

ConFest Committee Meeting

Minutes

Date: **Thursday 8 December 2016**

Time: **7:30pm**

Venue: **CERES, Learning Centre Rm,1-2 Lee St, Brunswick East VIC**

Online: <https://meet.lync.com/dtecoop/meetings/K5BXLXTR>

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Meeting Commenced: 8:28pm

1 Election Of Chair

Chairperson Elected: David Cruise
Minute Keeper: Corinne Armstrong

2 Attendance

First Name	Surname	CoOp Member
Corinne	Armstrong	Y
Denise	Banville	Y
Simon	Byers	Y
Peter	Carty	Y
David	Cruise	Y
Steve	Gregory	Y
Ian	Hales	Y
Paul	Hutinson	Y
Robin	MacPherson	Y
David	McDonald	Y
Malcolm	Mathews	Y
Bruce	Pinney	y
Mark	Rasmussen	Y
John	Reid	No
Don	Royal	Y
Kate	Sarah	Y
Marty	Schwarz	Y
Peter	Tippet	No
Richard	Woodgate	Y

Apologies: Troy Reid
Elle Brogan

Quorum Confirmed: YES

#	Item	Raised / Responsible
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3 Confirmation of Previous Meeting Minutes

Minutes of the previous ConFest Committee meeting of 10 November 2016 were read out.

	<p>Motion: That the ConFest Committee Meeting Minutes of 10 November as read, be accepted as a true and accurate record of the meeting.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Accepted by Consensus</p>	<p><i>Corinne</i></p>
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4 CC Workgroup Facilitators Ratification

CC Workgroup Facilitators list prepared by Marty was tabled for consideration.

Malcolm asked that his name be removed as listed against RFS Liaison. Malcolm also requested that the title of 'Bushfire Management' be changed to 'Fire Crew'.

Simon commented that Elle had asked through active correspondence to be removed as a Village Committee member.

David asked if all those listed as Facilitators had been contacted and approved of being allocated facilitator roles this year. Marty had not joined the meeting at this time, so question could not be answered categorically.

	<p>Motion: That the Workgroup Facilitators List as tabled, be amended as follows; Removal of Malcolm Matthews as RFS Liaison, Change name of 'Bushfire Management' to read 'Fire Crew', Removal Elle Brogan's name against 'Village Committee' listing. Confirm that all those listed as facilitators had been advised and agreed to such roles.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Accepted by Consensus</p>	<p><i>Marty</i></p>
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5 Woorooma Site Assesdment & Salvage Working Bee

Mark discussed the urgent need to carry out a salvage, maintenance and mowing working bee, noting the flood waters had recently dropped by about 2 meters. Suggesting a small group arrive onsite a couple of days before new years eve. People suggested to attend were; Richard, Jack, Ian Don, Troy, Marty, Malcolm and Darrel Reid from Bliss Kitchen. Mark said there would be more people but still a small working bee requiring only a small food budget.

Richard supported the idea and said he was happy to go up in next few days to assess in advance. Richard said he could use the couple of thousand dollars he had over from his maintenance budget for spring working bee that didn't happen. Richard said he would email directors about this budget allocation and about going on site in coming days.

Mark emphasised health and safety duty of care re volunteers going on site in the adverse conditions. It was agreed further considerations on this would be made based on Richard's report back after site visit in next few days.

<p>.....</p>	<p>Motion: That Richard email directors about going onsite in next few days to assess conditions to holding a small working bee over Christmas/New Year period</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Accepted by Consensus</p>	<p><i>Richard</i></p>
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6 ConFest Volunteers Facebook Page Administration

Kristen Joy sought to know from the committee who administers the ConFest Volunteers page URL reference <https://www.facebook.com/ConFest-Volunteers-363020237889/> with 2,131 members. Kristen mentioned the page administrators were not apparent and did not look like there had been any activity on it recently, and is interested in energising it again.

Committee Members viewed the page and none were sure who as administering it now. Although Robin seemed to have some knowledge of it and suggested that he and Kristen look into it further and seek to be added as administrators.

	<p>Motion:</p> <p>That Kristen Joy and Robin Macpherson investigate obtaining administration rights to the Facebook ConFest Volunteers page ref; https://www.facebook.com/ConFest-Volunteers-363020237889/ and seek to re-energise it for the benefit of sourcing and communicating with ConFest Volunteers.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Accepted by Consensus</p>	<p><i>Kristen Joy, Robin MacPherson</i></p>
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7 Other Business Arising

7.1 Learning from the 2016 floods at Wooroona

Ian Hales

Ian expressed the importance of carrying out a review of the adverse flood impacts from a risk management view of mitigating damage and loss in future similar weather conditions. Such things as; preparing by building levies, ensuring equipment is packed down properly and moved to higher ground immediately post ConFest, more frequent updates on conditions from Murray River authorities as bad weather is forecast.

Mark mentioned that Bylands also need to be considered in such preparedness.

David comment that the floods this year were the highest on record and considered quite a freak occurrence.

Others commented that basic measures like moving the bikes and other equipment to higher ground ahead of time could and should have been done. That simple proper back-down measures post ConFest this year were not taken, and there was a lot of unnecessary damage and loss because of basic oversights .

The meeting discussed the needs of relevant workgroup facilitators and village coordinators to ensure their equipment is packed-down and stored on higher ground in the woolshed etc, It was noted that pack-down is supposed to ensure a ‘leave no trace’ environment. Land management, arts, volunteer management, were cited as some of the key workgroups that should oversight this.

Robin commented that it makes sense to do some mapping and carry out works to protect property as much as possible.

7.2 Mini Bikes Proposal

Mark discussed proposal to purchase two 125cc mini bikes that he had come across for a very good price of \$200 each. Mark explained these would be used for him and other key land and infrastructure management people to get around site quickly during set-up, pack-down and working bees.

The issue of users of the mini bikes having suitable motor bike licences was raised.

	<p>Motion:</p> <p>That Mark Rasmussen be permitted to spend up to \$500 to purchase two mini bikes to be used in getting around site efficiently in the course of carrying out site works during set-ups, pack-downs, and working bees.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Approved by Consensus</p>	
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7.3 Sunbury Property Proposal

David informed the meeting he had been looking at a property for sale in Sunbury as a possible alternate ConFest site offering 260 acres for advertised price of \$900,000. David said he, Steve Poynton, Simon Byers and Peter Cruise had inspected the property. It is in a river gorge, not a lot of flat land, no trees.

David said he was trying to arrange with the owner to have a small group of ConFesters camp onsite for a couple of days to evaluate the property.

Ian suggested that a sub-committee be formed to look at properties. David replied that the small group that visited the property were basically acting in that role and would report back on it.

Next Meeting Confirmed: TBC given availability of people early January