Minutes CRVA Executive Meeting 23.1.18

Venue: 1 Bruce St Marrickville

Time: 7pm

Attendance: Chris Shanley, John Butcher, Martin Puchert, Ranjith Evas, Gareth Wreford, Julie Corkery (minutes)

Acknowledgement of Country: John Butcher played a recording of oral history given by Jennifer Newman

Apologies: Jennifer Newman, Barney Solomon, Ann Leahy, Zoe Jenkins

Adoption of Minutes from executive meeting 28.11.17: moved Martin Puchert, seconded John Butcher

Correspondence:

* Jo Haylen Christmas card
* Cooks River Alliance Annual Report;
* Total Environment Newsletter and appeal;
* Liz Millen re: Canterbury Bankstown Environmental Sustainability Advisory committee. Liz Millen, Zoe Jenkins and Gareth Wreford have all expressed interest in nominating for this committee.
* Jennifer Kent book donation, “Survey Techniques for Citizen Scientists”

Discussion followed from above correspondence on how we could use the techniques in this book to improve information on CRVA website. Martin suggested that we put this information out to the community to see if anyone would be interested in monitoring river health and water quality. Discussion then followed re: previous monitoring done by CRVA volunteers as part of the Stream Watch Program. Sydney Water and Cooks River Alliance have data on this. However there was inconsistency in the data as testing was not consistently done at the same locations.

Martin made the following points:

1. Can we collate this data and put it on the website?
2. Website needs to be updated as it has out of date information on it – Martin and John to review this

Finance Report: Chris Shanley

* Bank balance $786.51
* ING balance $15 519.86
* Total $16 306.37
* Funds include 2 lots of funding earmarked for specific purposes: Crab Walkers $2974 and Men of the Trees $2000

Membership 15 renewals at Xmas Party and 13 renewals following John’s email re membership in early January.

Chris moved that the following allocations of funds should be made to support Mudcrab Co-ordinators, seconded by Gareth and passed

* Foord Ave $100
* Rosedale $100
* Wave Rock $100
* Thornley St $50
* M’ville site $50
* Canterbury site $50

Chris will contact Sue Bishop re possible support for Ewen Park group.

Container Deposit Scheme

* Addison Rd Centre working well and reads barcodes
* Banana Joes and small shops count manually

Guest Speakers at General Meetings: February-Andy Kissane; April- Rodd Kerr

Sue Barton from CRA will be invited to attend all general and committee meetings. Martin to speak to Sue.

Earth Hour

 The next committee meeting will be held at Julie Corkery’s place on ***20th March*** to finalise organization for Earth Hour Event to be held on 24th March. Ranjith volunteered to begin organizing this event.

Other events: **Clean up Australia 4th March; Sorry Day 26th May**

Crab Walkers

Going well. 40 volunteers involved. More equipment has been purchased. Still in trial phase.

Discussion Topic: Open Forum for Community Groups

John: CR Alliance should take lead on this. CRVA has environmental focus re protecting the riparian zone. Other groups may have different focus e.g. over development, heritage

Gareth: should we survey CRVA members re: priorities for CRVA? IS there the possibility of co-branding? Have joint presentations with other groups e.g. Wolli Creek Preservation society. Add other groups to our email list? One contact person from each group to receive/share emails? Committee resolved that first step in this process should be compiling a list of local groups and what they stand for – Gareth to follow up. Martin suggested that each group be asked to provide a mission statement.

General Business

* John raised the possibility of auspicing a film night for ANTAR Inner West
* Sydney Water sewerage works planting day at Boat Harbour 30th Jan
* Gareth to attend meeting with Morris Iemma 24th Jan re Department of Planning policy on green space. Hoping for future meetings with Inner West Council and Tony Burke

Meeting closed at 9.10pm

Julie Corkery (Secretary)