

AGM Curl Curl Lagoon Friends (CCLF) Minutes

DATE: 26 October 2016

VENUE: Curl Curl North Public School Hall

TIME STARTED: 7.10 pm **ATTENDEES:** See attendance book

Dave Platter opened the meeting and thanked Ukulele Players Inc. for their wonderful entertaining music. Ray Cox then presented the Acknowledgement of Country.

Dave welcomed all members and visitors to our 36th Annual Meeting. He welcomed our speakers tonight, Dick Persson, Northern Beaches Council Administrator and Dana Lanceman from the Curly Community Garden.

The AGM was deferred until after the speakers had finished. (See summary)

APOLOGIES: were received from Lorna Plate, Viktorija McDonnell, Greg Jewson, Brad Hazzard, Charles Hamlyn-Harris, Tony Abbott, Michael Regan, Lynne and Peter O'Connell.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

The minutes of the previous AGM held on October 21 2015 were tabled and adopted.

Moved Conny Harris and seconded Louise Hislop. Motion carried.

TREASURERS REPORT

Was presented by Dave in the absence of Greg Jewson, our Treasurer.

Income and Expenditure Statement July 1 2015 to June 30 2016

Income	2016	2015
Membership Fees	736.00	775.00
Membership fees -PayPal	375.00	
Membership fees -Cash or Cheque	361.00	
Donations	2318.00	2,543.00
Donations -PayPal	1355.00	
Donations – Cash or Cheque	963.00	
Interest received	5.80	15.64
TOTAL	3,059.80	3,333.64

- Membership fees declined marginally by 5% on the previous year and donations were noticeably lower by 9%.

- In the year exactly the same number of members paid by PayPal as by cash or cheque, seventy -five each. There is a trend to increased payment by electronic means which benefits the Friends by reducing postage (see costs below) and uses less paper as well.

Expenses	2016	2015
AGM Expenses	285.37	347.16
Bank Fees or PayPal fees	67.61	59.22
Dept. of Fair Trading	54.00	53.00
Insurance	370.00	370.00
Nature Conservation Council	175.00	0.00
Newsletters	1,309.00	1,373.00
PO Box Rental	121.00	115.00
Postage	625.86	355.00
Printing and Stationary	0.00	213.47
Sundry	0.00	372.95
Xmas Cards	357.50	n/a
TOTAL	3,365.34	3256.80
Surplus for Year	-305.54	+74.84

- The increased cost of postage is being looked at with the increased use of electronic receipts where this is possible
- Almost half of the deficit this year can be attributed to our increased financial support to the Nature Conservation Council of NSW.
- Most costs are by and large consistent with the previous year.

Balance Sheet as at 30 June 2016

ASSETS	June 30 2016	June 30 2015
Cash On Hand		
Community Solutions Working Account	5,220.88	5,964.19
Business Cash Reserve Holding Account	50.00	50.00
PayPal Account	437.77	0.00
Petty Cash Float	55.00	55.00
Less: Liabilities	0.00	0.00
NET ASSETS	5,763.65	6,069.19

MEMBERS EQUITY	June 30 2016	June 30 2015	June 30 2014
Balance at Beginning of Year	6,069.19	5,994.35	5,995.84
Surplus for Year	-305.54	+74.84	-1.49
BALANCE AT END OF YEAR	\$5,763.65	\$6,069.19	\$5,994.35

The Treasurer's report was accepted by Chris Thomas and seconded by Paula Cowan. Motion carried.

AUDITOR RESOLUTION

The Treasurer has asked that we move a resolution to give the Executive Committee the power to determine whether or not we need an auditor and if so, who that person is. .Moved, Conny Harris Seconded Alicia Parmentier

PRESIDENTS REPORT

Presented by Dave Platter

"I've served as President for three years, and am stepping down after this year in the hopes that someone smarter will take the reins. Your nominations and votes tonight will determine who will be candidate for president and the other offices – so thank you for being here to vote. I'd like to recognize those who have served at great self-sacrifice this year on the executive committee. These are the people who do the work every week to keep this group thriving and to respond to the many challenges our park, lagoon and beaches face - Stephen Brickwood, Deborah Moffat, Ray Cox, Paula Cowan, Harry Elliffe, Greg Jewson, Jane Lush, Viktorija McDonell, Lorna Plate and Pam Rawling.

I'd also like to thank the volunteers who deliver our newsletter. The old saying goes, "Neither snow nor rain nor heat nor gloom of night stays these couriers from the swift completion of their appointed rounds." Our newsletter volunteers deliver nearly 7,000 newsletters every year, by hand.

Then, there are the bush care volunteers. Twice a month whatever the weather, they are out there working hard to preserve and enhance the little bit of natural bushland we have left. Their work is vital to preserving the beauty and integrity of this precious local resource.

I know not everyone could be here tonight, but could I ask the bush care, the newsletter and the executive committee volunteers to please stand so we can give them a round of applause.

The Curl Curl Lagoon Friends is an organization operated by volunteers and sustained by donations. As we have just seen, we are created by the community and we are made of the community. We also fight for the community.

Now, in a little while, after the official business, we'll have more refreshments and a chance to mingle. We are very grateful tonight that 4Pines Brewery, a local legend, has donated three cases of their favorite brews to help us celebrate another great year of fighting the good fight. Please raise a toast to 4Pines as you celebrate later.

Thank you for being here. Thank you for being part of this group. Thank you for caring about the things that matter".

Pam Rawling moved that Dave's address be adopted, seconded Conny Harris, motion carried.

ELECTION OF MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE 2016/2017

Chris Thomas took the chair for the election of the Executive. In his preamble to the election he explained that the elected members will be sorted into a leadership committee and a volunteer committee. The leadership group will be most active and work day-to-day to push initiatives forward. The volunteer group will be a talented group who want to play more of a supporting role, helping where needed.

Areas the group needs help with include expertise at social media, writing and communication, expertise with Google Sheets, Doc and Drive, grants and funding application experience, graphic design expertise, advice on moving an agenda through local and state government and individuals who just want to make a difference.

Nominations received and elected for the executive were:

- Ray Cox
- Steve Brickwood
- Harry Elliffe
- Lorna Plate
- Pam Rawling
- Deb Moffat
- Dave Platter
- Greg Jewson
- Viktorija McDonnell
- Paula Cowan
- Jane Lush
- Louise Hislop
- Susan Stack
- Mark Stack

Chris declared all elected. Decision about roles on the committee deferred until the next Executive meeting

OTHER BUSINESS

- Paula Cowan thanked Dave for his enormous commitment to CCLF and presented him with an Environmental Warrior Award. Dave and Paula then presented a delighted Pam Rawling with her Environmental Warrior Award.
- There was a request for volunteers for the oyster ball project to be done east of Griffin Rd Bridge.

There being no other business Dave Platter then closed the AGM.

MEETING CLOSED: 8.15 pm

Dick Persson's Q & A session

A Q & A session followed Dick's explanation of his role and responsibilities. Comments and questions from the audience included:

- Access for dogs on our beaches
- Replacement of lost foliage near the softball fields
- Striking a balance between the needs of sporting, environmental and passive recreation interests
- Destruction of bushland around the new hospital site
- Difficulty in using the Council's web page to contact personnel
- How best to engage the Council on environmental matters

Of particular interest to this group was his disclosure that the netball groups were hoping to use Stirgess Reserve for overflow parking next year.

Curle Community Garden

Dana Lanceman gave the meeting an update on progress. The garden will be on the northern half of the western bowling green. Everything is ready to go but there is a delay with Council that will hopefully be removed shortly.