



Yarra Yarra Catchment Management Group

Minutes

Annual General Meeting

25th October 2016
9.30am
Teleconference

1. Open AGM 9.30am

- 1.1. Attendance: Max Hudson, Peter Syme, Elaine Hudson, Lizzie King, Stacey Hudson, Bev Logue
- 1.2. Apologies: Jan Macpherson, Dene Solomon

2. Minutes of previous AGM, 22nd February 2016

- 2.1. Amendments - nil
- 2.2. Matters arising – correction to minutes, to state: Max Hudson nominates Dene Solomon for Vice Chairman, not Peter Hudson
- 2.3. Sign previous minutes if true and correct record (Chairperson)

3. Executive Reports

3.1. Funding and Finance (SH)

- . Audited Financial Statements for 2015/16: Presented by Stacey Hudson
Audited by Dwayne Wooltorton, North Midlands Accounting Service

Independent Auditors report – read out and emailed
2015/16 Income: \$110,142
2015/2016 Expenditure: \$59,926
Bank balance at 30/06/2016: \$132,289

Stacey Hudson moves that the audited financial statements are moved as a true and correct record, seconded Max Hudson

Carried

3.2. Correspondence (SH/LK)

3.2.1. Correspondence In

- Information regarding changes to incorporated associations
- Bankwest regarding updating security key
- Startrack regarding annual pricing (no longer relevant)
- Letter from Max regarding reimbursement from Shire of Dumbleyung for Ian's work
- Letter from ATO regarding BAS (finalized)

3.2.2. Correspondence Out

- Letter to North Midlands Accounting Service regarding audit

Moved Stacey, 2nd Bev that correspondence should be received

4. Office Bearers:

All office bearers elected in February 2016 are happy to continue in their current positions.

YYCMG plan to hold a special meeting in February 2017 where office bearers may change.

Close AGM: 9.58

Open General Meeting: 10.00 am

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2. Minutes of previous general meeting, 22nd February 2016

- 2.2. Amendments - nil
- 2.3. Matters arising:
 - Stephen's Lease update: At this stage have still received no payment from John Clohessy from 2015 lease. Don't think it has been cropped this year. Peter will call Dene to follow up. Would be good to make use of it even just for sheep agistment.
 - NARSAN, what is it: The idea is that it is a way for all landcare/ farming, grower groups etc... to work more collaboratively, to build networks and partnerships to help with future projects. Feedback so far is that (particularly) the larger groups see limited benefits. There needs to be some way to prove it is effective, as there is a cost attached. YYCMG happy to stay involved
- 2.4. Sign previous minutes if true and correct record (Chairperson)

3. Executive Reports

- 3.2. **Funding and Finance (SH)** emailed and read out
As at 25/10/2016 there is \$106,367 in the account.
Accounts receivable: \$40,587, \$2338 ATO refund
Accounts payable: \$2559 due to ATO

Still \$17,617 outstanding in drain maintenance fees.

\$8,470 outstanding to the Yarra Yarra enterprise account, effectively there is \$249 left in the enterprise account with Stacey owed \$1000 in honorarium

Suggest that the LCDC accounts are "charged" an annual management fee, which can help to cover the annual costs (i.e. accounting and auditing costs, insurance and maintenance of the drill rig, \$3000 honorarium)

Changes to drain maintenance invoices: Keith Carter has bought Richard Lee's property. Dale Stein has also sold?
Peter to follow up on this.

Moved Max, 2nd Bev that the finance reports be accepted as a true and accurate record.

Carried

4. Reports

- 4.2. NRMO Report, update (LK) – emailed and read out. (copy attached and filed)

- 4.3. Wheatbelt Catchment Alliance update and outcomes of the Review of the drainage project (MH) – emailed and read out (copy attached and filed)

GHD report – Max to put it in his dropbox account and send link to committee
What happens next? Currently in limbo, but the obvious thing to try and do from here would be trials to help fill the gaps in data highlighted by the report, in particular the impact of the drains on crop production.

Overall the report is disappointing in that anecdotal evidence was not taken into consideration as it doesn't fit within their parameters, and for example the bore data from the transects at Burakin was not used as the transects were deemed to be in the wrong place.

Moved Stacey that reports are accepted, Seconded Bev

Carried

5. General Business

- 5.2. YYCMG – committee member/member ideas, who to approach/how to advertise?
See Max's notes (copy filed)

- Go back to Shire council's, but we need to take a different approach to previously. Update the message, including all the NRM objectives of YYCMG. Put together short (one page) presentation/document and send this out to individual councilors.
- Include YYCMG's presence in the community, and explain what significance the YYCMG has to each Shire
- Make the point that the Shires have a responsibility to look after the land that is within their jurisdiction
- Promotion campaign! Concentrate on promoting YYCMG, what we've done, what we're doing and what we want to do. Call for community involvement
- Max putting something together, help from Lizzie.

Max moves motion that we go back to the Shires to discuss future funding possibilities, seconded Lizzie

Carried

- 5.3. Future Funding/Project ideas – where to from here
Suggest applying for State NRM community capability small grants, following on from the GHD review and outcomes of it, looking at sustainable agriculture and land reclamation. Also to highlight the history of the YYCMG and building community involvement.

- 5.4. Tree planter update – (used by Jeff Smith and Les Hepworth this year. Currently at Jeff Smith's place, he is happy to keep it there until needed)

6. Business without Notice

- 6.2. New Associations Act
– we have done everything required so far, registered online, confirmed address and can inform of AGM date and 2015/16 income by December.
- We have three years to get our constitution registered, and make any necessary updated

7. Close Meeting

- 7.2. Agenda items for next meeting
7.3. Set date for next meeting; Possible catch up before Christmas, keep in touch
7.4. Close Meeting: 11.30am