

SIRA Committee Meeting – Community Hall

Sunday, 29 January 2023 10:00am - 12:00pm



Minutes

Attending: Robyn Iredale, Boyd Attewell, Sharon Kinnison, Steve Siedman, Julie Velina Cooper, Rob Fox, John Marshall, Peta Jacobson, Georgina Orr, Deb Wood, Ian White, Mark Martin

Visitor: Tim Turpin

Apologies: Colin Haskell, Jess Robinson

Agenda Items	Time	Finish Time
Chair: Robyn Iredale, President Acknowledgement of Country and Welcome Apologies – as above Election of Time Keeper- Whitey Motion to accept past minutes – CF moved, Mark seconded.	10:00am	10:15am
<u>SIRAC BUSINESS</u> <u>President's Report</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Cargo wharf, Church Point: NBC has put up bollards to prevent people using wharf after 5 pm at night; are fining people who leave materials at Cargo unattended, sometimes ranger is late to open the bollards (7 am scheduled time). Outcome e.g. EJ Shaw will no longer deliver to the wharf. Mel Broughton, secretary WPCA has been instrumental in getting a meeting with NBC. Phil Devon, Manager Transport Network, attended from Council. He agreed to take down bollards and stop the fining activities but he was overruled at Council.- Miranda Korzy. Pittwater Planning Forward this Thursday Feb 1 from 7-8 pm. Heather Nelson Senior Citizens centre. This is regarding the rezoning of land within Pittwater. IW noted that state rules can overwrite local council rules. <u>Treasurer's Report</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- SIRA Management Accounts and Treasurer's Report – (5 minutes Question time - an extension of 3 mins is available). Went over profit and loss statement; query re the issue of all our investments in one investment fund. Agreed to revisit this at the next Finance SC meeting.<ul style="list-style-type: none">-Proposal re change of fees from Treasurer<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. That the current price for Emergency Water, being \$6 per kL plus a booking fee of \$5 for automated bookings or \$15 for manual bookings, be increased from 1 July 2023 by the annual rate of CPI (ABS latest release) at that time, and that that practice of annual increases in line with CPI be the accepted procedure at the start of each subsequent financial year rounded up to the nearest dollar, unless the committee resolves otherwise. SK moved that we accept; Rob Fox seconded. Meeting voted to accept.2. That the annual membership fee is increased from \$25 inc GST to \$30 inc GST for the 2023/2024 membership year and that the accepted procedure for subsequent years will be an increase in line with the annual rate of CPI, rounded to the nearest dollar (ABS latest release in the third quarter of the previous financial year, to allow time to administer and collect fees before the commencement of the membership year) until the committee resolves otherwise. Question: Can we have family memberships? Answer: legal advice is no – each person must be a legal member to buy water. Comment: we need to communicate better the value of the membership. RI moved to accept fee increase, SK accepted. Meeting voted to accept.3. That the current contractor equity rate of \$50 per hour be increased on 1 July 2023 by the annual rate of CPI (ABS latest release) and that that be the	10:15am	

accepted procedure at the start of each subsequent financial year unless the committee resolves otherwise. BA absented himself from the vote.

Contractors include Boyd, Alec, monitors, water line maintenance. CF moved, DW seconded, meeting voted to accept.

Treasurer said the team need to review the \$500 a month for the line monitors and return to a percentage of sales. Referred back to the Emergency Water Committee.

Secretary's Report

- Proposed dates for meetings: meeting accepted dates.

12 March

30 April

4 June

16 July

20 Aug

8 Oct

5 November

19 November, AGM SIRAC

- Jenny Cullen correspondence re Kindy playground – Meeting agreed to endorse Jenny's efforts and to provide a supporting letter. CF to see if Jenny wants it on the website or to promote it through Facebook.
- Penny Gleen correspondence re Church Point Ferry operating hours. The letter said that CPF would be happy to consider an after-hours on demand ferry services. Meeting agreed to refer the issue to the Wharves SC to consider recommending the state government that this be investigated with a view to supporting the new service. Need to find out more about the survey she did. It was noted that there is a clear correlation between the lack of taxi services at night and the number of boats.

Subcommittees and Liaison Officer Reports

1. Church Pt – Ian White: nothing to report
2. Finance & Insurance – Julie Cooper – as above. Question raised about our insurance policy. CF suggested it should be on the website under SIRAC documents. Boyd to supply to Alec.
3. Roads, Drainage, Traffic and Environment – Sharon K spoke to the documents *Summary of Issues related to related to unregistered vehicles & SIRA Submission and Comments provided by Roads, Drainage and Environment Subcommittee*. SK asked for support in submitting this to the review as a letter from SIRA; objection was that we haven't gathered the views of the community so we cannot represent the community. It was suggested that SK put this in under her own name. Meeting agreed by a vote. Referred the issue of surveying the community to Governance SC and Communications Committee.
4. Community Engagement, Recreation and Halls– Robyn Iredale. SC met this last week; celebration of renovated Rec Hall will happen in April; play read-throughs have started. Still looking for person to play Herbert Fitzpatrick. It was noted that costs have risen as we are managing two venues: should NBC help with costs? There is now a Venues cost centre in the budget. Discussion but no motion or action. Audio equipment: \$4000. Last year there was an agreement of \$5000 if we got a grant; grant not received. IW moved that \$4000 be approved out of General Funds for the equipment. Motion seconded

<p>and agreed on by a vote. Storage, maintenance and management of this equipment is still to be discussed by Recreation SC.</p> <p>5. Communications – CB Floyd. SC hasn't met yet. Reminded SC Leaders to send minutes and other documents in pdf to Alec to put up on the website after each SC meeting.</p> <p>6. Water and Wastewater – Colin Haskell: meeting on 10 Feb with Rob Stokes.</p> <p>7. Waste – Ian White: Clean up Australia. Cass Gye doesn't want to do it anymore. Involves organising the volunteers, registering the different sites, and liaising with Toby to pick up disused boats/kayaks. SIRA News could be issued asking for volunteer to organise it. CF to organise.</p> <p>8. Wharves and Watercraft– John Marshall – no report. Issue of bollards, time restrictions and other problems with Cargo Wharf at Church Point was discussed. John to follow up on this.</p> <p>9. Governance, Vision and Strategy – Georgina Orr – no report</p> <p>10. Emergency Water – Robert Fox/Tim Turpin: Robert provided a Document: Scotland Island Emergency Water Supply Costings, which details the cost of replacing the water supply costings. The total amount is \$180,561. Most of the infrastructure is now over 20 years old and maintenance issues are occurring; replacement might be needed within 10 years time. Proposal is that this amount should be provided for as a liability in SIRA budget. Meeting noted that SIRA has net assets of \$187,714 but we would have to spent almost all of it to replace the water supply system. RF cautioned that the figures provided need to be fine-tuned with more research.</p> <p>11. Community Vehicle – Ian White: IW has received correspondence complaining that the CV parks on the road down to Tennis, and that disabled people cannot access the CV easily as the step is too high. IW noted that there is a step that can be used. The correspondence also suggested that SIRA subsidise disabled people, but IW noted that they pay a discounted amount and the expense can be covered by NDIS. Note that buggies parked on corners make it difficult to get the CV around. The issue of Sunday availability was raised, and that we need to advertise for a Sunday driver. RI suggested that drivers get together to discuss ways to make the service more accessible and used.</p>		
<p><u>GENERAL BUSINESS</u> – all members are invited to contribute</p> <p>No general business was raised. RI suggested that this section be changed to Open Forum, but still ask that notice be given, in order to encourage community participation in SIRA meetings.</p>	11:30am	12:00 noon