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MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MINUTES

Monday 06 July 2020, at NL and by Zoom Meeting ID: 864 376 6598

Meeting commenced 1730hrs

Acknowledgment of Country

1. **MINUTE TAKER:** David Spain
2. **COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:** Diana Roberts [President], Peter Hughes [Treasurer], David Spain [Secretary], Stephanie Seckold, Caroline Todd [by Zoom]. **Apologies:** Kylie Cain, Samantha Allen, Terese Biscoe [Vice President],
3. **CHAIRPERSON:** Diana Roberts
4. **NON-CONTENTIOUS ANNOUNCEMENTS / CONFLICTS OF INTEREST:** Nil
5. **MINUTES OF LAST COMMITTEE MEETING :**

The chairperson traversed the draft minutes of last committee meeting on 01-06-20.

Peter / Steph	That the draft minutes of 01-06-2020 be accepted.	Carried
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6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM LAST COMMITTEE MINUTES:

SBVRL: LCC has paid the accumulated amount \$36,650. We should get another \$16,157 this financial year. All deductions (for CCTV cameras) have been paid. The levy is collected for “economic development” and we must apply it to that criterion, probably basically focussed on Cullen & Sibley streets. We must account for expenditure twice a year, in June and December. We should write to LCC asking for this year’s entire SBVRL including the \$2000 that was being taken out for VIC. **Action:** David

Website: Sammi is uploading images. Each one has to be reduced to size, so this is time-consuming. The images will only be uploaded when the process is more complete. Diana to contact the website host (Leslie) and ask him for an indication of costs how to optimize the search engine [SEO optimization].

Membership Drive: Diana has collected 3 pages of email addresses. Email her details of any extra businesses. We need 3 different letters, one being addressed to each category of member (current, past & never). Biko drafted the letter, which Diana amended – only the variations have to be done now. Appropriate requests to be distributed by Diana, Kylie, Biko and Steph

LCC Budget: LCC is skint. The VIC has been totally defunded, but the DCP Review [going down past Servo] by Paula Newman is in, as is stage 2 of the Walking Trail (without funding) . Tina Irish is the only person left in LCC’s “Economic Development Unit”.

Roots Festival: Is going ahead at various venues in the village to allow for social distancing and to ensure all COVID-19 requirements are met. A+I is allowing camping at Showground.

Steph / Peter	That we sponsor Roots \$1000, Diana to tell her	Carried
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Bellevue Park: David said that he had received no response from the A&I secretary (David Fawkner) but if this land was historically gifted to TSC or LCC, we could argue there is a constructive trust.

Steph / Peter	That Nimbin Law be instructed to research the historical title of Bellevue Park to ascertain registered proprietors & transfer prices, at an outlay not exceeding \$200	Carried
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Advertising in NGT: We are awaiting Biko's draft advert.

LCC's Covid Strategy: Lismore Chamber has agreed to contribute to "Bigger Backyard Project", asking businesses to buy local with a website, and (informally at chamber president level) has asked NCOC to contribute. Diana to gain a better understanding of the benefit to Nimbin before any decision is made

7. **CORRESPONDENCE:** Correspondence list as per email log
8. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE:** See minute items.
9. **TREASURER'S REPORT** (Tabled, Accepted).
Will pay Website hosting invoice \$429 (annual fee).
10. **Meeting with Dr Sharon Hanwood:** [LCC's Director of Community Engagements Partnership & Planning] Sharon met with Diana, Kylie & Sammi in Nimbin last Friday a week ago at Sharon's request. She advised that LCC would have no VICs for foreseeable future but might have an online service. We asked that our website be linked in and for rights to display the VIC sign. We may get the first but not the second. We asked for the existing VIC material to go to the Environment Centre as 7 Sibley is not considered to be "centrally located". There is little money in it, save as a booking service. The Nimbin VIC was costing LCC \$150,000 pa (including staff wages) . Sales of merchandise brought in around \$25000 per annum.

Sharon will support any grant application we make (to reinvigorate tourism), perhaps thru Kevin Hogan MP. Diana to contact him and enquire as to what sort of projects are attracting grants (so as to inform our meeting). Suggestions were made about developing a bigger picture (guided tours of rainforest, intentional communities, permaculture, sustainable technology), but organizing this and supplying the necessary infrastructure (vehicles personnel & insurance) is beyond us as a group of volunteers. Maybe NCOC could produce a brochure, which is broadly available, where visitors with specialized interests can be directed to specific venues with skill & direction in that area.

We could have a meeting in the hall (70 attendees are possible under Covid restrictions) at 5.30pm one weekday to discuss what sort of visitor should be sought and what we have to offer them. We can't set the meeting date until August, with a meeting in September (maybe Thursday 10th). Diana to ask Cherie Pugh to draft a survey so as to get suggestions on post-VIC activity. The survey should also seek to ascertain how local businesses are managing COVID

11. **Business NSW Meeting:** NSW Business Chamber has rebranded as BusinessNSW and also set up an entity "Business Australia", with free membership (I'm not sure it's free) , to give business advice. [Query: what became of the grants analysis service?]. Thus NCOC can no longer offer its members free access to NSWBC services; chambers generally will have difficulty charging substantial membership fees unless they are offering clear services.

Daizy's Mural: Biko is managing this. Artist will be Elspeth & Julie or Gilbert.

Summerland Credit Union: Want to meet with us about better supporting local businesses. Consistent staff, personal relationships, easier ID documentation, local private loan conferencing, advertising free ATM. Diana to contact them.

End: 1945hrs

Next Meeting: 03-08-2020

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