

Mount Molloy Boiler Block Benefit Committee, Inc

Minutes - 07/11/2020

Convened: 11:30 @ CWA Fire Shed

Attending: John Brisbin, Sue Northey, Gerda Domen, Bruce Ferguson, Caroline Lieber

Apologies: Simon Hawse, Bruno Martin

New members: Cyril Vains, Lorne Cubit (moved John Brisbin; second Sue Northey)

Quorum for meetings: 4 members

Progress with acquisition

\$60K final price; stamp duty ~\$900 (added to the loan). Deposit accepted and paid; settlement 45 days (~24 Dec). Mortgage: 10 yrs, 1.5% interest only payable annual in arrears (\$9K interest)

Review of finances

The only cash expense to date has been the Incorporation fee (\$165) which was paid personally by John. We have an outstanding invoice for the public liability (\$437). Once the bank account is set up we will ask founding members for donations to set up a small operating balance.

Election of office-bearers

- **President:** John Brisbin (move Sue Northey; second Cyril Vains)
- **Treasurer:** Bruce Ferguson (move John Brisbin; second Caroline Lieber)
- **Secretary:** Sue Northey (move Bruce Ferguson; second Lorne Cubit)

Adoption of model Rules

The Model Rules were presented and reviewed. The purposes of the Association were confirmed.

Resolved: that the Model Rules as submitted to the Department be adopted. (move John Brisbin; second Cyril Vains)

Membership fees

Noted that membership fees needed to be set at reasonable levels. They are not a major source of funding, more important for community participation. Noted the need for vigilance re: voting membership as group may be vulnerable.

Resolved: that Ordinary (voting) memberships are \$20/person per year; Associate (non-voting) memberships are \$10/person per year. (move Cyril Vains; second Lorne Cubit)

Bank account

Resolved: that a single bank account be established at Bendigo Community Bank, Mareeba. The account is 2-to-sign; NetBank enabled for all signatories; no cash card; \$2500 daily limit. Signatories are: John Brisbin, Bruce Ferguson, and Sue Northey.

Action: John to initiate account set-up and advise Sue and Bruce so they can complete paperwork.

General discussion

Action: John to write a request to JAMARR asking for in-kind support (access to tools, mulch, etc)

Discussed timing of public announcement. Agreed that media and “launch event” best done in the new year, after settlement and holidays. Caroline noted that key groups and people need to feel part of the process.

Action: Agreed that we should quietly connect with people now: JB - CWA; Gerda - Tennis Club and RSL; Bruce - Fire Brigade and Bill McKirly; Caroline - Molloy Art Group and Homeschoolers; Sue - PnC(?)

Lorne noted that it would be good to get a container or other form of lock-up established as there are likely to be people willing to donate goods and materials. For example, he has boxes of fittings for heavy fence construction. Lorne noted that Bruce is a bit of an expert at organising containers.

Fundraising ideas were discussed. Cyril suggested that plaques with the donor’s name could be successful (eg, Mareeba Centenary Park). Bruce has a number of ideas for parties or themed events. John suggested a program with the Men’s Shed and auctioning rough-milled timber slabs. Agreed to keep the ideas circulating.

Lorne noted that a history of the sawmill site needs to be produced and that Grace Crees would be an excellent resource to interview.

Action: Lorne to contact Grace and organise for a chat with John and himself.

Next meeting: To be determined

Adjourned: 12.45



This is a true and accurate record of the meeting.

 John Brisbin, President