

Friends of Native Wildlife Inc.

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Minutes

Committee Meeting

18 April 2016

Meeting started at 7:42pm

Present: Elizabeth Walsh, Paul Foxworthy, Denis Young, Anne Jessel, Geoffrey Daniel, Adam Burrowes, Sally Eldridge

Confirmation of Minutes of previous meeting

Moved: Elizabeth, Seconded: Paul

Motion passed unanimously

Matters arising from previous minutes

List of tasks not completed

Waterbowls: Elizabeth and Denis have recently completed their part, and have forwarded to Paul for inclusion on the website.

Action: Paul

Chocolate Bats: not yet investigated.

Action: Paul

Design of bat box documents, for website. Still in progress.

Action: Geoffrey and Elizabeth

Elizabeth has obtained two insurance quotes, the cheapest of which is \$482 per annum. A different insurer was recommended to Geoffrey by another group. Geoffrey will obtain a quote from them.

Action: Geoffrey

Support for receiving basic sighting reports via the website has not yet been implemented.

Action: Paul

The potential blog is awaiting Paul to set up a basic version.

Action: Paul and Denis

Other matters arising

None.

Acceptance of New Members

That those who have applied to join since the last meeting be accepted as members.

Moved: Geoffrey, Seconded: Denis
Motion passed unanimously

There was a brief discussion about the membership register. It was decided a current list of members should be presented at the next committee meeting.

Action: Anne

Membership Renewal

After discussion of options for handling renewal invitations for those members who have not renewed, it was unanimously decided to

- Open a Paypal account
- Set up a membership payment option on the website
- Send a reminder to those members who have not renewed, inviting them to renew via the website: membership expires 30 June 2016

Action: Elizabeth to send bank account details to Anne

Action: Anne to open Paypal account, set up payment page, and send membership renewal notices.

Financial Report

Total funds are now at \$378.35

Welcome to new committee members

Those new to the committee were welcomed, and given a brief explanation of the online tools we have adopted.

It was decided who needed access to which tools.

Action: Anne to send relevant invitations from the appropriate tools.

President's Report

New Volunteer Website

BEFN has notified FoNW of the upcoming launch of a new website with resources for volunteers.

Frogs and Waterwatch

Waterwatch is running sessions to teach about the identification of fresh water invertebrates. Elizabeth and Geoffrey have booked into one on 4 June at The Briars.

The possibility of us running a future event on fresh water invertebrates was discussed.

Some other committee members expressed interest in perhaps attending as well.

Action: Elizabeth to send details to other committee members

Melbourne Water guest speaker

Elizabeth invited Melbourne Water to speak at our next Wild in Bayside event. Melbourne Water offered two options. After discussion, it was decided to ask if they could present one of the talks at our September event, and perhaps the other at a future Wild in Bayside event.

Action: Elizabeth

Louise Murray, schools and scouts

We have been invited by some schools and scout groups to give talks. The only people available during business hours were Elizabeth, and occasionally Denis.

Action: Elizabeth will follow up with scouts and schools as appropriate.

Bendigo Bank

We might be able to obtain a grant from Bendigo Bank that would cover our insurance costs. This will be considered as an alternative if the Bayside Community Hub option does not eventuate.

Action: Elizabeth to follow up once the outstanding insurance quote has been obtained, and we know what's happening with the Bayside Community Hub.

Bayside Community Hub

This group is offering small grants, and FoNW has been offered the opportunity to apply for one.

Action: Elizabeth to follow up

Relevant Book Titles

It was decided to investigate starting a list of relevant books and similar resources on the website. An extra bonus would be if we could include affiliate links to purchase the books.

Action: Anne to investigate affiliate link options

Copy.com Replacement

Our current file sharing/archiving/backup system, copy.com, is shutting down on May 1st.

Anne reported on the known alternatives, and their advantages and disadvantages. There is no direct equivalent service known to be available.

After discussion, it was decided to move the non-Anabat files to Dropbox, and share those amongst the committee. For the short term, Anne and Elizabeth will coordinate each holding a copy of the Anabat data.

Action: Anne to setup sharing of the relevant files via Dropbox

Action: Anne and Elizabeth to coordinate regarding the Anabat data.

Availability of Compressor

Graham Lucas has made available, on permanent loan, an air compressor for FoNW's use. FoNW expresses thanks to Graham for his generosity: moved Anne, seconded Adam.

Facebook

Anne passed on information about the workings of Facebook Likes and post distribution, as explained by an expert.

Batting4Bayside

Bat Boxes

Adam, Elizabeth and Geoffrey are progressing well with their organisation of the bat box monitoring.

Website

Species List

It is desirable to have a list of species found in Bayside on the website. This should be added to the website task list.

Action: Paul

Cheltenham Bakery as sponsor

Cheltenham Bakery is to be added to the website as a thank you for their support of a FoNW event by supplying food.

Action: Paul

Article in ABS Newsletter

Rob Bender, our speaker at our September 2015 Wild in Bayside event, has written an article about the event that was published in the Australasian Bat Society. Elizabeth suggested, and it was agreed, that it would be nice if we could include it on our website.

Action: Elizabeth to request permission

Event Planning

Events and Dates

After discussion of options, the following was decided:

Improving Frog Habitat

A working bee tentatively on 25 June at Pobblebonk Pond.

Action: Elizabeth to confirm details with Council

Wild in Bayside: Frogs

20 September

Action: Anne to add to EventBrite

Child tickets on EventBrite

After discussion, it was decided we should typically offer tickets to events for different age ranges: under 10, 10-15, over 15

Action: Anne to update Eventbrite where practical for future events.

Given the lateness of the evening, it was decided to hold over the remaining items to the next meeting.

Date of Next Meeting

6 June

Meeting closed at 9:50pm