as Follows:

*Our dolphin sculpture filled with plastic and other rubbish is finally erected near the HN surf club. This has been a long project and I would like to thank Jane Collison for obtaining the dolphin from Sculptor Plus, Rob Hughes for all his work in preparing the dolphin for mounting, everyone who collected rubbish and filled the dolphin and all the workers who put it in place. We had a great dedication ceremony on May 15 with Worimi elders present and an inspiring speech by Elizabeth McEntyre.*

**HNTG PROGRESS ASSOC SERVICES SIGN**

* For some months we have been negotiating with the Progress Association about us having one of the panels on the new community services sign (to replace the previous vandalised one) to be erected near the skate park on Myall Way.
* The sign has now been erected. We have agreed to contribute $200 to the cost but have not yet received an invoice.
* We were concerned that nobody would read the sign because it was in an 80KPH zone. Apparently, the zone has been moved to the west so the area is now 50KPH.

**SOUTHERN AREA REFERENCE GROUP**

* For some time, this Group of interested community groups existed to communicate community input to Council. Council have recently withdrawn from participating with the Group despite having other community groups that they interact with.
* The local community still wishes for this group to continue and has expanded participation to include businesses. It is called “Myall Coast Community and Business Group”.
* Richard Streamer, who is a member of the Group as our representative, as well as the representative of the Winda Woppa Preservation Association, is writing to Council insisting that they consult with this important community group.

**CHRISTIAN PATTESON SUGGESTION**

* Christian Patteson has written to Mat Bell at Midcoast Council outlining his suggestion for a Hawks Nest Nature Walk, including signage, utilising donated funds that MKEG has received. He received a very positive response and Mat agreed to progress the suggestion with other parts of the Council that would need to be consulted.
* It was decided that we would establish a small sub-committee to describe our project in more detail. Jane Collison, Debbie Wood and Kit Streamer agreed to work with Christian to build a proposal. Richard Streamer said that once we are ready, he will take to proposal to Council to try to get their approval.

**GENERAL BUSINESS**

* It was advised that Neil Jordan (MCC’s dingo guy) has applied for a grant to investigate mammalian (i.e. foxes and dingoes) and shorebird interaction. This is because there have been sightings of these animals on Corrie Island where there has been shorebird nesting activity.

Meeting concluded at 9:00pm.

Next meeting location, date and time has yet to be decided by the Committee. We will advise.

  

 Richard Streamer Ian Morphett

 President Secretary (retired)

 Date: 16th May 2023 Date: 16th May 2023