

Minutes CRVA Executive Meeting 28th May

Venue: School of Hospitality Training Room, Canterbury-Hurlstone Park RSL

Time: Meeting opened 7.07pm

Attendance: Jennifer Newman, Chris Shanley, John Butcher, Ranjith Evas, Barney Solomon, Ann Leahy, Gareth Wreford, Julie Corkery (minutes) and Peter Munro (CRVA Life Member)

Acknowledgement of Country: Jennifer Newman

Adoption of Minutes from March Executive Meeting: Moved John Butcher, Seconded Barney Solomon. Carried

Treasurer's Report: Total bank balances: \$11,044.16 Quarantined grant moneys remaining and operational assets: Men of the Trees: \$1,381 out of \$2,000. ANтар film grant: nil out of \$2,000. Crabwalkers nil out of \$2,974. Total grant moneys held: \$1,381

Operational Assets: \$9,663.16

Treasurer Chris Shanley raised the following matters. Firstly that CRVA should support the Mudcrab site co-ordinators by providing an amount of \$100 to reimburse them for out of pocket expenses. The following motion was put:

Motion 1: That CRVA provide an amount of \$100 each to the six site coordinators of Mudcrabs sites. Moved: Chris Shanley. Seconded: Barney Solomon. Carried.

Secondly Chris advised that CRVA is currently operating in a deficit, as expenditure is exceeding incomings and that this is likely to continue as many memberships are paid well in advance. Much discussion followed with suggestions that there be a one-off drive for donations from Mudcrabs and CRVA members; the idea of sponsorship was raised; Barney raised the idea of broadening the membership to include residents of Discovery Point. Peter Munro suggested CRVA apply for small grants from Inner West and Canterbury-Bankstown Councils.

Action: Chris to liaise with Ranjith re a letter to be sent to Mudcrabs and CRVA mailing lists requesting a one-off donation and raising the possibility of sponsorship.

Thirdly Chris advised that he will be stepping down as CRVA Treasurer at the August AGM.

Action: Jennifer Newman to put out a call to CRVA and Mudcrabs for nominations for a new treasurer.

Correspondence: Two emails from Cr Linda Eisler in regard to CBC decision not to go ahead with the Ewen Park Community Building; one being a personal letter requesting distribution to CRVA and MudCrabs members. The other, also with a request for distribution, a letter from the three local councillors outlining their reasons for making the decision. The latter is already in the public domain, having been distributed by Hurlstone Park Association. Gareth had also

forwarded the second letter which he received via HPA with a similar request for distribution. Following discussion of these requests it was resolved that neither letters would be distributed to our mailing list. The following motion was then put:

Motion 2: CRVA will reply to Cr Eisler who has requested that a letter signed by local councillors re their decision on the Ewen Park Community Building be distributed to CRVA members. While we thank Cr Eisler for the letter signed by all three local councillors we suggest it could be put on CBC website for interested parties to read. If this is done CRVA will send a link to the members. Moved Ann Leahy Seconded Barney Solomon. Carried

Ann has agreed to write the draft letter.

A letter from Nadia Wheatley requesting that CRVA continue to support the preservation of the picnic area in Ewen Park was accepted by the meeting. Further discussion/action will held over to a future meeting.

Marrickville Golf Course – Plan of Management Community Consultation. (Peter Munro)

Following extensive community consultation in 2018, Inner West Council has drawn up a draft Plan of Management for Marrickville Golf Course and Dibble Ave waterhole. This draft Plan of Management is available for community consultation on IWC website

The draft Plan of Management now contains three options for consideration.

Option A is to retain the golf course as 18 holes, but introduce several features and elements that will increase public access and wider use of the golf course lands (eg: canoe/kayak launching area, bird watching hides, more native bushland, use of fairways for community events when golf is not in progress).

Option B is to reduce the golf course to 9 holes (all the area on the western side of Wardell Rd will become open parkland as well as all the area that runs adjacent to Riverside Cres. The area to the east of this will be reconfigured to 9 holes. In Council's draft plans, playing fields are indicated in the area to the east of Wardell Rd.

Option C is to do nothing to change current arrangement

Points for consideration

1. The golf club executive claims that the course will not remain viable if it is reduced to 9 holes & will probably close down completely.
2. The golf club's financial membership is in steady decline although the club claims that the number of people playing golf on the course is on the increase.
3. Some people (eg Greg Norman) claim that the future of golf within suburban areas is with 12 hole courses.
4. The golf club administration claims that the course already has extensive community involvement. I believe this claim can be contested. The club believes that because people walk their dogs & bikes are ridden over the footbridge & past the club house, that there is plenty of community involvement.

5. The Inner West Council has stated categorically that the current titles over the golf club lands is a combination of crown land, State owned land & other titles. Council has stated that if Option 2 is decided, the remainder of the land will remain as open public space, definitely not sold off for development
6. The State local MP (Jo Haylen) & the two federal local MPs (Burney & Albanese) & the Mayor of Inner West Council & all Labor councillors have all expressed their preference for the golf course to remain at 18 holes.
7. What position will the CRVA take when this proposal comes out for public consultation?

Extensive discussion followed and the executive resolved to write to the membership to advise them that as the CRVA priorities are to promote environmental sustainability and enhance biodiversity of the area CRVA position on the matter is that Option 1 and Option 2 both have merit BUT Option 3 is definitely unacceptable.

Motion 3: That CRVA write to members advising them that the CRVA position on community consultation for the Plan of Management for Marrickville Golf Course is that Option A and Option B both have merit but Option C is unacceptable. Members are therefore urged to take part in the consultation process and support either Option A or Option B depending on their personal opinion. Moved Jennifer Newman. Seconded Chris Shanley. Carried unanimously.

Motion 4: That CRVA write to Inner West Council and Councillors advising them that the CRVA position on community consultation for the Plan of Management for Marrickville Golf Course is that Option A and Option B both have merit but Option C is unacceptable. Moved Jennifer Newman. Seconded Gareth Wreford. Carried unanimously.

Chris Shanley commended Peter Munro for all the work he is doing on this matter and was warmly supported by the executive committee. Thanks Peter!

Meeting closed at 9.45pm

Julie Corkery

(Minutes)