

Majors Creek Progress Association Inc
C/O Post Office Majors Creek 2622
General Meeting 1 December 2015
Minutes

Meeting opened at: 7:05pm

Attendance: Chris James, Brian McDonald, Sandra McCarron, Sarah Waters, Majorie Lemin,, Karis Mullen, Brian Sanderson, René Robertson, Rudi Stachow, Craig Willoughby, Donna Blowes

Apologies: John Spring, Kate Spring, Rebecca Bigg, Randall Lemin, Lynda Vezgoff.

Presentation & Confirmation of Previous Meeting Minutes:

Motion: That the minutes be accepted as true and accurate record of the 27th October 2015 meeting.

Moved: Sandra McCarron.

Seconded: Brian McDonald

Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Tabled.

Donna Blowes, on behalf of the MCPA committee, thanked the volunteers for their significant contribution over the Music Festival weekend.

Donna reports that a couple of people have expressed disappointment at the profit raised at the MCPA barbeque at the Music Festival. Donna looked back on previous figures and reported that there has been a steady decline in profit since 2009 (for three years the Festival did not run, that is from 2011-2013). Donna suggests that our expenses have increased, including the introduction of the Hall Trust hire fee, the extra insurance policy to cover our volunteers, and may also be due to several other factors including less time spent on organisation in advance (this year, three key people were away on holiday in the weeks leading up to the Festival), more competition with other food vendors, and buying additional food on the fly as some items ran out over the weekend.

Donna suggested that in the new year, a dedicated MCPA Music Festival Barbeque Committee be formed well in advance tasked with maximising profit at the 2016 Festival.

Secretary's Report:

Correspondence Inward:

1. Letter from the Hall Trust dated 11.11.2015 thanking MCPA for the soft-fall for the children's playground.

Business Arising:

1. At the last meeting, Brian McDonald remarked there is a car parked on the nature strip on George Street that has been there for years. Brian suggested the car is not only an eyesore, but a traffic hazard, and it is not acceptable that it has been dumped in that location.
 - On the advice received from Captains Flat Police at the Music Festival, Brian McDonald reported the car to the Council. Council are supposed to put a notice on the car, but this has not happened yet.

- Brian offered to follow this up with the Council.
2. Donna Blowes reported that a band, The Fuelers, is booked for the New Year's Eve Ball at a cost of around \$1200.
 - According to Hannah Gillespie, The Fuelers are country/rockabilly/swing – excellent for dancing.
 - Admission will be free.
 - People will need to bring their own food and drinks.
 3. Bush dance.
 4. Chris James passed around photographs of the two park benches to be installed in the village. They were met with general approval.
 - Sandra McCarron, Karis Mullen and Sarah Waters reported that they had explored several possibilities, and a site had been chosen.
 - Sarah Waters will show Brian McDonald the site so that it can be mowed in readiness for installation.
 5. Rudi Stachow remarked that his land next to Steve Redden's (discussed at previous GM) will be a possible site for a park bench once he completes some fencing.
 - This option will be revisited once the current park bench project is completed, and the required fencing is done.
 6. Chris James spoke to Senior Constable John Jones at Braidwood Police regarding concern over the speed at which some motorists are travelling through the village. He suggested we contact Local Area Command Highway Patrol at Queanbeyan.
 - John Jones said that he and Adam would undertake random drive-bys around the village to monitor driver behaviour, and perhaps by their presence, deter driver misbehaviour.

Motion: To write to Local Area Command Highway Patrol expressing our concern over the speed at which some motorists are travelling through the village.

Moved: Marjorie Lemin

Seconded: Brian McDonald

Motion carried.

General Business:

1. René Robertson noted that the soft-fall for the children's playground had some blue metal through it.
 - Chris James said she will casually, and politely, mention it to Tegra in passing.
 - Rudi Stachow said that next time we order soft-fall, we will mention it to them again so they are vigilant.
2. Karis Mullen suggested that MCPA combine with two other community groups, namely, MC Catchment Guardians, and VIC for the purpose of lobbying National Parks to allow repairs to be made to the Majors Creek Falls Lookout.
 - Chris James reminded us that the topic of repairs to the lookout (originally a Lions project) was raised at a recent GM, and it was dismissed based on the likelihood of it being futile, given the policies of National Parks.
 - MCPA wrote to both the Braidwood Visitor's Information Centre, and Libby Lindsay,

Ranger from National Parks Braidwood Office, in October, acknowledging the Lookout's state of disrepair.

3. Karis Mullen suggested that we become members of the Braidwood Visitors Information Centre at a cost of \$60 per annum.
 - Chris James reminded us that MCPA has a current 6 month free trial membership with VIC, and it was decided at a recent GM to revisit VIC membership upon its expiration.
 - Chris James will do some research with Department of Fair Trading and find out if MCPA can become a member of VIC.
4. Marjorie Lemin reports there is a large amount of green waste mulch at the Majors Creek waste compound (the tip). Marjorie suggested that if a few people are interested in obtaining some mulch, Randall has offered to use his tractor to load trailers on the weekend.
5. Last GM, Randall Lemin suggested we take advantage of the Green Army, as advertised in the Braidwood Times. It was the Green Army that originally carved the track from the Falls to the Bridge, and they could be asked to revisit that project. Another potential project for the Green Army could be maintenance (spraying broom) in the Crown Lease, that we call the Common, between Uri's place and Bill's place.
 - Chris James contacted Richard Stone with the Green Army, who expressed a willingness to get involved, however, he said we have missed the latest round, and we should start preparing our application so as to be in time for the next round of funding.
6. The date for the Majors Creek Christmas Party is now Sunday, 20th December. It was changed as significant number of children in the village have other commitments on the original date.
 - Marjorie Lemin reminded us of the children's nativity play performed last year, and asked if we should include it again this year. It was generally agreed that the play was a great success, and should be included this year if Marjorie was willing to organise it again.
 - Marjorie will contact Geoff & Irene Wolford to assess their willingness to lead Christmas carols again - also a great success last year.
 - Lynda Vezgoff and Sarah Waters will organise the purchase of children's presents.
 - René Robertson offered to store the presents at her place.
 - René said that Narelle Doherty had offered to help her wrap the presents.
 - The usual ham and chicken drumsticks will be organised.
 - Chris will contact Bendigo Bank and ask for their Santa suit again.
 - We will ask David Avery to be Santa, or Aaron McGrath if David is unavailable.
7. Brian McDonald reported he was contacted by Alan Brace, who's daughter, a talented violinist, has offered to perform in St. Stephen's Church on the evening of Tuesday, 29th December. Brian asks if the community should accept the offer. It was generally agreed that we should.
 - Sarah Waters suggested we provide tea, coffee and biscuits on the evening.
 - It was generally agreed that we should not advertise too broadly, so as to keep it an intimate Majors Creek crowd.
 - Brian will get some more information about Alan Brace's daughter, including something about her career to date, so we can include it on a flyer.
8. Brian McDonald would like us all to spread the word that details in the Community Directory need checking, and report to him if any details require updating. Brian can't possibly check with each individual - it is the responsibility of individuals in the community

to keep him updated.

9. Brian McDonald announced he has written another book (about 30-40 pages) about what it was like growing up in the village of Majors Creek. We of the MCPA look forward to reading Brian's latest book.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, 1st February 2016 7:00pm at the Recreation Hall.

Meeting Closed: 8:37 pm

Secretary:

Sarah Waters

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