

Friends of Native Wildlife Inc.

Minutes

Committee Meeting

18 January 2016

Meeting started at 8:00pm

Present: Elizabeth Walsh, Paul Foxworthy, Denis Young, Anne Jessel, Geoffrey Daniel

Confirmation of Minutes of previous meeting

Moved: Denis, Seconded: Elizabeth

Motion passed unanimously

Matters arising from previous minutes

List of tasks not completed

Waterbowls: Elizabeth described what progress had been made, but the task is still not complete.

Action: Denis and Elizabeth

Chocolate Bats: not yet investigated.

Action: Paul

Design of bat box documents, for website. Partly updated, but more updates needed.

Action: Geoffrey and Elizabeth

Elizabeth has spoken to an insurer, and asked a similar group what they do. She has commenced discussion with a broker, and will report on the outcome.

Action: Elizabeth

A low-effort method of managing basic sighting reports on the website was decided as an interim measure until we can implement the desired full-function version. This 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.

Financial Report

Total funds are now at \$280.70.

Acceptance of New Members

Moved: Elizabeth, Seconded: Paul

Motion passed unanimously

Rakali and Birds Event on Jan 19, Final Planning

Meeting points, responsibilities, and timing were discussed and decided.

Wild in Bayside: Birds plus AGM planning

Publicity

As well as the usual publicity methods used for previous events, it was decided a Press Release would be worth sending to local media outlets.

Committee Positions

After discussion, it was unanimously agreed there should be 3 general committee positions as well as the required four office bearers.

Other

Funds to cover the submission of our annual return need to be reserved.

Action: Anne to lookup the fee and notify the committee

Collecting membership dues has been difficult due to the low value. If we raise membership to \$5, it may be practical to use an online service such as Paypal to collect membership fees.

Action: Anne to investigate costs for online options, and report via email.

We would like to borrow a laptop from Council, as we did for the previous Wild in Bayside event.

Action: Elizabeth to contact Council and arrange a laptop

Consumables to be purchased by Denis and Elizabeth

Upcoming Possible Events

Microbats

It was decided to hold two events utilising our Anabat Walkabouts.

March 4, Landcox Park, maximum 15 people

April 15, Longhollow, maximum 20 people

Rakali

Feb 12, maximum 20 people

Bird walks

Apr 6, Ricketts Point, maximum 20 people

Next Wild in Bayside

September 2016. Topic to be either frogs or insects.

Action: Elizabeth to approach possible speakers, such as Ken Walker for insects, or Melbourne Water for frogs. Final date flexible to suit speaker.

Bats

Bat call analysis "sprint"

27 Feb, between 2pm and 4.30pm, at 1176 Nepean Hwy Cheltenham

Express deployment plans

All three Expresses are out collecting data. After discussion of our aims, it was decided that the current placements and movements were appropriate and would continue.

Walkabout and engagement plans for 2016

The events decided earlier in the meeting were thought to be sufficient between now and the likely end of warm weather.

Scout and School group liaison

The role of EnviroKids has not yet been decided by Council. We do not want to overlap with them, so full planning awaits the Council's decision. In the meantime, Elizabeth will continue to liaise with members who have expressed interest in being involved.

Sub-projects

Bat box monitoring

Angela and Geoffrey have been contacting those with bat boxes to gather details on placement and what may best suit them for timing of the monitoring. Adam has agreed to be trained in how to monitor the boxes.

Action: Elizabeth and Geoffrey to follow up with Adam

Grants for 2016

Some local organisations were identified that are known to make small grants to community groups.

Action: Elizabeth to draft short list of costs we may be able to obtain assistance with.

Action: Elizabeth and Anne to further investigate relevant local organisations.

Library of Wildlife Photos

This low priority topic was held over until the next meeting, due to the time.

Other business

None.

Date of Next Meeting

18 April

Meeting closed at 10:28pm