

Minutes for Meeting, 17th November 2010 at Crossover Hall



Minutes from previous meeting accepted (Moved by Bernard Doherty, seconded by Keith Cooke)

Treasurers Report

Balance: \$20,557.63

Correspondence

- Certificate of Achievement from Baw Baw Shire for 2010 Community Development Grant
- Letter from Department of Planning and Community Development advising our application for the grant was not successful.
- Invitation from Parks Victoria for a BBQ, "Latrobe Friends and Volunteers BBQ Dinner". Held at the Bert Thompson Reserve in Traralgon, Sunday 21st November.

General Business

1. David Mapelson queried if we can use the excess from the tent grant for pegs or tent related equipment. Caroline Ferguson said this was fine.
2. We now have 33 members. The Rokeby Market has been very good exposure.
3. The working bee was held on Sunday October 20th, the signs are still there. Special thanks go to Mapo for the digger. There are 2 signs at the bridge, 1 at Rokeby, 1 half way along the track and one halfway across the bridge. The plaques are also on the seats. Mapo commented that he has been receiving a lot of positive comments that the trail is looking very good. It needs slashing, and we need gravel around the seats.
4. External appeals – The National Trust can run an appeal on our behalf. We apply to them and they run the appeal for us using their contacts and their name. Gifts are tax deductible. The National Trust take 4% of proceeds, and we are still eligible to seek other funding. We need to nominate a "Heritage Architect". Helen at the Council should be able to advise who we could use. We will make a decision at the next meeting. Please read the attached "External Appeals Information"
5. 5 Councillors signed up after the meeting David Dawson had at the Council. It went very well, he presented the bridge DVD. They requested more specific information on exactly what we wanted. There was an article in the Gazette in early November on the group and the project with the bridge. There is an appointment at the Bendigo Bank in Neerim South on February 8th for another presentation to seek funds, again we will need to be more specific on exactly what we want. We will sit down and organise this prior to the meeting.
6. The meeting dates for next year are as follows:
 - February 9th – Rokeby Hall
 - March 30th – Crossover Hall
 - May 11th – Rokeby Hall
 - July 20th – Crossover Hall
 - September 7th – Rokeby Hall
 - November 9th – Crossover Hall

Please put the dates in your diary!

7. Bravington Extension – Lucas from the Shire has put in the funding application. We haven't heard anything yet but will hopefully before Christmas. Caroline has spoken to the contractors about the willow removal. This should begin over summer.
8. Mapo has heard that there is funding from the DSE for walking tracks. Groups like ours will have an application form/survey to complete to apply for funding. It's a one page per walking track idea. It is limited to State Forests only and there will be a due date for surveys.
<http://www.dse.vic.gov.au/dse/nrenrt.nsf/linkview/d3eb770fe7869ad3ca25722e0000208ee251bef72f258ab04a2567bd00271f6b>
9. Mapo commented that there are a lot of people out using the tracks. We want to try and get the track to McDougalls Road. It is a very good piece of bush and a lot of gold mining history. They are still finding and learning new things about the area. It is a very good source of local history. There are water races, boilers, stampers etc. 250 miners lived there at one stage. He is wanting to get more to get declared.
10. Pocket JSA – The booklet must be filled out before you do **any** work, and submitted to Parks Victoria.
11. The last Rokeby Market was washed out, so we did not attend. The next market is on Saturday 11th December. Keith Cooke and Jeff Smythe will assist with the stall. It has been suggested that we attend other markets, eg Longwarry. We will attend the Neerim Show in January. There is also the new Jindivick market that we have the option to attend. We do need some more brochures etc to hand out at the markets.
12. Suggestions for fundraising. Calendars, stickers that people can purchase to 'donate' to the group. If anyone has any ideas then please email them through to info@rcfg.org.au
13. There have been a couple of queries via the website. One was about the Booth house.
14. Insurance – Caroline spoke to the risk person at the council and they advised that as we are in a public space, it is no different to going into any public land. We need to ascertain where our liability starts. The insurance is very expensive, approx \$4,000 to \$7,000. We will be covered by Shire insurance if we are on Shire land. The possibility of getting people to sign a disclaimer was raised, and Caroline will check this out. It was also raised that perhaps we should consult a lawyer or some form of legal group to ask about liability. Mapo will follow up.
15. A warm welcome was extended to Colin Silcock, a historian from the Shire. Colin has lots of photos and information on local history.
16. The Noojee Historic Society are meeting on 19th November to discuss information/history of the area. Keith Cooke is attending and will take the Bridge DVD and some RCFG brochures to distribute.
17. The banners have been printed and were on display throughout the meeting.

Meeting closed at 2000

Next Meeting:

Wednesday, February 9th at Rokeby Hall